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RAY E. LORING Manager Vandalia, Ohio My dear William:

It has been so long since I have written to you that I hardly know where to begin. Your cable from Lisbon, stating you were leaving for Lagos, via London arrived on Thursday the 13th and the cable from London came on the fifteenth, Saturday. Two weeks ago I wrote to the State Department and asked about mail to Lagos, but to date I have had no reply so I am starting a letter with the hope that it will reach you by Christmas. The post office says they can take no air mail for Lagos so that is out. I have purchased several New York Times but have been unable to get any dope and the Chamber of Commerce had nothing that would help.

We have been hoping to receive a letter from you and it will possibly come as soon as I have this mailed, that is usually the case. The last letter was written on October 12th and came through in good time. I am glad that you had such a nice birthday celebration. Sarah and I went to the Northwestern-Ohio State game on the 25th and had a very nice dinner with the Conklin's and the Herrnstein's. We enjoyed it very much although State lost 14 to 7.

Before it slips my mind I must tell you that on Monday night we had a phone call from Jacksontown and it was Bob Tankersley and his wife, they were on their way to Missouri and we asked them to come into Newark and see us which they did. We had a very nice visit with them and they left around ten and said they wanted to drive as far as Dayton as they wished to get to Missouri the next day. We asked them to stay with us over night on their return and they promised that they would. We both enjoyed them very much and hope they will stop and we can have a longer visit with them.

You are certainly have some great experiences and we only wish that you could tell us all about them. I hope that you will write us a full account of your travels when you are finally settled and give us the whole story. I have talked several times with Bud Francis grandmother. Bud left several weeks ago for Accra (Akkra) on the Gold Coast of West Africa and is going to ferry planes, to where we do not know. On the map it looks as though this place would not be over two or three hundred miles from Lagos. Try to get in touch with him for I know he would be very glad to hear from you.

Well the war goes on and on and it is quite hard to know what the facts are on the Russian front as both sides gave propaganda favorable to themselves. The labor situation in

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RAY E. LORING Manager Vandalia, Ohio our country is pathetic and it looks to me as though John Lewis, who defies the government should be indited for treason. The members of the C.I.O on the Labor Board resigned when the board voted seven to two against them on the matter of the closed shop in the "captive" coal mines. We shall never be able to get any place as long as this condition exists and it is high time that the President got busy and set them down. You possibly get of the the late news on the radio so there is not much use of my trying to tell you about it as it will be quite old when you receive this letter.

We had a nice letter from Janie on Saturday, she tells me that she and Dick have decided to "quit" again. He does not know what the future will bring forth and apparently does not wish to be under any obligations. For my patt I have always that him rather fickle and hope that Janie will find someone else whom she will like equally as well if not better. Janie is still with the Stern Company but says that she has an offer of a job with Altman's but does not know if it will be permanent. I am much afraid that her time spent on the art or interior decorating will have been in vain, but I am still hoping for the best. She went to the Navy game and has an invitation out for Thanksgiving. she also had a fine time with Bud Francis and his pals before they left New York.

Materials and supplies in our line are getting quite difficult to obtain and I do not know just what we shall do if it continues much longer. It looks as though the small business and manufacturing would have to go out of the picture, if this is to continue.

As our Thanksgiving is this Thursday and Sarah has the two days off from school, we are going to leave this evening and take a trip to the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee.Mr Lutz, who is president of the A.T.A. has invited us to spend Thursday night with them in Knoxville and we are expecting to have a very pleasant time and get back on Sunday P.M.so Sarah can rest up for school.

Our weather has been very nice up to date and our coldest has only been thirty. Before I forget it, I deposited your two interest check in your savings account and enclose a duplicate deposit ticket of the last one.

I must close now as the store has been open for some little time and I have quite a lot to do today before we leave on our jaunt.

We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope to have information soon as to how we can send you a package.God bless you and keep you safe and well.Love and best wishes, "TRAPSHOOTING — THE SPORT FOR PREPAREDNESS"

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Lilliam is geeting along very well and can walk some without the aid of her crutches and Aunt Vonie is better than she has been. Granpa was so glad to receive your cable on his birthday, it pleased him very much. He was eighty four and I doubt if he will have many more birthdays to celebrate here.

We are all as well as usual and I have been free from colds so far, but will not brag about it.

Betty and Herman are as usual and I call Betty whenever we have word from you.

Our Rotary Club celebrates its twenty fifth anniversity on the fifth of December, I have been in twenty five years on the 16th of last May.

The boys at the store are all here and just about the same and almost are interested to have word from you. Had a letter from Jon Taylor and he was getting ready to go to Arkansas duck hunting, he always asks about you.

Again with love and best wishes, I am,

Yoursm

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