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Dear Al,

I guess that you will be surprised to hear from me but since I never did hear from you I thought I would write you a few lines. I presume you are a civilian now and are busy being a husband. I have thought of you guys often and would like to hear from you .

I left China Dec. 10 and was discharged on Jan. 12. Carratini left China in Nov. and Clark about a few days before I did. I had a close call and was almost sent to Japan or the Phillipines for a few more months.

I am going to start school at the Univ. of New Mexico this next March as far as I know. Things here are pretty nice and it's good being in civvies again. I really was going to open that night club here but my mother wont agree so I guess I'll have to do something else in the line of business.

How are your wife and little gal? Are you working already or still taking it easy for a while. I have been loafing a lot here playing pool and going on a few dates now and then. I just got back from a weeks trip up in Denver. I have an order in for a new car and hope I will get it before I start school.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Your friend

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