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Hello Everybody,

How is everything going? Things are going well here. The days are long and hard and free time is minimal but time is starting to fly by. I'm sorry about the short letter earlier this week but it was a desperate attempt to save my car. I decided it might not be there on time so I asked the commander if I could call and he generously granted me the privilege.

Unfortunately it was late but I spoke to Reid as I hope you heard. That's twice now I haven't gotten through to mom or Dad.

In a more organized fashion I will explain my situation. I went to classification and found out that all the things I was primarily interested in were all filled up for 10 to 12 months. The people there were interested in my test scores and sent me over to the Cryptological Tech Branch. They had me take their language aptitude test and I scored very high on it. (I thought I did terrible, it was so hard) The counselor said I qualified to go into the rating and specialize in Hebrew



which is an elite group, with good opportunities for advancement. I said I was interested so he gave me more info on advancement, schooling and duty stations. So I came to find out I'll spend approximately nine months at Ft. Meade learning Hebrew and three months at Longfellow Air Base in Texas learning how to use the eavesdropping equipment, which is mostly radio gear, I gather. After that I'll probably be stationed out of Ft. Meade for most of my career. From there I'll go out on tours on either sub, plane or ship collecting and interpreting info. It's not exactly what I wanted but as the Navy says you sometimes have to take what they can give you. I'm sure I'll find it interesting. Hence the hurried attempts to save my car. I'll want transportation and I don't see going through the additional hassle and expense of buying another car.

I hope this won't cause too much trouble on your end, if so please write immediately. As it is I'll be



sending home my pay in the form of money orders w/ instructions as to how to cover my debts until I get home. My day of departure from Camp Munitz, San Diego is July 3. I think I don't report until the 5th so hopefully we'll have some time together, then more details on that later.

What I need now is some information if possible. I have to have five personal references w/ present addresses, previous addresses, school addresses and work addresses. I'll include a list of all these items and if anyone there can help me compile any of this info it would be much appreciated. I need to have it by July 27th and my time for that sort of research is very limited. I'll get back to this at the end of my letter.

I won't recount too much about boot camp now since I'll be there in the area in less than six weeks but I'll say a few things. First I'll explain what a drill company is. We're comprised of 80-90 men who are either musicians or brighter than average. (Sometimes I wonder about the



brighter than average bit.) We're the one company in a division of 6 or 8 companies that supply people to play in the camp marching band, carry the state flags or form the crack rifle squad. The other companies are BMT's (basic military training) which means they spend lots of time marching around with rifles. We had our first personnel, rack (bed), clothes folding and locker inspection the other day and I'd ed it (perfect) so I'm looking pretty good.

We all run around in our short hair (they took off pretty much on our second day here) and we went on Tuesday for our second cut (trim around the ears and neck). Our working uniform is chambray shorts, dungarees, leggings (like the Minutemen wore) and our boots called bondockers. That was our first clothing issue. Tuesday was our second clothing issue which consists of four different dress uniforms that are really sharp. The total dollar value comes to nearly \$7000.

An average day would be to be getting up at 0400, making our racks,



Dressing out and forming up to march  
off to show at 0500. After show we  
can do (will do) anything from military  
drill, classroom study, physical training  
twice a week (feels good) (losing weight)  
or engaging in more endless seams of  
processing red tape. Lunch would be  
at 1200 and the afternoon we would  
continue with any of the above activities.  
Dinner is at 1800. We march in form-  
ation everywhere we go. After dinner we  
do a 30/30 turnaround which is port  
side showers and starboard stines books  
for 30 min. and then we switch. After  
that we do our barracks clean up,  
study time and letter writing time.  
Sack time is at 2130. I'm keeping my  
nose clean, mouth shut, paying attention  
to detail and haven't had any problems.  
I'm actually feeling pretty good about the  
whole thing. It will be nice to finish  
boot camp but it's not that bad.

I'm sending a money order for <sup>125</sup>~~100~~  
Please see if you can pay Fritz's off  
and close out my bank accounts. The  
FBI will be making a check of all



my bank accounts and I can't afford to have any outstanding problems if I can avoid them, more money will be coming down the line to expense Bob but I'll have to pay him off totally with my last check when I get back in the area. If you need me to pay you off immediately please let me know.

I thank for the letter and the postcard. I'm glad you didn't sell my car and I can understand your reservations but I really appreciate it. I hope you all had a good time in Montclair. I'm sending a postcard to the Carnes that I wrote probably two weeks ago. I've been waiting for our mail PO (petty officer) to get the zip code. Time is moving rapidly + things get smoother all the time. It's going to take awhile to catch up on lost sleep but that's life. I probably won't write too much more since I'll be home (sort of) soon. Almost forgot, I'll see what I can do about getting a loan but I'm not too sure what I can do about it here at boot camp.



Here is a list of info I need by July 25th at the latest. I'll appreciate any help I can get. It has to do w/ my security clearance. If I don't get it I'll probably be scrubbing decks for four years. It's probably best that anyone I use as a reference say as little as possible about me.

I'll need full address of ~~Fate Broadbent~~, ~~USA & Vergennes Station, Celebrity Deli~~, ~~Fortuna Restaurant (Kemp's Park)~~ our residence in Ferrisburg & also full address & work address of the following individuals. Home & work phones also. I would like to use Mr. Kimball & Mr. Kamelmer as references if you think it is appropriate. Please respond as soon as possible in case I need substitutes. Also Mark Shleusner (978-1278), Dr. Becknell if appropriate. I'm sorry to burden you w/ this but if there is anything you can do it is much appreciated.

I miss everybody alot but we're so busy I hardly have time to think about it. I've been writing this letter for a week now in hopes that I would



here from you. I can't wait to be  
back on the East Coast but I'm sorry  
I'll have no time to see any of the  
best ~~in~~ right now. Excuse the messy  
letter. I'm sending along a picture of  
me near my locker and rack in the  
barracks after my hair appointment.  
Time to rack out. All write soon.  
Please write me back

Love Scott