

Sunday
November 8, 1963

Dear Dita,

Yes, your letter did reach me. The address wasn't exactly correct; please note the spelling and hall number on my envelope. You won't be using that address again, I'm happy to say. My new address will be Pensacola, Florida. When you answer this letter, send it to:

W. B. Welby III
4733 Haughton
St. Worth 7, Texas

I received orders to Pensacola about three months ago. I am to be transferred from Yokosuka, Japan on the first of December. I have ten days travel time and thirty days leave, commencing upon my arrival in the continental limits of the U. S. I should get to San Francisco, California between the third and the sixth of December ~~and~~ when I will board the first available jet to St. Worth.

I was really glad to receive your letter as I wondered what your present status was. I assume, from your address, you are

back at Zulane now.

Please let me know if and when you will be coming to Ft Worth. If you aren't coming home on your Christmas vacation, I'll see you anyhow, as I'd planned on spending two days in New Orleans on my way to Pensacola. Pensacola is only about a hundred miles from New Orleans so we should have the opportunity to see each other from time to time.

If you can arrange a goose or duck hunt for us please do so. I am going to buy a car within several days of my arrival in Ft. Worth, thereby solving that age old transportation problem.

We pull in to Japan in five days. I'm going to take six days leave then and see if I can do justice to my last stay in Japan. A friend is going along and we plan to spend most of our time in the Tokyo area.

Just to bring you up to date, my parents moved back to Ft Worth in July and Ed started school at A.C.C. in September. He seems to like it fairly well and is making pretty good grades. I am (as you've probably gathered) presently in the

Far East protecting Uncle Sam's interests in Madam Nhu's homeland. (Not lost by awe awesome presence only). I've made return trips to Hawaii, Hong Kong, and the Philippines and have been to several new ports in Japan. That just about covers it.

We got a pay raise not long ago and I've been saving money like mad. When I get home I should be worth about fourteen hundred. Most of which will be the down payment and insurance on a '62 or '63 Chevrolet. The rest goes to hunting and merrymaking. I guess I never will get those little web-footed quackers off my mind. I think I'll try a little deer hunting this year also. Pop has invited me to hunt on his lease in Llano while I'm home.

Guess that about does it for now. Let me hear from ~~you~~ you as soon as you get this and be sure not to write me at my present address. I won't be here - - thank God.

Yours Cordely
Bill