

7 days to go
Thursday

Dear Stu -

Thanks for writing. Yesterday I got a letter from Backy. He said Don got killed. Of all the people I think I know of, Don was about the easiest to get along with, and was always much more inoffensive than so many folks I know. It is really too bad about him. It is a terrible shame when someone goes "before his time," but, then, maybe he'll be spared a few tragedies by not being around.

As you probably expected - I've had it up here, or, rather, they've had ^{active verb} me. My folks will really be pissed off, but then I guess they'd be mad about something else if it wasn't this, so ---

I have a book report due Monday and I have to read 3 books. Needless to say, I ain't read any yet, but I guess I can bullshit about Animal Farm,

1984 and some other Orwell books (2)
(his books are easy to write bullshit
about because of his symbolism)

Last nite I saw a great show.
Don't laugh - it was "Lolita". I've
never enjoyed a show so much - man,
it was great! Peter Sellers was great
James Mason was tremendous
Shelley Winters was good and so was
the little girl. The music was cool in
the background - they'd play this kind
of Old World piano music as Mason's
theme - the Lolita theme I'm sure you've
heard (the Ventures record) and the rest
was good (Nelson Riddle did it) If you've
seen the show just skip this, but that
show was so funny, you almost
don't see how how really tragic it is
and, man, it was sure tragic - every
character lost out one way or another.
If you haven't seen it yet - do - I think
you'd like it. It's so crazy it could happen.

I'm going to see "Birdman of Alcatraz" tonite or tomorrow - it ought to be awfully good, too.

Not alot has been happening lately up here except the local hoods (they have street gangs up here) have been causing a lot of trouble. It's real cold and will probably snow for ~~labor~~ Labor Day (Colorado is sooo shitty)

I don't know what I'm going to do this year, being kicked out of school and all. I have to laugh when I think about how I've fucked up, but if it hadn't been this year it would have been next year or the next. I am no engineer.

I have been considering joining the Coast ~~Gu~~ Guard (I always misspell Guard) This seems like a rather radical move but I'll have to do service sometime

and I don't want to go to Laos or Berlin, so I think maybe it would be the best thing to do. ④

I'll be getting home the nite of Sept. 6 (if my folks send me a ticket - if not I'll change one) and I've already said this to Portwood. Why don't you ~~guys~~ guys come to meet me at the airport with my (ugh!) parents so I'll have a little time to decide how I should react when they start in on me?

Speaking of the harpy, why don't you sell that T'ang horse to my old lady for 60[#] or 70[#] (She'd prob'ly pay more) She is so damn crazy with her culture-complex that you could talk her into getting it for one of her damn "rooms".

Too bad you're leaving for school
You could join the ~~US~~ Coast Guard

with me. I'm going to try to talk ⁵
Bucky into it.

Well, the most horrible noise just
came on the radio - a song called
"I'm the Girl from Wolverton Mountain"
and I am becoming enraged ~~and~~ and
unless it ends ~~q~~ quickly I'll piss off.
~~It~~ It ended. Good

I guess I've expired my brain for
now (I really think it expired when I
was about 11 or 12 years old) but one-
whichaway I'll end this masterpiece
of handwriting stylism before
John Hancock turns over in
his grave.

Take it easy and
don't worry about anything
'cause when you get right down to
it we're just about as lucky as people
can be. We have strong bodies,

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brains (??) We live in a wonderful
country (thank God we aren't East Ber-
liners) and we will never have to
worry about anything, because even
if we were crippled ignoramuses
living in East Berlin - things could
always be ~~even~~ worse.

Well, as I was saying Take it
Easy and don't worry

Yours truly
Bill Gordon

P.S. Did you see "Walk on the Wild
side"? If you did, remember the nigger
piano player who was playing the theme
on the piano (sow) in a slow, real blue
tempo. Well, I learned to play it that
way in Emag. It sounds really cool
(I love blues) We'll have to go out to the
Sands sometime,

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

if not sooner

Burn it!



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