

May 19th

Dear Dad -

Thanks for your recent letter. Things are still very unsettled in general, but Jean and I have definite plans to look forward to.

We are planning on leaving here June 11th in the afternoon. We'd like very much not to drive with the children & the heat. With Michael so restless now, even the short trip to McKinney is difficult. We're planning on the train, but of course the car question determines that in the end. I will get my family located and come back July 2nd either by train or bus. Then I can easily face the transfer to boot-camp in San Antonio or separation center (I hope) in Louisiana on the 3rd. If the former occurs, you can join me in Sept. I'm afraid the army will tell us nothing in early June, with the Draft bills jammed in Congress along with so much else.

Although we are very optimistic here about our release, in letters from friends in New England

they are about equally pessimistic.

In reply to our letter, Walter Andrews - repub. representative from D.C. and chairman of the Armed Service Committee said absolutely nothing except that he realized we were being put on the spot and the Amer. Med. Ass. had little else to offer except a recent editorial in the Journal. We have one senator supplied with all the facts, one from W. Va. a friend of Steele's family. The Steels are going to Washington to back him up, so the clause involving us ASTP's with 24 mo. service will not be slid by un-challenged in a draft bill.

I hope you don't doubt the validity of coming home June 11th. That about finishes my accrued leave (19 days). It gives me a chance for some vacation, but primarily it gets us away from the heat, which already is severe. When it hits 90° during the day, which it frequently does now, it's over a hundred in our house. Anyway, it makes 100% good sense to me, and believe me, the next three weeks could fly past and still go much too slowly.

We are surprisingly well after what we thought was a bad winter all around.

We are counting on you home at Aurore for some of the summer, hoping we will not wear out our welcome and that you will let us know if we're in the way. When to leave.

Thanks for enquiring about the car. Please push it, if possible. Mr. Dunn's dealer is Pontiac & he just wrapped one for himself so that's about all one could expect there.

Here is looking forward to a real home-coming in Short Hills Sunday, June 13th and the beginning of a better era for us and more happiness in our entire family.

Best regards to you & Mother
Son