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Friday, Morning June 5, 1953 Hi Gary, today, I secured your most include letter of the 37, of may, and was more than glad to hear from you so saan. ahone all I want to thank you for the very worderful putiere of yourseef and your family. you sure are a fire looking young man. you have a very hice mather, and Sam sure you think the world of her. tillhaus sister quan that I think she is a very min fittle gul? What grade is she in? I an are you are very grand to have a price custer like Suan and you help her aget with all the work around the hause. Thank you again for the puture, Swell kep it with me at all times. as always I hape the date finds you! your man and sister in the hest of health, buck, and haggines. as for myself, Sam dang fine

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Mrs. Jones is dead

[[Page 3- Letter]]

Friday, MOrNINg June 5, 1953

Hi Gary,

Today, I received your most welcomed letter of the 27, of May, and was more than glad to hear from you so soon. Above all I want to thank you for the very wonderful picture of yourself and your family. You sure are a fine looking young man. You have a very nice mother, and I am sure you think the world of her. Tell your sister Luan that I think she is a very nice little girl? What grade is she in? I am sure you are very proud to have a nice sister like Luan, and you help her out with all the work around the house. Thank you again for the picture, I will keep it with me at all times. As always I hope this date finds you, your mom, and sister in the best of health, luck, and happiness. As for myself, I am doing fine

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in all at the present time.

Gary, I will be more than glad to send you a hat from Japan. I will be leaving in about two weeks for Japan. That is a very nice hobby collecting hats. I bet you have hats from all the foogien countrys.

How did you make out in the swimming meet at the High School? I bet that you were the best swimmer in the meet? Please let me know all about this affair?

Glad to hear that you did go swimming down at Pismo Beach. That sure is a very nice spot. I was also there. A few times during my turn of duty in California. It sure does get hot down there, a good place to get a nice sun tan. I bet every summer you get a very dark tan? The sun is really good for people, it makes then healthy. [[Page 5- Letter]]

#### III

Say you do live pretty close to Camp Roberts. What do you think of the Camp? I myself liked it in away, but in the summer it sure was hot and dusty. Do you go to San Francisco very often, that sure is a big place. I have been there a few times, but would like to spend about a month there to see all the sites.

This date should find you out of school, and well on your way in your summer vacation. What are your plans for the summer, I guess the majority of your time is going to be spent swimming and playing base ball.

That sure was a good report card you had there, to get 5 A's is were it shows that you study very hard. Keep up the fine work, and you will find out that you will get ahead in this world. What were your marks on your finale report card? [[Page 6- Letter]]

#### IV

Glad to hear you are planning on going to Y.M.C.A. summer camp. Just what date is it you are planning for this trip? Let me know of the swell time that is in store for you?

So you are playing ball in the Little League? What position do you play? What is your betting average? Maybe some day you will be a Major League ball player. This calls for a lot of hard work and practice, if you like to play baseball these should come to you very easy.

Well, Gary, I have to close for now, but I will write you again, soon. Thank you for the swell letter and very nice picture. Say, "hello" to your mother and sister Luan for me. I will be waiting for your letter, in the meantime may God Bless you and your family, Your friend John

P.S. Gary, could you put A.P.O. 52 on my address, instead of APO 301, from now on? Thank you.