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Dear Mom & Dad,

I'm okay up here. I can talk with Dave (roommate). We've talked at times late into the night or such times. That's all well and good. But I usually am studying or need to study when we get started talking. So I get to talk when I want to. But I've found one has to learn how to end a conversation too (of course) - (up till now most people have done that for me). I've been dependent. Now there are things things to learn about independency.

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There are times too when I want to be alone.

The job helps. I can be with people. And have a good time. It might be work but to me it is more or less a pleasurable experience Well most of the time.

The physical work of it doesn't bother me much at all. And I am taking, in a way, an active part in life And living or acting with others. It is or seems, I guess, freer than a classroom experience or something. It's life. A Classroom is stagnation. That must be my feeling. I wouldn't know if it was a truth. I could probably prove it as a truth if I tried hard enough. Well for one it is restricting. A Classroom is

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a life experience, but it is a stagnation experience. Life is an experience in living. Oh well.

Thanksgiving vacation is supposed to start the 24th of November, right? (At 8:00pm) My last class on this day (Tuesday) happens to be over at this time.

I forget. Did you all say that you had something to go to Tuesday evening or Wednesday evening (or whenever)? Like if it was at all possible you could come up and be here by 7:30 or 8:00 on Tuesday (our english class meets in two sessions an early - 6:15 to 7:15 - and a late - 7:15 to 8:15 - session; so I could go to the early one).

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Dad, I know you said you could come the 25th. And I don't see why you can't. Anytime that you would be able to come that day I would be here ready to go (of course).

But I remember telling you all about my Wednesday classes (of the 25th) when you were here. Saying that I got out at 2:00pm. I do. But I remember or at least I remember thinking, that you all said or thought that I would be getting out at 8:00pm (which would be 2:00pm for me) on Wednesday. But I have found that it is Tuesday the 24th that I get out at 8:00pm. Is that the information you have too? If it is and always was then I must have misunderstood you in saying

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that I wouldn't be getting out until the 25th (Wednesday).

If Frank (the guy that works on maintenance and lives in Md.) is going home at a convenient time for

me I could probably get a ride with him. I will be looking into the bus situation too, probably tomorrow. (I need to go downtown to get some things like soap).

Please come if you can on the 24th because (I and no one) has any classes the 25th. If that thing you have to go to isn't the 24th then I hope you will come then.

Well I guess I've used up enough space for now. Whether I've said anything or not, I don't know. But I will have time to say many of the things on my mind some other time I hope. Love, Mike