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1501 TAFT AVENUE,  
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Jon J

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Dear Mr and Mrs Priene and Family

Many thanks for the box of delicious candy and my favorite mixed nuts. All of the Brothers enjoyed them. It seems that one of the Brothers had received a box of nuts from the states and unfortunately they were not vacuum packed as yours were, so they were quite stale but yours were real fresh.

Just enjoyed an excellent

vacation at our summer place  
in Baguio. Baguio is about  
200 miles north of Manila and  
is high in the mountains. The  
weather was cool so we really  
appreciated it. In Manila it  
is always quite hot and very  
humid. In Manila you never use  
a blanket but in Baguio I used  
three. Gee! it is a really very  
pretty place much like the mountains  
and valleys in Yosemite National  
Park. The wild flowers are  
very numerous and very  
colorful. The natives are  
called Igorots and they  
are very primitive and  
simple. They remind me  
somewhat of the American  
Indians. The children are  
very shy but extremely



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