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#68 11-27-44 Afternoon

Dear Douglas - Your #138 dated 11-21-44 just received and while I imagine you may be on your way again before you receive this, perhaps there is a chance that you are still in Port. Glad you received your pen--Dad has also sent the one for Ned Lee, so you will have that to re-mail (another officer transferred from your ship!) What a pleasure it must have been to visit your two Brown classmates, particularly when one of them knew John Allen so well. Both John Brown--USS Wilkes & Billy Metcalf--Sub Chaser #1068, have left Hawaii, so you won't run into them but I'm quite sure Don Kern is at one of the ship yards. Hope you can see Louis [indecipherable]. Dad's duties do not begin until after inauguration sometime after January 1st. How good the fresh food & milk must taste to you! Hope you fill up on it, enough to last for the next stretch. Wish the Christmas package contained much more than it does! But will make it up to you at some future Christmas! Keep your correspondence going with your various friends for it will mean much to you. That one page V-Mail letter to Trudy was really a clever joke! Too late, warning me about the magazine subscriptions for this morning Dad mailed one for you to Reader's Digest! I think perhaps you'll enjoy having your own copy & then you can pass them along when you are thru. I'll not clip anymore cartoons for you from the SEP! Keep up the good health score! Bill is still home on his ten day leave. We are all well.

Love Mother. [Transcription ended]