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Dear Dad,

Apologies for not having written for a while now - but there hasn't been much news to write of and my spare time whilst working as a salesman in a electrical store 48hrs a week for the past 2 mths has been more limited than usual. Last week however I finished up working there having benefited financially from a Christmas bonus, commissions, good wages and overtime and materially with the addition of a stereo system bought at cost.

Received your letter dated 8.1.80 today, your aerogramme yesterday and was glad you received and seem to have appreciated my Christmas wishes. And of course less recently 'by the hand of Stephen' your letter which staggered us all not with its contents ~~by~~ but with the

errorless display of typing! As for the contents I found it most informative and direct.

In FEB. I will be commencing the R.E. course. at Whilst working at the electrical store I had an interesting and informative chat with a customer who was one of the teachers. I now, myself, believe in the worth of this course for the knowledge ^{to be} gained (e.g. financing, some accounting and business ~~com~~ communication and law.) which should be widely applicable. As for a job in the R.E. business I will very soon begin to draft letters to major employers - all I have doing 'till now has been keeping a close eye on advertised positions. And those jobs (the 2 or 3 as a trainee property manager I have applied for) I could not answer confidently when asked "Why R.E. Why is it for you?"

Part of the problem is that at the moment I don't see it ~~start~~ as a career but I see the course, the job, ~~the course~~, the interaction with people and the dreaded routine a necessary grounding and discipline before I travel in 1983. ^{For inspiration} ~~But~~ who knows what will happen and how my feelings and thoughts will change in that time. I still, however, have days of going off the rails. Yesterday I saw advertisement for tenders for a the parcel delivery contract in the Rose Bay - Vaucluse area and immediately raced in to the G.P.O for details and tender forms. But today I have decided that the whole exercise could be disruptive.

After 24.2 will come the time when I will ~~start~~ would like to move away from NO. 28 to begin living more independently. I think this move can only benefit myself and certainly improve

the slightly strained relationship ^{at times} between
my mother and myself.

As far as 21st B/D presents go, please
don't feel as though you have to compensate
for not being around. I would appreciate
a KY10 designed (pants I suppose) as
I don't find the colours ~~too~~ 'gaudy' and
would ~~appreciate~~ enjoy something less
conservative and more colourful in my
wardrobe.

That's all for now. Best wishes
and good health to all. Hope by
now Vallis is has properly recovered
Hope to hear from you soon

MUCH LOVE
X
Andrew