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Dear Folks.

I said that I would write during the week but I didn't get around to it so I am making sure now that I do sit down and write you.

I mentioned in the note that I decided not to take the trip so I guess I better explain in more detail what I meant. If I went with the rest of the Elders up through Bolivia and Peru, I would arrive home probably on Sunday morning at the earliest, that is Sunday the 23. And since orientation at the Y starts on Friday the 28, I would have to leave at least by Wednesday to make it in time, leaving only two or three days at home.

I don't think that is enough time for the family or for me. Also with the money situation the way it is, I would rather have it for school.

I still would like to stop in a few places but probably, I will arrive at home on Wednesday or Thursday, which would mean



almost a week at home.

On the draft, I fill out a form for the Y. that Ilem and Verry sent me which they use to ask for classification of student and I guess that is all I can do. I would rather just wait and if I get called, I will serve another mission but this time for my country instead of signing up for Reserves or something and never knowing whether I will be called or not.

Now that time is getting short I better mention the money situation. I have to pay rent until the day I leave and most of the other expenses will be the same. I still have the 2000 in travelers checks I had when I came down but if at all possible I think it would be just as easy to save and use it for school. That is the reason I ask that you send January's check early and maybe a little bigger since I would like to buy a few things to remember more of Argentina. Records, records, etc, but since the weight situation is like it is, it can't be too much.



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Things here are wonderful. I feel happier and freer than I have for a long time. Maybe it is that I am working harder and maybe it is because there is more to do and I just work hard and don't worry about it. I also have lost a little weight; now I weight about what I did when I came down but think I will feel a little bit better if I lose some more.

I mentioned that we were planning to have conference here and everyone just seems to open their doors to serve us, I sure hope some will open their hearts to the Lord also.

Also the plans for moving the branch seem pretty definite but we need to find an apartment for us and we are finding it hard to do.

At branch presidents conference yesterday we discuss teaching in the home and they are going to start in January. The manual sure looks good. I feel a little left out that I haven't had



the lessons but I know that you have pro-  
gress with them.

Yesterday, I went to Sacrament Meeting  
in Tandil, leaving my companion in charge  
of the branch, (something that happens very often  
with meetings etc.) and it made me think  
of the strength of testimony. Last Sunday was  
fast Sunday and the whole mission had a  
special fast to help the non-member fathers  
to see the importance of family unity.

Well last night in Tandil there were 20  
Fathers, who are non members and have never  
attended Church in their lives in attendance  
and the branch was full.

Before closing I went to say how  
much I love everyone of you and how  
proud I am to represent you and the  
Lord here Argentina.

Also could you sent me Bishop  
Sabini & Fr. Smith addresses since I  
need to make sure they are the same.

May God bless you all  
Love Gary

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