

21 January - '70
1200 Hours (noon)

Dear Mom and Daddy,

Just a few lines to let all of you know that all is in the best of health. Also I can say that is the same for my fiancée Hisami also. I sincerely hope that these few lines of humble greetings find each of you in the very best of health and fine spirits! — Smile —

I received your lovely and very delicious Christmas package on the 12th of this month. I don't remember the exact date, but it was some where around that time of the month. Hisami says that she wants you to teach her how to cook as well as you do mom! I also expressed my opinion that you would be just as pleased to learn to prepare Japanese foods or Okinawian dishes, as she does of yours! — Smile —

I wrote a letter to you mom and dad the same day I called you on the phone, concerning my "Birth Certificate". What I later found out that same day, that ~~the~~ copy you now have of my original birth certificate is sufficient enough for the purpose it will serve the Army. Have you already placed it in the mail yet? I hope that it will arrive sometime early in February. Use ~~too~~ the small amount of time I have left in the Army.

How are the "Barstow Bandits", doing these past few weeks? I hope that all is progressing in their favor these days! Give Major, Pauline, Tina and Clint my best wishes! That's also to include the coming days in the months ahead!

What is Major's present job now that he has stopped working for the Humane Society now? I hope that whatever his new job is, is the one that he wants to do. What is Pauline doing? Is she still at the hospital? I imagine that she still likes the job a great deal. Give them both my best wishes.

What is old Clint been up to these past weeks? He still has the horse and Old's yet? I never have heard from him since about October sometime. When you see him tell him I said, keep the faith and do what ever he does well! — Smile —

We here on the island are going through a period of unrest and tention.

Due to the objection by the Okinawians to the

speedy release we are giving them on their jobs with the military here. They have been on strike for three days now. And have about two more days to go! Some of the people have resorted to a little violence at times today the 21st and yesterday the 20th. But nothing that our riot squads can't really handle. All military personnel "island-wide", have been restricted to the military installations. And the dependants are working in place of the Okinawan employees. Anyway the events are nothing to cause you to worry about me.

Well I'll be waiting for the "birth certificate" and also the "diamond rings" too! So for the mean while there's not much to say of any special accord. God continue to bless you all.

My Love Always
James Earl & Hsiami

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VIA AIR MAIL

P.S.S. I received the other
money order today 4/Jan./70.

P.S.S.S. Mom I need a copy of
my Birth Certificate and the
ship I brought for Linda.

~~30~~ Dec. '69 4 Jan. - '70

My Beloved Family,

Just a few lines of humble greetings. So that you know that all is well on this side of the world.

Sincerely hope that these words find each of you in good health. Glad to here from you mom, Priscilla and also Cheryl Kay. Give all at home my deepest regrets for not writing this month.

Now that Christmas Season has come to a close. I may start to write letters to you whom I received letters from this past month.

I received the money order on Christmas Day here. Thank you ever so much. But I wished you had used my own money instead of your own mom and dad.

I am planning to go to Hisami's parents and formally ask for her "hand in marriage". I also foresee some difficulty in doing so. But then that is a natural feeling. But as you might say "anything that is hard to get, is worth fighting hard for"! - Smile - But I have an added handi-cap, my being an American and being a Black American at that. My trouble is not as far as Hisami is concerned, but her parents are.

I expressed my future desires on the telephone to you. And you didn't hardly get to express your reactions. But I would like for you and each member of the family to write individually, your approval or disapproval. What ever the reasons might be. But if all of you are 100% in my corner. It would be a battle half-won, if we knew you were behind us all the way!! As you know my future wife is Japanese. If you want to say in your letters to I and Hisami, that her being Japanese is of no matter to you guys. That would make her believe me even more. When I tell her all the time that my parents are not prejudice in anyway. And they raised me in the same manner of thought.

Please bear in mind that these letters are going to be translated into Japanese so her parents may read your pro's and con's on this important future event.

She is of age to get married without parental consent. But I want her family 100% behind her also, exceptance of me into her family whatever the degree. One thing is for sure, "we are going to be married". Regardless of either families degree of exceptance. We both feel that we have our own lives to live, and no-one can live them for us. And we are going to spend them together, "God Willing"!

You mom and daddy already know the added trouble you both recieved from your own parents as to your own choice of marriage partners, right! So I want to avoid that same mistake in the early stages of our marriage. If I don't have all of you behind me 100% then I'll stay on here on Okinawa as long as I can or some part of this world some place.

Write as often as you may want on the subject of my future marriage all that you want, but let it be only the TRUTH and only the truth.

Well I try to write you guys again as soon as I have the time to do so. But my handwriting is so irregular most of the time. I wish I had a typewriter here with me at times.

Keep up the faith! And God bless each of you in a very special manner. And also all parties concerned in this important matter of state.

Hisami and my love always,
James Earl
Hisami Miyagi

P.S. Those ^{China} dishes you wanted that have either a red or green trim cost from \$79.⁰⁰ \$100.⁰⁰ and about \$15.⁰⁰ for mailing cost to the states. This is for a service of 8 only!

P.S.S. Tell my favorite sister Priscilla that I am still going to get her birthday present in the mail. I forgot all about her birthday the 7th of December. I only remembered her birthday around the 15th or 16th. But I am sending it tomorrow afternoon. Like I said I've been busy here at work lately!

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→ VIA AIR MAIL ←

— Happy New Year to all !!! —

4 January - 70

Dear Mom, Dad and Family

Hello group! hope that these few humble greetings find all of you guys in pretty good health. I am getting along pretty darn good at the present time.

I received your other letter mom and the 3rd and also the additional \$25.⁰⁰ enclosed within the letter. Thank you ever so much. Well I and Misami have gotten us a house here in Naha City, where I am stationed at. It only costs \$40.⁰⁰ a month for rent, \$2.⁰⁰ for water, \$5.⁰⁰ for electricity and 5.⁰⁰ for L.P. gas for the stove. Things are pretty cheap in this part of the world.

I still have the '61 Volkswagen bus I told you about. I may go ahead and sell it and try to buy a new car.

Maybe another Volkswagen bus or an Datsun. Which one I can't really decide on at the present time. I want to see the 1970 models yet.

I was quite unhappy about the news about aunt Bertie. I hope that her condition changes for the better and not for the worst. I'll be praying for her especially so in my prayers. But as you say, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh".

Well I went over to the other island that Misami's parents live on. Things are rough at times. With her father that is! Her mother sort of left the whole matter be handled by Misami's father. We are to receive her both birth-certificate sometime in the near future. Before the 15th of this month, for sure. Her father is the island's mayor!

Mom and Dad I need your help now, and I need it real quick like too? What I need is a copy of my birth-certificate, but this copy will have to be notarized by City Hall, (seal stamped) at the Court house there. I need this copy of my birth certificate by the 15th (here on Okinawa). My military lawyer is getting my other papers started this week around the 8th.

Now for the second very, very important thing I need done. "I want you to sent me the rings that I brought for Linda, but never used." Please sent them also and make them air-mail receipt requested too. Well those are the two very important items I want you and daddy to do for me, as soon as possible. ok? Thank you a million.

How is Tina baby and those ring-worms getting along now? I hope that all is well now, and she's feeling just fine and dandy. Give her a big hug and a kiss from her old uncle Jim-a-san. Also tell Pauline and Major they owe me a letter this side of the world due. Give them two my very best wishes for a Happy New Year. That's also to include our own family especially so!

How is my big, fat, little brother getting along these days. Haven't have a letter from him in many, many months past. Give him, his horse an another new addition to his own weird family he's started. Is he still up there in Barston living, or has he came back down to Pasadena or Altadena to live. Anyway give the fat buzzard my best wishes.

How's my favorite little sister Priscilla? I needed to be drowned, for forgetting her birthday like I did. I'll make-up for it some kind of way, real soon like. Also give my regards to Cheryl Kay and Angela too. What has ~~Anglo~~ Angela been up to as far as school wise? And did Cheryl Kay get her new 70 Volkswagen yet? All them I can't always write to them separately, because there's not very much I can say in one letter to the whole family, now less to each member of the family.

How are the grannies getting along these days? It's been months since I got a letter from them. I do know for sure that I was the last one to send a letter in return to them. So they owe me one.

Also how are Yvonne and Clarence and the young adults getting along these days. Have never gotten a letter from them.

Was uncle Phil and aunt Chub sold their home yet, and moved to ~~Denver?~~

Denver as of yet? She is one person who never tries to write at all. Always too busy to write I guess. That's life I guess!

Well mom I also have some bad news to tell you, but to myself I consider it pretty good. "As you know I am to be getting out of the Army this July." Right! — Wrong — "I just put in for an extension to stay in the Army another 5 more months. Which means I'll get out around Dec. 8th, '70 not in July."

The reason is that the paper-work Misami and I have to go thru will take nearly 4 mths. to do. And I will be getting out two mths later. I'll have to pay her way to the states, so I don't have the \$583⁰⁰ one way for her. Besides

that I want to stay on Okinawa as long as I can possibly do so. Maybe even get a job and live here for a while. Anyway, you can expect me home I guess around the 15th of Dec. '90 not 15th July! That's the bad news I have to tell you guys. I don't want you to think I am in love with the Army but I can use it to my advantage so I use it that way.

Well I guess your eyes are getting kind of tired so I'll let you go for now. Please send the rings and birth certificate copy (notorized) as soon as you can get them done mom, and dad.

Your Loving Son
 future [&] Daughter-in-law
 James Carl Bates & Hisami Miyagi

P.S. God bless all of you in a special manner.

— Happy New Year to All —



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August 24, 52

Dear Honey,

What in the world has happened to you. We are not doing so hot right now and you either write and say what your plans are or send me some money back here right away to me cause I am taking Clint to the doctor in the morning and he has four sores on him toe, knee, neck, arm and the fat part of his foot on top. Cheryl has been sick cutting teeth and ear ache. Pauline is doing fine so far with

3. say what you plain
or come on back home.
doctors and hospital people
are asking for money fixing
to have another baby and
where am I going who's
going to keep my kids if
you stay I would like
to have it in hospital
but they no baby clothes
bought you it need some
now just got three more
months to go. so please
do something. Wanda Lee
is planning on leaving
next week & Pearlina
may get married don't

2. Our prayers that
nothing will happen any
more. James Earl hurt his
reast in the car door
he's alright now? my
self I am sick, lonesome,
nobetter from you saying
nothing, bills coming in
saying they are going to
turn them over to court
no money but \$15. dollar
left. got my clothes payment
due, and a letter from
car payment also a note
from Beecher's cost market.
So I wish you
would please write and

4. know for sure so
please don't let it out
to anyone. no one staying
with me. I am home
Bill is too lazy to pump
water for my pigs I
pump it now. Luella's
kids did pump it, but
~~not anymore.~~ too lazy &
then got to go back to
school next week second
day in Sept. what about
James Dall he is planning
to go to school & no clothes
hardly. need shoes bad
now. Pearlina quit Ireland.

5. a man fell off of
grade school top and killed
him self. Car & truck
wrecks on road by Warren
Buckners place on road.

Ada Vesper is not expecting
to live stomach all tore
a louse inside & t. B. of

the bowls. I must
close for this time
& you write or

come home. Something

B.S. Virgil Jr.
& family are
here. moved. Love
Wife Chas.etta
over inside

6.

We are feeling much
better this morning.
We haven't even heard
from your father?
Harry is driving a
blue pick up truck
Don't know if it's his.

In most close

love

Mr. Rudolph Bates:

Your account is
\$ 53.03 plus tax.

Please try to pay a little each payday on this account. You'd be surprised how quickly it would disappear.

It would really be appreciated.

Beecher's Market

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Mr. Rudolph Bates
Microdome
Memphis



Mr. Rudolph Bates
723 1/2 East 56th St.
Los Angeles 11
Calif

to Mrs. Ursella Israel

Honey.

I know you are sick and not feeling well, But I didn't know you was that sick. Because you cap it for me last night. But I still love you any way.

Dear Mom, Dad & Family
excuse this papper ok. Smiles!!

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Just a few lines to say hello, and hoping everyone is in the best of health. We're all here, doing fine, I just find myself thinking of you guys all the time, and missing you very much, cause I have nothing else to do while everyone is gone, during the day. I can't wait until the doctor releases me, so I can find some kind of work to do, outside of this house.

Well the girls are in school, and seem to be very happy. Nicole has to catch 2 buses to school, and I walk with Tiffany to school at least 10 blocks, until she gets use to the neighbor hood, plus its very good exercise for me, the doctor says. My legs get's a little tired, but its only because I'm not use to all this walking. My surgery has healed

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DATE

so well, I can hardly see the
scare, and I really feel so good
these days, I can't believe, why
I waited so long. How's yours and
dads health doing, I worry all the
time about you both, hoping every thing
is oke. What's Angela and Jerry doing,
give them both our love, kisses and
huggs and hello's. I haven't heard from
Lina, but I miss her and the boys
very much. I wish now, that I had
kept the boys with me, not knowing
the situation she might of been in, cause
you've always been there for me, when
things was going wrong, and I needed
help, and in Lina's time of need, I
wasnt there for her. Hopefully we can
iron our differences out, and help each
other, cause I love her very much, she's
my oldest, just like I do Nicole and
Tiffany, and I worry how and what
she's doing. Well mom, I gonna
say good bye for now, write me
soon. May God continue to bless
and keep us all safe, is my prayers.

Love Always
Pauline

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Begin an
Giant Project
Collect Stars



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Love Always

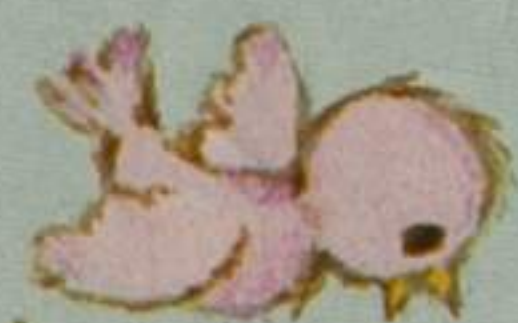
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Thanks---





A whole bunch!

Thanks for the
Birthday gift's

Love Onita

Onita H. Bates
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2-1-91

Dear Grandma & Grandpa

I miss both of you. How have you and grandpa been doing? I hope fine. How have you guys been felling. Don't work your self up to much. Me I've been Ok. just been bothered with a cold and my Asthma. But so far I been fine. By the way I got my report card I have been improving my grades. I am learning my work in my time tables. Mom said if I and Nicole do are work she will cut the phone back on and the cable. But one thing she primised me if I improve I get \$200⁰⁰ dollars. But I am improving. Now Nicole is taking Drivers Ed so by the summer she will be driving I am glad. I've been having fun in school I learn more because being smart is fun. Plus I got good teachers. I get out of school at 2:45 - and go to school at 8:20. I got six classes but at first I was in a teachers class and I did not

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have the right classes at first but mom
Came up to the school Now I have the
right classes.

1. Reading
2. English & spelling
3. MATH
4. S. Studies
5. Science
6. Drafting

For Christmas I got some Ninentendo
game, Raldo, C.D's, Shoes, Clothes, Paint + set
I will send you one of the pitchures
I painted. When mom does not have
money I give my lunch money to her.
I love my mom + cook breakfast, lunch,
and dinner for her. Tell Aunt Wanda,
Yevette, Ashley, Chiterra, Aunt Jackie, and William,
and Troy and Uncle pinkie I said Hi!!
Oh!! Tell the Pastor Too and every
body Elsee too. Give Aunt Tinie a hug
for me. Guess what I almost
got Baptisted but I didn't. But
I'm and you will know.

Grandma,

A Poem to say I
Love you !!

Roses are red
Violet are blue
And I miss you
and love you
TO!

Grandpa,

A Poem to say I
Love you !!

Daisy are yellow
and you are a nice
fellow but
you are my
Grandpa
and
I love you

Tiffany Tribett
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NATIONAL
CHILDREN'S
DENTAL HEALTH WEEK

CHRISTMAS



Antonello, National Gallery

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February 4, 91

Dear Mom, Dad & Grandma,
if she's still there with
you both. I knew, I could count
on you writing me back. Glad to
hear everyone is doing oke, just
keep on praying for dad, things
will work out for the best. We
can fail each other, but God never
fails us, we all just have to
keep on praying and asking God
for help, no matter what. Everyone
hear is doing fine, and you should
be hearing from Tiffany this
week, I know she wrote you a
letter. She'll be 13 in October of
this year, as you see, she's
developing into a young lady,
hasnt started her period yet, and
cant wait, you know her. Nicole
is also growing up, she'll be 17

7.

in June, doing good in school. Right now, she's taking Drivers Education in school, can't wait to have her license, to drive what I don't know, unless it's her father's car, and this weekend Georgia's brother had a car accident in it, total it out, he's in the hospital now, from what Nicole says, she had spent the weekend over there. Things are really happening these days, not just ^{to} our family, but to everyone. Things are really tight, but I thank God for our health. I'm trying to keep in touch with everyone through letters. I've wrote Tina, Cheryl, and Priscilla, they had called and sent me cards when I came home from the hospital, so maybe we'll start again

#3.

Keeping intouch. I'm still not working, but hope to start something soon, this welfare mess aint nothing. I still want to drive, but here, local, not out of town. If not I'm the master of several trades, just have to fine the right one, if not driving, maybe back to bring a nurse aide. Tell everyone I said hello, and keep the prayers coming, also tell grandma she has to settle for a small picture of Tiffany, cause ~~at~~ when I ordered them, she had taken them over to her dad's, and gave them all away, except for the small ones. Tell grandma, when her hand is oke, she'll have to write me too, either there in Kansas, or California.

Love Always
Pauline's Daughter

Tell Angela and Jerry, hello
and to write soon. What's James
address, and what do you mean.
he's been gone for 7 years, it seems
almost those many years, since I
last saw him. Miss, Clint and
his family too, you know those are
my children, especially William
and Ashley.

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