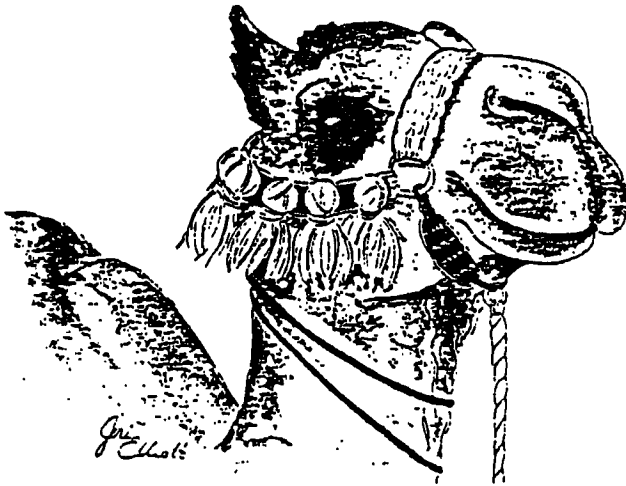


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AL HASA-SAUDI ARABIA



DEAR CARDINAL LAW,

I HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU IN
GOOD HEALTH. FROM THE MAIL I RECEIVE,
I AM AWARE THAT THERE ARE SERIOUS
PROBLEMS IN BOSTON; NOT THE LEAST OF
WHICH IS THE ECONOMY & JOBS.

I AM WELL PHYSICALLY, PROBABLY
AND SPIRITUALLY, ^{AND} THOUGH UNDERSTANDABLY
ANXIOUS AS TO WHAT AWAITS US
OVER HERE. I ENCLOSED A LETTER:

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I RECEIVED FROM MAJ. GEN. JOHNSON,
JUST TO LET YOU KNOW I'M "DOING MY
JOB".

ALSO, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT UPON
COMPLETION OF MY "TOUR OF DUTY", I
PLAN TO RETURN TO SERVE AS A PRIEST
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES. I AM DESIRING
TO GET OUT OF THE ARMY IN SEPT. OF
1951. NEVERTHELESS, ^{TO SERVE} THE ARMY WANTS ME TO
REMAIN ON ACTIVE DUTY; BUT I HAVE
MADE UP MY MIND TO RETURN HOME

I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM
YOU REGARDING THIS MATTER; AS YOUR
EARLIEST CONSIDERANCE. AGAIN, THANK YOU
AND THE PEOPLE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE
OF LOS ANGELES FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR
ONE OF OUR PRIESTS, FR. TOM FERRY