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Dear Marion + Art:

This is just a short note to tell you that Thorgel got his orders yesterday afternoon - and, to all improbable places, Desert Rock, Nevada!! I immediately dashed for the atlas, and it isn't even shown, altho' places with pop. of as low as 5 + 10 are given. It is an Engr. Const. outfit that'll be with, so I'm wondering if it is building some brand new project, or if it is some hush-hush deal, not shown on maps, like Oak Ridge was. Thorgel has 20 days furlough, + it is effective Mon., so will be leaving for home then, or Sun., if he doesn't have to report in Mon. morning.

Thorgel wants to drive around by Desert Rock on our way home, even tho' it's some out of the way, to see what we're getting into. Just in case there's no housing, or for any reason, that it wouldn't be practical for Kathy + me to go there with him right away.

Today Thorgel will see the Transp. Officer + find out a little more about where Desert Rock is, + the best way to get there. There aren't very many good highways thro' Nevada nor are there many towns of any size. Well' be probably stuck in some desert outpost - but at least I'm glad we'll be on our way soon. This motel life, plus constant rain, is very wearing. We said last nite we've been in Wash. for 7 weeks, and I know we haven't had 7 days without rain.

I'll write again before we leave, and we should see you in a week.

Love,

Ruth, Thorgel + Kathy