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I was somewhat confused as to how I should approach Doug Hart since I never see him any more. So I asked one of the boys. (we are getting a lot of business from the M.c.Monigle employees) if they didn't have some one besides Doug Hart who could take an order for a car. It wasn't a half hour until they had a man over at the restaurant. (*the Manhattan Café*) I handed him your letter and had him get it first handed so there would be no misunderstanding.

He said there should be no reason why you shouldn't have it exactly as you ordered. I made a down payment of \$100.00 so there would be no misunderstanding. He said : Tell Jim, "The car will be here for him when he gets here."

There will be no other down payment until you get here. So you can handle it as you wish. He asked about the accessories, I told him: not any until you came. He said they would have anything you would want in stock. The cost is \$50.00 above last year's juice \$1865.00, Lewiston.

I am enclosing your wage statement. Jean called for it at the K.R.L.C office. They told her that you should get practically all the amount paid in, back again. I sure hope you do.

I haven't seen John since the beginning of the second semester and I am wondering about your car – This salesman said not to turn your car in until you take delivery of the new one, because what they would allow you on it would depend on what condition the car is in at the time. My opinion is that they do not intend to give you much for it. I am wondering if maybe it wouldn't

be a good idea for John to try and sell it for you. Knowing what they offered me for the Olds was very low. Maybe it would be a good idea to write John. I will get in touch with him this weekend and see what he thinks.

Pat was down two weeks ago for the weekend and we expect her again Friday. She plans on bringing Mitzi down with her.

Pat seems to be very happy with her school work. She appears to have a different outlook on life and is forging right ahead. She started out with a nice bunch of new clothes which is an uplift to any girl or (boy)?? Any way she is beginning to know that has what it takes and that is all that is necessary.

In spite of the fact that they city and surrounding country is full of flu, the relatives all them to be taking it standing up. No reports of any of them having it.

Your Dad and youngsters at home were down nearly every night of the basket ball tournament. Saturday nite, they were stranded down here because of the snow and wind. That was the nite Pat was down, so you should of seen beds every where. Mary Alice and Voney Kambitsch slept on the living room floor and seem to get a thrill out of it.

Maybe you have heard that we have lost our college. No appropriations made for it after June 30th. This is a real blow to Lewiston and surrounding country.

I am mailing you newspapers. Have already mailed you two bundles of papers by first class mail. Have you received them. We who voted for a Republican governor find we for the wrong man. Every body is stunned. It all came so unexpectedly.

Well, how are you and Helen coming? She is certainly a fine girl. We don't see too much of her but every Sunday at Mass, and she always has the appearance of a "real lady."

Jim, I could talk to you for a week if you were here, but it is getting late and I must get some rest so I will be on the job in the morning.

Oh yes! the house! – Hank and Mary Ellen upstairs. She teaching, He going to school and "they" expecting a baby in July.

Martha happens to be in the hospital at this time. She has had a couple of spells of the flu which has caused her to be sick ever since Christmas and as a result has left her with a bad heart.

Carol and Dilbert and Jimmie are enjoying their new home and expecting a new "baby sister" this week. Jimmie knows the nuns are at the hospital since they are sisters and they baby sister is supposed to be there. So he doesn't quite have it figured out but what he will get one of the nuns for a sister.

Oh! Nearly forgot to tell you – I purchased a piece of new property. Guess where?? The bit white house on the corner of “G” & 21st Street where you make the turn to go to the orchards on the right hand side. I know you know it well. – It has three apartments, bringing in \$110.00 per month. The main reason for buying is a speculation as a business lot. With a down payment she is to pay herself out.

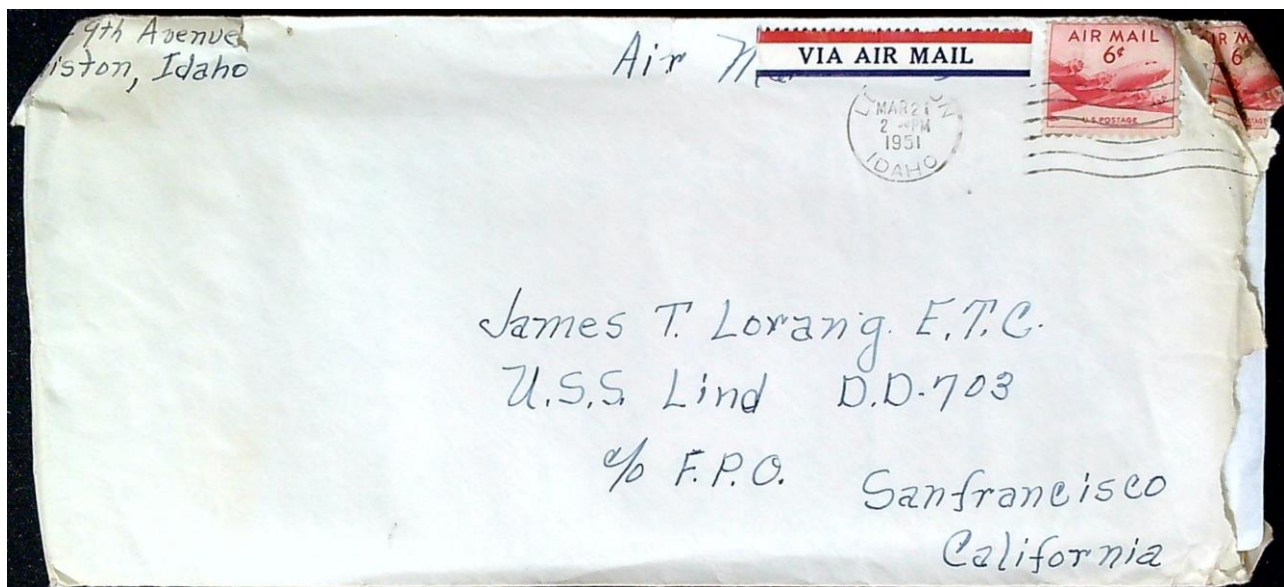
You know I have a bone to pick with you – You mentioned the fact that the 14th of this month would be a bad day. I certainly wouldn’t figure out “why.” I think I asked everybody what had happened on that day that would make Jim to worry. Finally at the end of the day some one said “I don’t know, unless it would be Income Tax.” It then dawned on me that you were “insinuating.” Well, I want you to know that income tax report was in the mail at 5:30 p.m. March 15th, 1951. Ha!

Well, I must get to bed –

Remember! We are thinking of you always in our prayers and working hours.

Irene says, “Tell Jim, when he comes in the back door, the lock will be turned in the front door.”

Lots of love,
Alice and Jean



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Alice Tobin in 1970.