Dear Doroth-

Your letter of 25th came today; all full of Mr. Newman. I don't suppose I have any reason to beat around the bush, so—don't against sending Tom there.

There are two reasons—first, I just don't like the idea of his going away at 15. I definitely think college is for going away from home, but I see little to be gained and a great deal to be lost by sending them away now.

This idea originally started because we were dissatisfied with Rivers. If he would have had to have stayed at Rivers, perhaps going away would have been the lesser evil. Even then I didn't like it. Now we are going to Florida where the schools are better generally than in
S.C. Anyhow, we know little about Mayport schools.

Secondly of course is money. This idea started out as Chaunce with a scholarship. Now has it degenerated to a second choice (second rate?) school which we will have to pay for. It is true that Stuart will be out of the day school, but I do not see that this obliges us to take on yet another private school. Soon enough college will fall on us with 7 years perhaps of heavy outlays, and I want to have a reprieve from these continual educational expenses between now and then.

I am willing to discuss this further, but I really feel quite strongly about sending him away. If we just want to do this, under any circumstances, do not enroll him at this time and present me
with an accomplished fact when I get back. I will be very vexed if you do this.

Does the prospective move to Mayport change anything as far as fatpots and vases and elephant goads?

I still have not heard from Ellen Edgar. I fear the necklace has gone astray. However, I wrote her I was sending her a goodly. I fear she might drop me a line some day saying it has not come. Fortunately, I did inquire.

Try to be more precise about vases. That is why I took the picture—so you could pick out which you wanted. You say you like the blue and white one, but they don't go with the color scheme and that you say later on in same letter not to worry about living room color scheme unless
it come to making a choice between similar ones. How else am I to make a choice? By shape alone?

Did they get my gold pocket-watch fixed? How much was it? I presume Tom will pay for this also, after he has finished his thieving debt.

I am glad to know about the Summer's schedule. I probably will receive about the middle of September.

I am very glad Dan will handle our house. It is good of him to do it, and I will feel much better about renting it.

Where did you take the car—Ramblers? I expect my ton on the Summer will be 2 full years.

With any luck, I will get home about the 15th of July—perhaps as early as the 10th—and leave home from there until 19.
August when I have to go to Norfolk for 2 weeks. Then it seems I have a week off - then go to Newport for a week. Then I will be back in Charleston about the 14th of September. I suppose it will go to Guantanamo in the fall, be home for Christmas and then off and running. Did the day where and then off and running. Did the day where deployment in mid-1969? Ned or back line. I do hope we can get Anne established before we move.

The Bobby Kennedy business is certainly tragic, but all controversial public figures take a risk like that, and they know it. Especially is the time in such a generally contentious time. In my judgment, everyone I have read or heard of express themselves on this matter. He raised the point. The point is not that he was a candidate for president, or John K's brother, or an enemy of the hard-line legal types, all of which I have heard said. The point is
that he was a powerful ally of the giants; all--or almost all--Americans tend to underestimate grossly the emotionalism of Middle Eastern politics, and the injustice truly felt by the Arabs. A great many politicians starting with Truman have gotten us on the wrong strategic side of the men through domestic political means. If I believe justice also would have required us to side with the Arabs, then at least one politician has paid a great price for his Jewish support. I don't suppose there's any real difference in dying in support of a just cause and a meaner political one, but to those of us who are left, there seems to be one.

Here the war goes on. Cholon is cleaned up, at least for the present, but there is still a ridge E of Tan Son Nhut and a great bunch of rockets hit the city again last night! No great damage, but about 30 Vietnamese were killed. Two more pictures of the thing at Phu Loa.