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Dear Mom, Dad + all -

Thanks for the letters I received from you this week including two from you, Jeanne, and yours, Mig. You certainly write a beautiful script.

You asked what I wanted for Christmas. I'm not one to ignore a question like that so here's what I want: Some large, ripe olives in cans. So, in your grocery store rambler, try to spot some. I'll settle for green ones but I prefer the ripe, purple ones. I realize I'm getting this order in late but it doesn't matter if they get here after Christmas. I can always use them for my birthday on January 20th (last we forget) I'm not suffering from lack of anything vital in the material sense so don't go to any trouble on my behalf. It may seem sort of silly for me to ask for olives while I'm in Italy where the olives are as thick as pebbles but the olives here are small and pickled with plenty of garlic and as a result I

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don't care much for them.

You stated in your last letter, "now, that one doesn't get anything for nothing." Since 1942 I have doubted that somewhat due to the fact that I didn't have to pay for ~~my~~ marriage license. After such a long period of being away from my wife I why get another marriage license when I get back. My hopes for getting back soon have all faded and at the present time my morale is at a new low because of that fact. What a war! But I haven't given up all hope. One of my good friends, who came over with me and who was in the same headquarters with me for a while, blew his brains out a few days ago. He left a wife and two children in the States. Chalk up another one for Hitler.

And a happy Birthday to you Janice - as happy as possible with Alaa away.

Love, Bob

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