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VAPOR "Pátria "

Dearest Mother,

We are now approaching Luanda, where we shall stop tomorrow morning at eight o'clock, so we understand. We plan to go ashore to visit with some of the missionaries there during the day, and are hoping that we will see something of one of the chief cities of Angola. In the latter part of the afternoon we expect to be aboard ship once more and on our way to Lobito, our port of destination. We should arrive there about Friday noon.

We plan to send you word as soon as we reach Lobito, but this will give you advance news of what we shall be up to in a few hours from now. Just how long we shall be in the city of Lobito we cannot say because we do not know all of the schedules, what time the train goes inland, it goes only two days per week, when we can see our goods in the customs house and have them arranged for shipment. There are a few things uncertain about travel. However, we expect to be in the central station of Dondi about the end of next week and at the mission in Chissamba about two weeks from now.

We have had a pleasant voyage so far. Smooth sailing except for about two days of swells along the African Coast, the Guineas. Everything running smoothly now. I cannot see to tell whether we are still running through yellowish colored water, a mixture of the Atlantic and the Congo River, or not, but we were this afternoon late. We could not see land, but the water was certainly muddied up. We have now passed the Equator, but the weather has been no more unpleasantly warm than when we left Lisbon. As a matter of fact, last night and the night before, when we were