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Dear Mother, Dad and Bill,

Thank you very much for your wonderful letter. I called Holly tonight (I.B.M. has a direct line to New York) and read it to him. Perhaps he will take the hint and write to you.

First, to your questions:

My working attire always consists of a suit, shined shoes, tie and dress shirt. Though some people wear sport shirts to work, especially on third shift, I prefer to look as presentable as possible - even if only for the benefit of the myriads of people who file past our fishbowl when day shift begins in the morning. I feel better, and if customers happen in, it presents a better image of I.B.M.

I thank you for your kind offer of shirts, but I really have quite enough - 16 - of which all but two are white - these being conservative pinstripes.

However, on the subject of a fountain pen, I certainly could use one. I don't know how the Parker points run, but I generally prefer a medium

to fine point. (The Parker pen - pencil sets are sure nice!) I understand that ball point pens have become so prevalent that the Madison Avenue crowd is carrying fountain pens as status symbols!

You spoke of my transfer to Endicott as being unfortunate, but actually it is not so bad, as we are scheduled to return to Loughkeepsie about the end of January. If this were a permanent transfer, I would be extremely unhappy.

Yes, Susan is planning to teach again this year, and probably will begin before too long. Holly and she went to Watch Hill, R.I., this weekend (again) to spend the weekend with her parents. (Apparently their relationship has improved.)

What do you think Bill might like for his birthday?

I ~~am~~ envy your trip to Istanbul and Buyucada, and your pending trip to Rhodes. I would give quite a lot to be with you, and perhaps if you are there next summer I will be able to come over for 2 weeks - or perhaps a month. You may know that there is a good book and a fairly good

movie called "The Guns of Navarone", with Gregory Peck, Anthony Quinn and David Niven, currently playing. It takes place during WWII and concerns the commando-type demolition of two German guns which command a strategic channel in the Aegean Sea. Part of it was filmed on Mt. Hood.

Things are pretty dull around here. We have had almost no work on third shift for the past two days. This weekend should be interesting, though. I am going down to New York, and along with several other people will help Holly and Susan move into the new apartment. I get off Friday morning at 8:30, and if lucky will not have to be back until late Tuesday night.

There is one thing I have definitely learned in my six months in Endicott. In the future I will almost certainly live by myself, and will not, as I have done here, consider taking an ~~appt~~ apartment with someone unless I am positive we can get along well. As they say - live and learn. One of my roommates is a very nice guy, but the other is not the kind of person with whom I wish to live. And not only do I live with him, but work

with him too, so that we spend almost 24 hours a day together.

One thing I almost forgot - would you try to get one of those adapters for the ~~an~~ electric razor plug-in. I lost the one that came with the razor.

I thought you might enjoy the enclosed clippings from the "New York Times", as they portray so perfectly some of the things which struck me when I first came to the CITY. When you come back you should spend some time ~~there~~ there. It is really a wonderful place.

Love,  
Pete

N.B. At present I have no recent pictures of myself, but will send one some time soon.

Pete