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Jack

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Gormanby (21), Missouri
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Dear Brother Jack,

Alice and I appreciated very much your note of welcome to our little girl. She has not said so yet, but we think that she appreciates it also.

Susan is both healthy and happy, for which we are truly thankful. I know I am prejudiced, but I think that she is just about the prettiest and cutest baby in the world. We are anxious to take her to Tallahassee in the not-too-distant future, so you folks down there can meet her.

We are anxious to have Susan christened, as soon as possible. I talked with the Protestant Chaplain at the station about the possibility of having the ceremony performed out there. We will be very happy to do this. In discussing the plans with him, however, I find that he plans to use the Episcopalian service which differs from ours in only a few points. I wanted to ask you about

one of these differences, in particular, before going ahead. That concerns the use of god-parents. As I recall the christening ceremonies in our church, there have been no god-parents. Am I correct in this? The persons we would like for Susan's god-parents, if she does have some, would not be able to be here for the ceremony and the vows would therefore have to be taken by proxy. The Chaplain suggested that, if we desired to have a Methodist ceremony, we ask a local minister to perform it for us in the station chapel or in his church. Will you advise us in this matter?

The monthly bulletins from Trinity are a source of a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction for me. It is good to know where the fellows from the old home town are located, what they are doing, etc. Will you convey my sincere thanks to Mr. Partridge and his helpers who make this service possible? I expect to be going to the fleet soon, and I am going to be sure my forwarding address is sent to the bulletin's circulation department.

Give our regards to your family.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Byrd Van Dorn

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