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September 15th Letter from Don Yeager to Yeager Family

Don Yeager

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DEAR MOM + DAD

15 SEPT.

WELL, IT LOOKS AS IF WE MIGHT START GETTING SOME ACTION SOON - TOMORROW WE'RE BEING EXTRACTED TO A NEW AREA OF OPERATION. I'M NOT WORRIED THOUGH, IT COULD BE RUMORS THAT IT'LL BE HOT. IN ANY EVENT, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME - I'VE BEEN HERE 3 MONTHS NOW, + THAT'S THE MOST CRITICAL TIME. I GUESS YOU GOT THE FILM BY NOW, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT ALL THE PICTURES WERE, BUT I KNOW THERE ARE SHOTS OF V.C. PRISONERS + AIR STRIKES ON IT. MARY WROTE + TOLD ME HOW UNFAIR THE ~~THE~~ DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WAS - ABOUT HOW THE COPS ACTED, + THE OBVIOUS ANTI-MCCARTHY BEHAVIOUR OF THE COPS + OTHERS. I'LL NEVER

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KNOW WHY WERE OVER HERE,
IN AN OBVIOUSLY HOPELESS
SITUATION, WHEN WE COULD BE
USING THE RESOURCES, MONEY,
+ MEN TO THE U.S.'S BETTER-
MENT. I HEAR THINGS BY
HUMPHREY ABOUT WITHDRAWING
TROOPS AS EARLY AS LATE '68,
BUT SOMEHOW I CAN'T GET MY
HOPES UP ABOUT IT. ANYWAY
YOU LOOK AT IT, THE U.S. IS
HURTING KINDA BADLY NOW.

OH WELL, JUST ~~ON~~ MORE MONTHS
+ I CAN HANG UP THIS MILITARY
JUNK, + START WORKING FOR
SOMETHING WORTHWHILE. SAY
HI TO MYCK - WILL HE BE
DRAFTED? IF HE IS TELL HIM TO
SCREW UP HIS INFANTRY TESTS,
DON'T VOLUNTEER FOR AIRBORNE,
+ DO GOOD IN AUTOMOTIVE, ENGEN-
EERING, SIGNAL, OR SOMETHING
INTERESTING, + JUST ROLL WITH THE
PUNCHES DURING BASIC + A.I.T.
I'm OK. LOTS OF LOVE, Don