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Dear Jim & George,

Received your letter and the informative listing of Hawaiian fishes with English and scientific counterparts - such tongue twisters! Thanks.

Say if your folks are still there could you thank them for us for the delicious tray of dried fruits they sent to us? It was so pretty too - I'm making good use of the tray. Did they go to Kauai yet? Will you go along too? Robert ~~was~~ was saying that maybe one of these days we could all go to Kauai - we've never been there - imagine that!

We're still experiencing Kona winds so Robert can't decide whether to put the boat down or not. He's had it on shore for about 3 weeks now due to these southerly winds. I guess we're getting old - there's no feeling of going fishing like before.

He tries to keep his weight down by playing volleyball. I'm no big help - I've enrolled in a Chinese cooking class. So far I've learned how to make egg rolls and a noodle dish. Last night they cooked deer meat - I didn't go because the ladies had to sit down later and eat it - ugh!

Anyway Robert's not too crazy about deerison.

Oh about the turtle eggs. The old man that used to see the turtle eggs doesn't go down the beach anymore but according to his son who does go, he says that since they built roads down to the North shore and with all the traffic down there,

The turtles aren't coming up shore to lay their eggs anymore. It's a pity, huh? Too bad otherwise you folks would be able to stay here and get paid too!

How are you getting on with your studies Lin? I hope you're doing all right. Don't give up, tho'. And how's your little shrimps doing George? We still can't get over that excursion to Coconut Island - and the ride around the whole island. Thanks so much again. We'd never enjoyed anything ~~the~~ as much as that before.

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Sorry I had to leave you for awhile. Well the small boat harbor was finally completed last week. There's a huge catch basin back where the keewees were and you'd be surprised how much silt it has already collected. And you know the area where everyone parks their cars? Well they've dug a little trench on one side - I guess to collect the runoff from the slope. Robert said it's so narrow now and could be dangerous. You hardly have any room to maneuver your vehicle or whatever.

We have hippies now and then and they kinda spoil the place - we don't mind sharing the beach, but the workers that clean up the place on Mondays complain about their defecating all over the place. Once he was watering the coconut trees and they had ~~done~~ it right there and remember when ~~was~~ we had that hairy spell - well they had to sleep in the restrooms and instead of

using the toilet they did it right outside the building! Even animals buy their stock - I can't imagine what they are! Robert went down one evening for a ride and he saw a couple who were nude - I guess they figured no one was around - but the guy just passed by and said "Aloha" to him. Now that the Land Company ~~has~~ has their own warden they keep close track of campers - especially the hippie type and chase them off after the permit has elapsed.

→ Bobby's coming home on Friday and we made sure he's taking HAR - the people here still can't get over the shock of the plane crash that took the lives of the 8 people - the 2 Jap women especially. We know one of them real well, her son graduated with Bobby and she used to worry about him a lot since he was so headstrong. They used to live 3 houses away from us when we were living in our small house when Bobby was young. She was a very, very nice lady. Her head was covered from the rest of her body and one leg was missing.

Her husband is taking it so badly. I guess he had to make the identification which made it worse when he saw no head. He was saying he had no will to live anymore but I told him that his son (also named Robert) needs him more than ever now. How pitiful - when I see the ones that are left behind and grieving I think if ~~it~~ anything as tragic as that should happen to us I would rather our whole family be taken - maybe except for the grown ones when

they're on their own already. It's so sad.

We've been going fishing quite often again and made pretty good the past week. The akule is biting again now. Next dark night we'll dry some and send some to you through the P.O.

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Still can't stop talking so I can mail this letter. Good thing tho because Robert just heard yesterday that someone saw a turtle up on the North Shore beach (about 4 years ago tho) - ~~if~~ he didn't see any eggs tho. Must've come up to lay eggs. Don't you think?

Well I think I'd better close now - are your Mom + Dad still here? Wish we could've seen them again - tell them we said hello.

Till we hear from you again.

Your friends,

Robert & Dorothy