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## 1968-07-01, Larry to Carole

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1 July 68

Dear Carole

Well I'm back and to be truthful 6 weeks in the Philippines did nothing to improve my opinion of this place. I am know one of the few qualified U.S. Navy Scuba Diver radiomen around, but somehow that doesn't seem to impress many people up to and including myself.

I got back here this morning and when I went to collect my mail I was handed a certain "orange?" envelope with a gold wax seal. Now an orange letter wouldn't usually throw me, and neither would a gold wax seal. But both together was a little unnerving so it took me a while to work up the nerve to open it. The letter was rather pleasant so I wasn't prepared for that card. I mean really now, so I'm a little slow, you've got to make allowances when your dealing with the Marine Corps.

Boy the Fourth of July goes over big here. It seems even the N.V.A. want to celebrate too, although they sort of jumped the gun. It seems they lobbed





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Old Paul should be just about home by now. I never could really see him in the military, he's just basically too decent and loveable to have to take all the crap and corruption it entails. You have to be either obnoxious or crazy or both to hold your own here and that ~~guy~~ <sup>guy</sup> is the "white hat" type all the way, unfortunately there aren't enough of them around.

Well it's summer where you are now. and summer in California is supposed to be about half decent so I hope you are enjoying yourself. At least knowing that somebody somewhere is winning helps assure me that the game isn't completely rigged.

That's about it for now. Oh yeah keep an eye on the newspapers because if they keep shooting at



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me ~~Now~~ I will probably be in them  
Just look under the headlines.  
"Marine Outruns Enemy Artillery Shell"  
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Like later  
Larry

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