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Monday, Morning
May 11, 1953

Hello Gary,

Today I received your much-welcomed, and long-awaited letter of April 23rd, and was more than glad to hear from my very best buddy. I hope the date finds you in the best of health, luck, and happiness. As for myself, I am fine in all, how can I am very home sick.

I am sure you had a very nice Easter this year, and had a lot of goodies given to you. I am sure you had a swell time at your uncle’s house. I used to like to go see my uncles, for they used to give me money, when I was a small boy, as you and I have a lot in common in this matter. Am glad that you were in church on Easter. I like people who believe in God, and attend Church regular. You see Gary, I have high hopes an being a Jesuit when I
Dear Son,

I am sure you do get good grades. What grade are you in? What were your marks in your last report card? I am sure that you made very good grades, most likely all A's.

Study hard in school and make the best grades you can. You have a long time to live, and who knows maybe someday you will be president of the United States. Keep up the good work in school and at the end you will be well rewarded.

Do your Boy's Club have a lot of good athletes in it. Few boys must be very fast runners to win all those races. Did you take part in all of these events?

Did you enjoy the picnics and cantina's best of all? What sports do you play the most? I bet that you like to play baseball and basketball a lot. I like both of these a lot, and have played quite a bit in my life.
Well school will close in a couple of more weeks. I bet you can hardly wait for summer vacation to come. What are your plans for the summer? Are you just going to relax and take life easy? Do you like to swim? Have you been swimming at Santa Barbara? I used to go there and when I was stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif.

How did all turn out at the Public School Week affair? I am sure all was a big success. Glad to hear you are a member of the orchestra. What kind of an instrument do you play?

Gary, you asked me if I have heard Frank Bob? No, I have not. He has gone home on rotation, about a month ago. He said he would write me as soon as he would reach Philadelphia. When he does write, I will let you know and I will send you his address, so that you can drop him a few lines.
Dear, I will be going to Japan for a little rest in about a month. I would like to send you a present but I do not
know what you would like to have. Could you please let me know what you have in your mind, it would
make things also easier for me. I sure would appreciate it, if you could let me know in your next letter to me.

I would also like to have a picture of you. I want to have your picture so I can see what a nice fellow
my buddy is. Will send you my picture in a short while, as soon as I have some taken.

I close for now, thanking you for the swell letter. Please write soon
for your letters are great morale
boosters. May God Bless you and
your family, and guide you all.

Yours truly,

John
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U.S.A.
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So, your [[Goa – Y Club ?]] have a lot of good athletes in it. You boys must be very fast runners, to win all those races. Did you take part in all of these events? I bet you enjoyed the pie eating contest best of all? What sports do you play the most? I bet that you like to play baseball and basket-ball a lot. I like both of these a lot, and have played quite a bit in my life.
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