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Lagos, Nigeria; July 13th

Dear Folks:

I am writing you in considerable haste to try to make a pouch which is now being prepared. I just wanted to say that I have received Daddy's letter of June 15th telling about Janie's wedding. It arrived here July 8th and was the first intimation I had received as to when the great event was to take place. I am sorry that I didn't know in advance so that I could have sent a cable. I don't suppose that the letter I wrote to Janie on June 7th arrived in time. No doubt you have forwarded it to her in the meantime. I hope she will send it to you afterwards, as I intended it for the entire family. I hope soon to hear from Janie and find out what her new address is going to be. Incidentally, I enclosed a check for \$50 with the letter as a substitute for a wedding present until I get to a place where there is something to buy.

I am very glad to hear that the ceremony and reception went off well. It certainly must have been a lot of work, and Sarah and Melody deserve lots of credit for their efforts, especially just after the close of an arduous school year. It was nice that Bud Francis got home in time for the wedding. I told him when he was here that he might, although I had no idea when it was going to be. It seems strange to think that he was in Newark only a week after I had dinner with him here. I hope you had a good talk with him, as he got to see my apartment and ought to be able to give you some idea how living conditions are here. I suppose Bud will be coming back over soon, and probably in the Army, as operations are expected to be unified under Army control very soon. It is only rarely, as he probably explained, that it is possible for me to see him, as he does not stop for more than half an hour at a time here, and it takes almost that long to get from the Consulate to the airport. However, I hope to get to see him sometime anyway and hear how you are keeping.

Before going farther, I want to say that Sarah's good letter of May 11th arrived here on July 3rd, by sea mail. They caught the 30¢ postage on that one, the only one that has been caught so far. The postage by air mail is 50¢. However, as the service has been very bad recently, I suggest it might be better, and certainly cheaper, to address the letters to me at the Department of State: William L. Krieg, American Vice Consul, Lagos, c/o Department of State, Washington. Down in the lower left hand corner, put "Please forward by pouch". It should carry

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5¢ postage, and will be sent by air mail pouch. As a matter of fact, our pouches from Washington have not been coming through very well either, but they are a little better than the open mail.

Daddy inquired about my car. I am pleased to say that it arrived safely and was put into service a few days ago. The government paid the freight, so the cost was about \$300 less than I expected. As I believe I mentioned before, it is a 1942 Chevrolet 5 passenger coupe, deluxe, with four white walled tires (just imagine!). It looks very nice, but I expect it will be pretty expensive to operate. McSweeney is now planning to sell his car, and we will split the cost of running mine. We really do not each need a car as long as we are living together, but no can never tell how long either of us will remain in Lagos.

We were all pleasantly surprised Friday afternoon to receive a telegram from the Department stating that this office has been raised to the rank of Consulate General. Actually this does not solve any problems at all, but will presumably have the effect of giving Mr. Shantz, the Consul General, su ervisory jurisdiction over the Consulate at Accra.

We have not been so busy recently, as the center of activity on this coast has shifted to Accra. It is possible that either Mac or I may have to go up there and help Andy out, since he is terribly overworked and unable to keep up.

I have to stop now as we must take the pouch to the Pan American office immediately. I will try to write you soon again. Enclosed are some stamps.

With love to all,

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Lagos, Nigeria

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