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My dearest Johnny!—

First, I want to thank you for sending me those books that you obtained on Okinawa, as well as the pictures. Now I'll be able to study Japanese, with the use of the Jap-American dictionary!! Seriously, I really appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending the books and I'll take your advice and read them. Thanks again, sweets.

I suppose by now you're on your way to China probably. In the paper, it said the 6<sup>th</sup> Division is to go to Shanghai in the Yhantsi<sup>1</sup> Valley section. Is this right? I'm not sure whether or not I spelled the name correctly, however I'm sure you'll understand. Anyway, take care of yourself; keep away from questionable girls and do not try any cigarettes for I believe China has a lot of dope or drugged cigarettes. I'm not sure, but you probably know more about this than what I do. I bet you'll be home by Xmas or at least by Easter!

Now I'll take care of you! In your letter, which I am not answering, you again make reference to my letters as snow jobs just because I haven't written so regular lately. The way things have been I didn't even write Walt as regular, which you probably know if you've seen him. However, I have never forgotten you for a minute nor had I ever snowed you, unless of course we were kidding once in awhile and then I guess you snowed me a lot, right?

Your picture is still on my piano in the living room, where it will always remain no matter what you may think of me! I guess only my mother knows how I worry when I don't write regular. She tells me it would be for better if I'd get a system whereby I would write briefer but more frequent letters, but everything upsets my attempts at a system. Oh well, please understand that I have been sincere in my letters.

Another thing, I've definitely written you more than what you say I have unless you didn't receive my letters in transit. Oh well, let's forget this whole subject, okay? My last three letters have been full of explanations. Boring? (illegible) is a very unromantic name, Johnny, to call me. Tch tch!! You are getting to be as bad as me, for I call people, fondly, "kid" sometimes.

Golly, Linda Vista was a Hole and you say Guam is worse. I don't believe Walt is too fond of it there either. He sent me the picture of you and him together. It is swell, although a small picture. I'll try to have an enlargement made in order to make it clearer.

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<sup>1</sup> **The Yangtze River** is the longest river in Asia and the third longest in the world. The river is about 6,300 km long and flows from its source in Qinghai Province, eastwards into the East China Sea at Shanghai.

I suppose you know that since V-J Day all the plants etc. have been laying off and striking. It's a headache. I left my wartime job on a Monday morning for I didn't think there was any post-war security after all. In fact it looks as if the plant will close down any time now. Monday afternoon I started my new job at better pay and hours and this is definitely peacetime. I bet you're sick of hearing about my business experiences.

Swell—we'll go bowling and whoever wins kisses the other. What a system we have. If I sent you a record of my voice would you have the proper equipment to play it on? My cousin George of the U.S.M.C., who was wounded on Okinawa, is now home. At first he didn't look so well, but now he is fine. We get along well. I had a little party for him but he is so restless, he wouldn't stay long, I (illegible) I understood and I don't mind as long as he is happy and contented.

My sister and I go skating quite often now. I really enjoy it. I'm making a Novena in church now for peace and I really was embarrassed when walking into church, I nearly slipped on the marble floor as I didn't have rubber-heeled shoes on. Then near the altar I practically fell again! I didn't fall but was very near doing so. Never again will I wear leather heels to church.

For now I will close with all the good luck in the world to you.

Love, Kisses & a hug  
Corinne

PS—Is your brother home yet? I hope so. (Transcription ends)