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Here's a little letter of July 27<sup>th</sup> I arrived today & checked maps - it sounded so much more like yourself - the camp - even - Roger, etc. When does school start again for Roger & Sean? If there is time after Sept 6<sup>th</sup> I would be swell to take them along. It takes 3 full days to drive up (1200 mi) & the same back. This means a week, plus a week or so packing. I would be the thrill of a life time to have them with us! They might take the train & you & I drive the little Ford. It takes about the same time by train. We could meet them in Inverness. They would need drop board permission at least Roger would.

The use of Fred's car would be complicated to return & we would put a lot of hard miles on it which would be go for it. I like Douglas car when how would we get it to L.A.? We might all go by train & bus. but we could use the fact to good advantage at the Margave.

The blurb I sent you. I've not shot news about but could be dropped out some more. by the way that vessel is still missing (no time to search for it.) - mystery.

The job here is very strenuous & we are pushed for time the radioactivity is still high & dangerous but we are making head way in decontamination & slowly clearing ship by ship. I believe we'll be finished to leave Aug 14<sup>th</sup> & arrive Oakland at 22<sup>nd</sup> then L.A. Beverly, Wash DC, NY, Rochester by Sept 6. Start when Sean separates Sean

find out yet. He is still lagoon patrol & safe & having fun - tho we only wave at each other. We need the fleet to try to clean water. This gang go to town for our problems. The redundancy is a more serious thing than that shot.

I'm setting up their plans for Test Charley in the spring but have indicated what I will be a civilian advisor from inland mess of USA & this only with branch office for training & analysis of data & R.D.

I gave the boys a summary & fatherly talk tonight out into the stars on the deck & could feel their emotional reaction as a well knit team. They are all (400 of them) doing a superb job of also having fun. It's a lot of fun to run about the lagoon - a LCPL. (Capt) on a job that is necessary & accomplish something - I've done it the last three days -

Life is real here as my very very best love & affection to you & Roger. It's possible that Roger might come out as a technical man next spring. If he has to join the armed forces? May be better stay with the physics unit. This is a long hour's requirement.

Lots of love from your concerned hubby

Tell Roger I said to take good care of you. How good is the frog food mechanically. How Eddy did he?

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