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Dear Mom:

Will try to get a little off to you. Am so busy I don't know what's happening. Time is just flying by and I'll never be ready to move. Have sold a few items and have more to get ready to sell. Don can easily sell his big motorcycle. But will have to keep it to ride to school in Vegas because I'll need the car until the end of Aug. He'll come home weekends. I think I'll ride up with him on the 13th or 14th and come back on the 15th. I think the girls across the street will babysit.

We haven't heard a word from Peter Hanson so it looks like I'll have to come and stay there until Don gets there and finds a house. They anticipate a 6 wk delay for him to find a house but could be as long as 5 mos. We think we'll try to move out about the 3rd week in Sep. because Don won't finish school in Vegas until the middle of Sep. We think we will sell the house to the Executive Sec. to the Bishop and a pilot for \$31,000, asking \$8200 down. He doesn't have but \$1000 down and can make \$100/mo. payments to us. And we can write in contract that when he sells the house or moves out, that our money will be due and payable. He thinks he'll only stay here 2 more years and then Air Force will transfer him. So we think maybe we'll only be out the money for 2 yrs and being in Okinawa we won't need to buy a house and can make good interest by lending it to him. I'd still rather have the \$8200 all at once but guess there's not many people who have that kind of money. What do you think? We would sell the house to anyone else for \$31,500 and it had an FHA appraisal of \$30,500 but we haven't told anyone that we had it appraised. Then if we had to let a Realtor sell it, we'd ask even more and if they wanted to refinance it, we'd ask even more. We currently have a 7% loan and these people would assume our loan. We only put about \$1500 down and the rest is how much the value has raised. So even if he defaults on payments, we wouldn't be out anything and could resell it. Also we'd put a time limit on his contract just in case he did not sell in two years. We're thinking of a 5 yr limit but maybe that isn't realistic. We must go to bank today and see their chart on payments. He'd be paying us 8% interest. We've had it in paper for 2 days and only had two callers, they weren't interested in it enough to come see it so we wouldn't tell them address. Don't want to be bothered with lookers and not interested in buying so have no sign out front either. Just advertised in paper and have it in squadrons bulletin boards. Houses aren't moving real fast right now but aren't moving slow either. There are 5 other houses in the area besides ours for sale and ours is much better than any of them. And one of them wants \$32,000 but a realtor is selling it. A friend (sort of) of ours came by and looked at it and she is a realtor and also her husband is a realtor and she says the house shows well and should sell but only drawback being getting the equity we want from them. And I'd rather trust a Church member than just anyone off the street. It would sure ease our mind to not have to go through a realtor and worry and worry about it selling and make payments on an empty house, then not get much out of it after paying realtor \$1800 or so or paying points of \$1300 if the people refinanced. So we feel the deal would be a fair deal--us not making all that much considering inflation, etc. and him getting it cheaper than just anyone plus us carrying his 2nd mortgage. I sure hope its the right thing to do.

Darren's ear operation turned out pretty good. I can't really see any scar yet, altho it's not completely healed. It does, however, need a 2nd operation but we will not do that right now and maybe not ever, depending how this turns out. It has been greatly improved. He was the best boy--never cried one peep and the Dr. was sure surprized. We couldn't go in surgery room with him either. Took 45 min. He never cried from pain either. I think he can tolerate pain better than the others. Remember him as a baby? He didn't cry when he was hurt? Becky is just the opposite. She is so touchy. And still throws up. But at least not every time. Threw up twice yest and once the day before so gave her Donnitol and she seems better today. Her spitting up has completely stopped on goats milk so it agrees better with her than anything and I don't know what we'll do in Okinawa.

Don has to give talk in Sac Mtg on the 10th. Did a real good job conducting Sac Mtg the other week and last week conducted Fast Mtg and did excellent. We went back to San Bernardino and got him a few more Church clothes so he didn't have to wear the same suit every Sunday like he has been doing. Bishop is going on vacation to marry his son in Manti ~~xx~~ next week and other coun. I think he said will be gone also, besides he has only been in Church 1 year. BUT Don will also be gone to Vegas and only here weekends. Oh me.

Well, I was going to take boys swimming today but Becky was asleep and should have woke up in about 30 min. but as soon as they thought they might go when she woke up, they woke her up, so now they will NOT go. Makes me more than angry. And they will have to entertain her the rest of the day and go to bed at 6 p.m. Think they'll learn? Swimming lessons are over next Wed and I still can't swim the length of the pool--only the width which is not much improvement over the 1st week of lessons. I get so afraid down in the deep end I just sink. Doug advanced to advanced beginners a few weeks ago and Bob just nearly made it. He might make it next week. Darren does real well also. Guess I'll just have to admit the boys are better at it than I am.

I have tried to get my mind on Dad's history but cannot really do so. Phone rings or baby cries or I find myself thinking of something else I have to do to leave here. Anyway, I went through it and cut out some. I agree with Donna but also with my brothers. What is Dad's history without his family--it's certainly not complete. On the other hand, it is HIS history and not the family's. So I have tried to cut what I thought best but not knowing about all those things before I was born I may have changed it and made it wrong so you will have to read it carefully and re-do. There are areas I questioned but because I didn't know for sure what to do, left them alone, they are: When a truck hit him while riding a cycle, was he riding the cycle as part of his work for Garff Bros.? How can you tell what happened to His Model T without saying the truth? It makes me wonder when you get married and he has to walk to work, how come when he had a car on page 2? Bishop Howard administered to him, but you should give his complete name, I think, on page 3. Then, too, I'd like to see a little more of his qualities written down. Like he was fast when he worked, good at math, you already mentioned discernment, etc. Sort of an evaluation of his life, I guess, is what I mean.

I haven't had time to type what you wrote word for word but I will as soon as I can. It will take awhile to type it as it is long and I will not change or add words to yours. I think it would be nice to have it just as you wrote it. I can't get real good copies of it so think I'll only type the original and you can do what you want. I could make about 3 good copies and then could retype it making 3 more good copies but I just can't do it trying to move. So I'll just type the one for now. OK? This one I am sending is the only good copy I have also. I typed it once as I redid it and it is not very readable, so if you ever have it printed or whatever, I'd like a copy. I can't remember when you said the reunion is either so hope this reaches you in time.

I can't get rid of the butterflies in my stomach and can't sleep nights even when Becky does sleep. Have lost some weight and will lose more over there in that heat. I sold my Lazy Susan for \$15 since our stuff will go into storage in Barstow and it is very dry there and when I'd return it would be all warped and cracked from no one oiling it. Besides the boys had broken the base 3 or 4 times and Don had reglued it. So I am going to buy me one the size of yours in Okinawa. I remember seeing a wood shop on base from the Philippines when I was there and at the time they had lazy suzans so hope to replace it. I sure thought it was pretty. Sold the statue for \$35. Sold outside Christmas ligts, boys old trikes and will take our old couch and chair in to sell also. Will store our food in Don't parents basement. Still don't know what to do about truck. It is ~~12~~ 16 1/2 feet high, so 11' would cover it. We will not sell it tho cause it would cost \$20,000 to replace it today and wouldn't sleep as many as this and not built nearly as good, not thick insulation like ours is. I will drive car hauling food intrailer behind it and Don truck with cycle on rack. (the dirt cycle he will take to his Dad and sell street cycle) - Got to go now. Hope

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Bottom: *you are doing fine. Let me hear about Debbie + Ruby. I have some baby clothes I need to give them but need to know what size it is!*