

Dec. 27, 1977

Ranch:

Well hello again from sunny Paradise! We are enjoying a warm evening here in our new home. We just planted an acre of edoes + 300 pineapples today just 6 of us, pretty good! Dad inspired us to plant + produce fast so everyone can get here sooner. We race with other crews to produce more. We planted about 6 acres of rice a couple of weeks ago. We have done the "water brigade" line for the garden 4 times. It is quite a cooperative effort about 50 of us all field crews do it. We hear the news read by Dad over the P.A. system also S. - teachings and agricultural reports. We heard a tape of Mother singing + Diane's new song, really beautiful. We hear they'll be here soon, we'll be glad to see them. Heard you did the grapes + Bob came up to help, must have been a push!

That investigation must have been ~~bad~~ I bet you were nervous about it. Glad to hear everything was ok. I heard there was another offer on the ranch, hope it produces something.

That cracked me up about Bob B.
we finally got something out of him!
I bet you just loved it what a bar-
gain! But he'll never go shopping
with you again!

Daren said he added a note to
Mauri's letter for you. I told him to
write a diary day by day & he said
he would. He doesn't seem to have lost
much weight & is tan & healthy. He of
course does very well in school & is
working in the warehouse with Bev
he really likes it there. Mauri was
praised by Dad for her suggestion to
plant food around the dorms & other
areas in close & it was implemented
immediately. Now there are banana trees
& pineapples etc everywhere! She seems
happy & helps Christine who takes care
of anything that comes along, she sure
found her spot. Chris is very happy
with her job & will be over all rabbits
& small animals. Jeff was praised for
his diligent, thorough hard work on the
banana crew this week. Teresa K &
Danny K, were very impressed by him
said he did better than most of the
adults. Joe W. said he could have

the loft in their cottage because he's
so good, he's very happy about that.
He says he has a girlfriend but won't
tell me who, he's growing up Claire!
Danny B. is busily being himself looks
healthy + happy. Darius is doing very
well in school they had "open house"
+ he got 45 out of 100 math problems right
can read pretty well + got high marks on
spelling he is eager + attentive thank
Dad! School here is so much better!
The equipment they have is really great!
Tom wants me to do a pull out
program with special children but
right now they need me in the
fields to produce, so I don't know
when. Nancy S. is on the banana
crew + seems really at home with
it. She goes around with her sloth
attached to her. It hangs from the
ceiling upside down to sleep, weird.
The anteater follows Bev around like
a baby + "cries" when she won't hold
it. Just saw Pat H. She says Danny
B. is her "model" student does his
work well + diligently.

Listen we need writing tablets

for letter writing for everyone, I don't
have any myself so I have to get it
from letter writing so send some
please. Also the glue sticks are
really needed for letters send them
to Rita for letter writing department.
Send them as often as you can. Heavy
rubber bands are handy here & shoe
laces or boot laces if there's a sale.

Well I'll have to close now and
get this off to you folks. Preston
is very responsible & a hard worker
you should get a letter at the same
time as this letting you know
about Bippy. Oh Patty C. has lost a lot
of weight, so there's hope! Don't worry
about weight lots of people are slimmer
it's easy to do so have a good time
eating while you're there! Everything's
great here everyone says hello we
think of you all often. Darius & Jeff
say hi, Jeff said he wrote you a letter
Claire, I thought that was nice!

See ya

Marlene