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Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm taking some time out to write since I haven't written for awhile. I have been bogged down with school work and have two horrible tests coming up this Wednesday, one in Psychology and one in Chemistry. I should be studying for the Chemistry one right now because I haven't been understanding it as well as I should and am afraid of what the results might be on the test. Anyway I'll tell you how I have been doing in my classes. I got an A on my first Sociology test and my teacher told me that my paper had the highest grade of both of the classes. I was shocked to hear that. I thought everyone must be pretty dumb if that is the case. I read that book about football that I was looking for in Berkeley ~~for it~~ and will have to write a paper on it for next week. In my Psychology class so far I got an A on the first quiz and a B+ on the first test. I have turned all my papers in for the class. I think I did really ok on them so I'm hoping for an A in there. I have to start on a big term paper in there comparing Freud's Psycho-sexual stages with Erick Erickson's 8 stages of man. In English so far I have gotten an A- and 2 B+'s on my essays. I always speak up in class so I hope I do better than a B+. I'll tell you later about my English teacher. In Chemistry I have a C on a quiz and a C on the test along with a B on another quiz and A's on all my labs. I have to do well on this next test so I can bring my grade up. They don't want an idiot in Chemistry in nursing school. In my math class

I am not sure how I did. It was just an 8-week class and it's over now. My grades on the tests were D, A, A, C and on this last final it was hopefully an A. The teacher said he would knock off the worst grade, so if I get an A on this last test I had, I'll probably get an A in the class. In my P.E. class I will probably get an A since I always do well in it and I got all the answers right on the first test. So much for that. Now listen to this. I talk to my English teacher, Mrs. Colello sometimes in her office and this last time I found out some really coincidental stuff. We were talking about religion and she told me she had been married to a Methodist minister for 24 years until she got divorced in 1967. I told her about you guys and it turns out that she knows you. She said to ask if you remembered Edythe Whitehead. She said she was married to this dude named Lewis Whitehead. She didn't remember daddy but she kept on saying "Your mother was Barbara Moore, oh I remember her because I thought she was a beautiful lady." She said that she got tired of being married to Lewis because he would never speak out against anything because he was afraid he'd split the church and that she was tired of being a minister's wife. She said that she felt that she always had to play a role and didn't enjoy ministers wives parties because it was like everyone was playing the role of the wife and weren't really themselves. She said she also got tired of building her husband ~~up~~ up to her children when he did something wrong, and always blaming herself for it. Anyway, now she's married again, to a Quaker

man and she's my English teacher. She's really interested in social problems and ecology. She rides her bike to school every day. I was sure shocked to find that out. Now that I have an "in" with her maybe I'll get an A in that class. I surely hope so. It was sure a surprise to find that she was an ex-Methodist ministers wife. She also said she couldn't stand Bishop Tippett and his "mausion" and that she didn't like all of that "Phoney baloney." So much for that.

Mom, here's a good book you should read. It's called Diet For a Small Planet by Frances Moore Lappe'. It's about becoming vegetarian and has really good things in it to fix. It may not sound good but it is really interestingly written and has a lot of information in it about the poisons we eat. It would be good for you to read since meat is becoming more and more unhealthy and expensive besides. Now that the meat boycott is on our dorms we not buying meat. We usually just have chicken or fish but we aren't going to get chicken any more for awhile, if not at all. Soy is the best protein source of all.

Thank you for depositing that money in the bank for me. I really needed it. I was down to my last dollar. Sometimes when I can't cash my checks here I'm lucky because the church cashes checks for people. They can work kind of like a small bank if you need cash on the spot.

Well, what do you think of all that Wounded Knee stuff? I was shocked to see that they arrested people for supplying food to the protestors. They could have arrested both of you and me also when we brought food to the Indians and Chicanos at D.A.U. when they took over there. Also, what do you think of that new bill that says you can arrest anyone

for no reason and hold them as long as you want without telling them why. I can't believe the terrible state our country is in. They photograph all checks that are written and you can't take more than \$5,000 over the state line without telling the reasons why. The dollar is continually being devalued, Nixon says how irresponsible the Congress is and I agree except that our motives are probably different. Our freedom of the press is practically gone. What next? I hope I don't worry you too much, although I would begin to be worried if I was you. I am upset about the way our country is and I see no reason not to be. Maybe you would be more worried if all your children were black. Billy Graham said how he thinks South Africa is so great. At any rate I am willing to fight against oppression if it's the last thing I do. I want to work hard in school and become a good nurse or maybe even a doctor. You think I don't do anything pleasurable. Well, this is my pleasure. It is my pleasure to do what I know is right and that is to give my whole self and resources for making a better world. I never found pleasure in going to parties or movies, or doing so-called "fun things" because in my mind I knew how unfair it was that not everyone in the world could do this and while I was supposedly having a good time there were thousands who were suffering, two out of three babies going to bed hungry every night. Why does it upset you that I would want to sell my records and record player so I could give the money so that ~~so~~ someone somewhere would have food for a few days or a pair of shoes whereas they wouldn't normally. Why does it upset you that I protested in the

summer when we spent such exorbitant fees on our stomachs. \$7.50 on one stomach is outrageous, simply outrageous. \$2.00 to spend on one stomach for one meal is outrageous enough as it is. I just don't understand why my doing these things disturbs you so. All I am trying to do is live what Jesus was talking about. Even though the rich man had love and compassion for others Jesus told him then, to sell all that he had and give the money to the poor for in doing this he would then see his reward. So I don't understand why you are bothered by me trying to live this way. It feels great not to have so many possessions tying you down, making useless things to worry about. I never felt better. I'm just trying to follow my conscience. So I hope you understand. I love you both very deeply but I am also concerned with how apathetic America is. I know that you two aren't apathetic at all but the reason I talk about America the way I do is because it can't be shoved under the rug. The state of America is something to be excited about not something that we should just say "let's not talk about it, alright?" So I'm doing my best here and believe that what I reap I will sow. That's not the main reason if any reason why I am working hard. I just think that I will have other times to "enjoy life" but that right now is the time to work hard and try to patch it up.

Well, I really must study now. I'm still not sure of the Easter plans. I don't think I'll be able to come for the whole week but maybe I can spend a night or two. I'll have to see.

Well, bye for now.

Love,
Annie