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From:

LT SUMNER T BERNSTEIN

HQ ISLAND COMMAND USAF

ORDNANCE SECTION APO 708

SAN FRAN CAL

To: MAJOR LOUIS BERNSTEIN

1924 1/2 BROWN STREET

DAYTON, OHIO

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See Instruction No. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

July 7, 1945

Dear Uncle Lou -

Thanks for your note of the 26th. Mother had given me a full report of your week in Portland - you know that the thoughts and prayers of us who could not be with you in body were with you in spirit.

I am glad that my idea for the cottages was in line with your thinking. Just one point should be clarified: wherever you said "I" I would substitute "we" because we aren't going to let you have all the fun or carry all the burden of fulfilling our post-war Menikoe plans.

Things are fairly quiet here - I have been spending most of my time strawbossing at the Ordnance depot but the job there is pretty well licked and I guess it will be back to the desk for the final touches in a little while. The rumors are flying thick and fast as to when this place will close and where the personnel will go - there is no sense in putting any stock in them or in trying to figure out where I will go from here. I have been pretty lucky in my stay here on Santo ( we can now say that we are on Santo - at this stage of the game, we have finally been allowed to disclose the island we are on, although - this takes the cake - we can't say what part of Santo we are on!!) I have had a lot of ups and downs but looking back these past 13 months have been damn good overseas duty. After this spell of staff work, though, I think I would prefer company duty; then again it all depends on the company. Oh well, we shall see, only time will tell.

OK for tonight, Uncle Lou - good luck and keep smiling - Love,

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**Instruction**  
**No. 5**

## V...-MAIL

**To:**

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1924½ BROWN STREET  
DAYTON, OHIO

*LT Bernstein*

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