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Bunny My Darling;

You should see the storm here right now. I think it is a regular typhoon such as we were promised a while back. The wind is blowing to beat the devil and it is raining as if the heavens had opened up, to steal an old and overworked phrase. Everything is getting wet because it blows right through the barracks and soaks everything inside. I had often heard of them, but I never [crossed out word] knew just what they were like. I do not like them at all. I am only thankful that I am not on board a ship in a storm like this. I think I would be the least bit worried. I am on CQ and I had to run over here in the rain. In the short distance from the barracks to the office I really got drenched to the skin. I hope it lets up before the show starts so I can see the picture. I don't know what is on tonight but I feel like seeing a picture for a change.

I now have in my possession a copy of the new [crossed out word] MSC catalog. I got it from Gene last night. The way I have it figured out, I have enough credits now to graduate in about a year if I want to. The only trouble with that is that I would not be able to take the art courses that I want to take. I think I would do better [sic] to just plan on taking two years of courses instead of one. I have all the credits I need to graduate except the ones in art and they are after all the ones that I am most interested in. I was very pleased to note that Boardman Robinson has been added to the list of artists in residence there. I have seen a lot of his work and read a piece about him just the other day. It seems that he is considered one of the best of teachers in the country and has been responsible for giving quite a few artists their start. I'd like very much to have him there. I hope he is there when I go to school. They have a new system at MSC this year. It is some sort of basic college idea. I checked it and find that, if they recognize all my credits, and there is no reason why they shouldn't, I shall have fulfilled all the requirements of this basic college. The courses will take up a lot of my time because all the art practise [sic] courses are labs and therefore are two hour courses, If I

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tried to get all my credits in one year I wuld [sic] be working night and day and that would never do, I want to have as much time as possible with you Honey. They offer quite a complete list of courses in their art department. I was surprised to find that they did not include a course in photography anywhere in the college. They made quite a bit of the photography course at UNM.

There was no mail from you this noon but I hope to get a letter from you tonight. I wonder if you have a job by now. Your last vacation must be over now I think you said that you were going to be home the day after Labor Day so you most assuredly must be home now. I am anxious to find out how you made out on your trip to Canada, and whether Mr Curry called on you to perform the duties of the position he conferred on you when you went across the border. I know he didn't and I had better not catch anyone even thinking of anything like that because, as I told you before, I am a very jealous husband. See how very green I am at the very idea of you even being with another man when his wife is there I hate to think of anyone being with you when I can't be.

I told you that we had oranges the last couple of days I believe. Well, last night when I went into town the first thing I saw [crossed out word] was a Filipino vendor selling Sunkist oranges. That is how fast the black market works around here. Now that we do have oranges we have them at every meal. That is the way it is with the food around here, there is either too much or too little, never a happy medium.

Gosh but I feel lazy today. I don't feel like [sic] doing anything except just lying down and resting. I would like to see the show if it stopped raining in time but that is the limit of my will to exert myself. You are going to find yourself with a very lazy husband on your hands when I return. I think you will be able to coax some life out of me very easily though. All you will have to do is give me a nice soulful look with those bedroom eyes of yours and you'll find yourself with a very much alive husband to contend with. You realize what you are letting yourself in for when you marry me don't you? Being a wife to me will be a full time job, even though we will have to find some time to

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sandwich in such trivial things as school and eating into our life together. But primarily, we shall be very busy playing house. That comes before anything else. My nerves are going to be frayed to the breaking point if I don't find out soon just when they are going to send me home. I wish they would come out with the recount of points and would give us an idea of how long they think it will take the men in the different point categories to get home. I think six months for me and hope that they think the same. I hope I am not being too repetitious when I keep saying that I shall be home in six months but I have to convince myself. I really do think so but I like to hear someone say it, even if it is only myself. It is reassuring.

Gene told me that they are giving vocational aptitude tests at the Institute of the Philippines every day to anyone who wants to take them. I am going to drop in there tomorrow on my afternoon off and see just what they think I should be. I like to take these tests. This will be the first one of this type I will have taken but I have taken some similar ones and am usually [crossed out word] able to hit them. From the way he talks, they ask you questions on various things and base their answer on the aptitude you display for certain types of work.

I got a message from Mac today, he wants me to go out there this Sunday to play volleyball and to go for a swim. I think I will go out there although it means that I will have to cut guard mount. I don't really have to go to that though because I am on guard Saturday night and am only supposed to stand out there to be saluted by the new guard the next afternoon. They will never miss me for that little ceremony.

It looks as if our little storm is on the wane now. I hope so, it has done enough damage now. Everything will be mud for a week now. It just about did away with our lawn out there. I must tell you about the lawn we have here. It seems that someone thought it would be a good idea to have a lawn around the office building; to give it a little class. Instead of planting some grass seed and waiting for it to grow, they decided they would have a ready made lawn put in so they put a couple of Filipinos to work digging up grass by the

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roots, putting it in little bundles, taking it over to the office, and then transplanting it here. They planted it in straight rows about four inches apart. It looked like the skeleton of a lawn. To top it all off, the damned grass turned brown as soon as they had planted it. I think this rain is in a good way to do away with it altogether. Small loss. It has finally stopped raining altogether.

I just had a very disgruntled visitor. Some fellow was trying to find his colonel and couldn't. He finally located him at the officer's mess. After that he started to bell me his troubles. As in every conversation between GIs these days, the subject was the point system. It seems that he had 90 points as of May 12<sup>th</sup> and is still kicking, and I do mean kicking, around here. I can't say that I blame him very much though because I would not like it one bit more than he does if I were in his place. I am glad the war ended before I became one of the Hermits of the SWPA. That is about the most appropriate name I can think of for the forgotten men of this theater, men like my brother. The fellows out here got a much tougher break on getting home than did the men in the ETO. At least if a fellow was in the ETO for a long time, he must have spent a good deal of the time in England, and that is a little better environment than what the South Sea Isles have to offer. You can take my word for it that the SSI have as little to offer as any part of the world, with the possible exception of the deserts of Arizona and Nevada. And at least the last two places I mentioned are in the States. Oh, to be back with you once more Honey. That is all I ask for. From then on I am willing to be on my own. At least I have a wonderful lifetime to look forward to when I am back with you, the best that anyone will ever be blessed with because no one else was ever blessed with you to make their life so wonderful. That my Darling makes all the difference in the world. I am glad I met you and found that out before it was too late and I had already married someone else. I very nearly did you know. If I had I would never have known just how perfectly happy it was possible for me to be because believe me Sweetheart, you are the only one for me and I want only you

Always - Freddie