Dear North:

Enclosed is a clipping containing two articles, both of which may interest you. One about the weather in the north, and one about the young-on here.

Nothing much new or startling today. I have been working on a great report called MOP - measurement of progress. This is a monthly thing which Air Vice Marshall devote his whole time to, and brings Thursday once a month - I have to coordinate the 12 input. The idea is to assemble all the factors which, together, can indicate progress with the war - or lack of it. This is pretty tricky to analyze, but presumably the report does that, and I do is assemble the intelligence. This is a bit mundane, but it is an interesting point. There has been a lot of criticism of the administration's effort to demonstrate progress in the idea. Some of it is justified, of course, but it is a real problem how to measure progress in a situation like this. The idea doesn't have any better ways, as far as I know. If you have any ideas along these lines, let me know - I'd love them. The problems are many, though. For example, the number of people helped make a good
indicator of progress? If we are killing more, is this good or bad?

The word of Indonesia's breaking relations with Communist China is of course wonderful. The press has largely missed the significance, but some of the smart folks will pick it up. In my opinion, this is one of the most important happenings on the international scene in many a moon. This is a country almost twice as large as the U.S. in population, and fabulously wealthy in terms of resources. Hush for them to send troops there in several months - maybe sooner.

Had a good idea for Tori's Christmas. I got him a real abacus, with instruction book. These are really fascinating and useful. A skilled operator can outperform a slide rule or even a mechanical calculator with one. I'll send all the goodies in a box one of these days.

Hope all is well - see you today.

Love,

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