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Dear Bill,

I hope that my not-too-frequent letters, written jointly to you, ~~and~~ mother and father, suffice to give you at least a partial account of my most recent whereabouts and of my activities. However, it is undoubtedly desirable to correspond on a person to person basis at least once in a while, in order that we may attempt to have a more personal relationship, such as brothers should, and which has, as luck would have it, been prevented due to the miles which separate us and our infrequent meetings. For a long time Holly and I were in the same situation, in that I was in Portland and he in New York, a distance of some 3000 miles. But now only 5 hours driving time separates us, and we see each other not less than once every four weeks; and generally more often. I wish the situation were the same with you and me. But as it is, and perhaps will be for a while longer, the least we can do



is correspond more often.

I know from mother's letters that you were on a Little League baseball team this summer, and from a picture I saw of you it appeared that you have a nice baseball glove. I hope the one Holly and I sent you was not ~~was~~ unneeded. We had it mailed before I realized you might not want a new one, or need it. How did you do on the team, ~~at~~ and what position did you play?

I am very interested in hearing about school - what school you are attending, if you are enjoying it, the subject you are studying and which of these you enjoy most. If there are any books you would like to have, ~~and~~ <sup>or</sup> you can give me an idea of what type of books you enjoy, I would be glad to send them to you. I can think of some which are so called "children's books" which ~~remain~~ remain of interest to me for many years after childhood - such as A.A. Milne's "Winnie the Pooh", "The House at Pooh Corner", and others. Also, "Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass". ~~Others~~ Others by Kipling are in the same category - that is, of prolonged interest.

If you do like to read, I will be glad to send you some books which I am sure you ~~will~~ enjoy. Just let me know if you ~~want~~ want any.

Or for that matter, if there is anything which you might want, and cannot readily find where you are, I will see what I can do about obtaining it.

Also, perhaps you could let me know what you would like to have for Christmas.

I seem to have run out of things to say, and am getting a bit sleepy, so I shall say good night for now, but will write again. I hope you will find time to write and tell me of your life in Turkey. Also if you find time you might write to Holly at his new address, which is:

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I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Love, Peter