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Hello Mom, Dad, Kim & Reid,

We're coming to the end of another week here at ALI. I took MOD 4 Test yesterday and got the results back today. I'm proud to say that I got a 94% on the test, 96% in the class and a 95% average for the MOD. That keeps my average up to 96%. I'm really happy. That should put me on the Commandant's Honor Roll and give me an academic day off.

I'm going to try and get into the 100 Miles Club which is a new thing. You have to run 100 miles in a month. Yesterday I ran five miles and felt great. That is the longest distance I've ever run. I thought it was pretty good since I've never run more than three miles at a time before.

Please let me know the details of the bank account when you get it set up. I'll need to know whether I can add to it or take out of it. I plan to put in at least ninety dollars a month but I also want to send some money to use on Christmas leave for spending money and to buy Christmas presents. If I can't take any out and/or put any in I'll have to keep a separate account. I don't, however, want to make things too confusing for so let me know the details of the account please. Thanks.

I've got some info that maybe you can check into for me. Captain Eket might know something about. I think that two of them ^{programs} are out of Ft. Meade one is "MECAP" and the other is "Paladin." MECAP is run by NSA and is a three year "professionalism" program. "Paladin" is a tour of duty at Ft. Meade from where they send you to temporary duty stations where you may be needed.

I'm sorry to say I still haven't gotten my E-2 (5A) yet. I have talked to my Division Petty officer numerous times over the past 6-8 weeks.

He keeps saying he'll get the paperwork in. I spoke to him today and he said he'll do it Monday. I'll still get back pay from the time I enlisted and be eligible for my E-3 in late October. However, just for my own image it would be nice to have those stripes. Ah, paperwork.

I wish them luck in the search for a good college. It is such a critical decision. I know you'll all make the right decision.

I hope you enjoyed my pictures. I know they weren't great but I'll try and get some more. I know the grandparents would like to have one also.

Well, I'm signing off. It's a Friday night but the budget says "Stay home!" so I'm going to walk on my advancement course for E-3. Wish me luck. Miss you all and love you! Please take care!

Love,
Scott