

esa, Arizona  
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Dear Elder Jack:

Been a while since I wrote and wanted you to know we were still around. We hope things are hummin down there in the work, and that you are in good health and etc. They tell me that this last part of the mission is the part you will probably remember most, and I am sure you are going to have a good feeling about this latest assignment.

We notice in the last issue of the Church News that they had televised a sacrament meeting from the Villa X Sarmiento branch, and I was wondering if this isnt the branch where you were President for quite a time. It was done inconjunction with a visit of Elder Richard X L. Evans who, as you probably know is International President of Rotary Club and he was visiting Bs. As. They say at the meeting in Denver, - I believe this is where he was elected to be International President - that they gave him an ovation after his talk that had never been heard of before.

In any event, I hope you were there, as it must have been a fine occasion. They say that the missionary response was tremendous - according to the Church news. You probably know about all this, but thot I would mention it.

I have a clipping in re draft etc. If I can find it, I will enclose it with this letter. At our Priesthood (Stake) meeting Sunday afternoon, we are going to have General Erb, who is Selective Service Director for the State of Arizona, speak to us. He is a good Latter Day Saint they say, and we expect to get some info in re to the draft.

My personal counsel - or at least the way I see it right now - is to ~~plan~~ have our youth plan to go to school as long as they can. This is why am kinda figuring that you will be entering school this fall.

They tell me that under the plan If a student is making grades, if he is called he is permitted to ask for a student deferrment - which is what most of the young men around here have right now - and if this is not permitted - the student is permitted to complete whatever semester he is on - and that he will never have to lose any credit. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

In any event, we look forward to your coming home, and want you to be assured that we are anxious to support what ever plans you have.

Just wondering about the car. Actually, If I was sure just what you might have in mind, I could get one on order probably, but I wouldnt want to order one and have you prefer something else. Thing I am thinking about is, I dont know how long it would take to get a '67 model after you get home. Anyway, X you might let me know how you feel, and we will come as close to what you want to do as we can. Linda has the Chevelle that she has been driving and it is really a nice little car. Think it has about 20000 miles on it and it is a 1965. Karen will be 16 on August 11, - if you can believe it - and she will probably need nothing less than a Cadillac. If you have any counsel to offer Karen, - She needs to get her hair cut and be sure that ~~xxx~~ her male company is predominantly LDS boys. She is not dating until she is 16, but it looks like we are sure going to have to do some counseling in regard to it. I do want to add Jack, that these are two mighty sweet gals.

Spence Cooper returned and reported his mission. I think Spence has

developed a lot in his mission. I believe his getting away from home was a tremendous asset to him. Of course he is from a good home, but I believe his ties there were probably too close for any independent development at all. Anyway he looks real good physically and he gave a fine report. I think about Spence and Charles and the times that his mother was always afraid to let them outa the house unless the temperature was warm and etc. Anyway spence went up into the country where it was 50 below many days - and Charles has been working ~~xx~~ out with weights and looks like he could ~~xxxxxx~~ kill a tiger with a switch. These boys are as different as day and night - but both good boys.

One other thing Jack - Was kinda wondering when you wanted me to terminate the sending of the money down thru the Mission Home. I would guess that it should be the payment of August the 20th huh. Let me know. What I have in mind is that you could draw whatever money you ~~a~~ need after that by check. Then if you come the 10th or the 26th wouldnt enter into this phase of our program. ~~x~~ you let me know if I should advise them that the Aug 20, check would be the final. -

We finished packing Monday. I believe we came out pretty good this season. I dont think we packed quite as much stuff as we did last season, but there isnt much difference. My paid out has been a whole lot lighter than last season on the groves etc. So I am hopeful that things will look pretty bright when we get our books closed up. Actually we got a lot more money for our crop than we had any right to expect to get - considering the supplies of ~~xx~~ fruit. The Lord has certainly blessed us Jack - in many ways.

Linda got a letter from John today - apparently things are going good for him. If you got time tho - I dont think it would hurt to give John a good word. He is at Box 114 - Kalispell, Montana. I dont mean to infer that John is unhappy or anything like that - only that I am sure he would enjoy hearing from his friends.

This just about covers it I think Jack. Let us know any comment you might have on (1) the car (2) when to terminate the check thru the Mission home. We will be happy to let it run on thru September if you say that is the thing to do.

Best regards and Love to you  
Jackson

Dad and the gang.

