March 21, Monday

Dear Mom,

Well I have been in Pakistan about 79 days now & it seems like months. I have finished two full weeks of language study but it was interrupted very much by the arrival of all my goods from Karachi last Tues. 15th after 13 days waiting.

You will be glad to know that everything came through in good shape. I only had one bad thing & that was a bottle of hand lotion broke inside a tallboy in a footlocker. I noticed that all liquids & jars etc were prone to loosen & come off in travel. I know more about packing now!

I'm not sorry I came as everything I brought with me. There is very little goods in the market here & it is not impossible to buy many good things from England & more from the U.S. A small bar of Palmolive soap costs 40¢. A small jar (20 oz) of English Nescafe (coffee) costs from Rs 1.20 to Rs 1.80. I am very glad for your two alum. dishpans & the small heavy wash basin. Also I had some good water bottles & small tubs etc.

I noticed all the people here are getting packages from home regularly & getting items unobtainable here such as coffee etc. W. Pakistan is much worse than India about importing foreign goods. They have very severe inflation here & import hardly anything. I really appreciate the small hand washer I got at the Mission office. U.S. (7.7) I can get my clothes very clean & I don't have to send them out.

I am still fine and hope you folks there are. I have my bicycle now & it's quite a bit of riding around Multan. I might add here that these English style bicycles are very

uncomfatable & it takes a lot of time to pedal very far.

This language is rough to learn. I find it hard to roll my rs like the scotchmen. The alphabet has 38 figures plus some other things thrown in that I haven't figured out yet what they are. Here are a few of the symbols. ا (aliph) = a; ب (bay) = b; پ (pay) = p; ت (tay) = soft t; ط (tay) = hard t; ج (jeem) = j; چ (chay) = ch; ح (hay) = h; خ = (khay) = guttural kh; The one I really like are figures like these س (seen) = s; ش (sheen) sh; ص (suad) = s; ض (zuad) = z ع (ain) a; غ (ghain) g (guttered). There are 4 zs in the alphabet & I don't know why.

Please send my Mail check. I received & cashed the last two. I still don't know about my support until I get my receipts late next month. Love Clyde.