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Dear Teacher in 2056,

We just had a presidential election & Jimmy Carter (Dem.) beat Jerry Ford (Incumbent Pres.) Only history will show how good a president Carter will be. Conservatives are afraid he will bankrupt the country. But then we felt the same way when Lyndon Johnson beat Senator Goldwater (Arizona) in 1964. Of course we survived those years.

It's 1:55 P.M. on a somewhat sunny day. There is an old barn across the road from my window. Being a former farm boy, I love old barns.

There are about 25 children in my class & we trade subjects - a-la-departmentalization. I'm 39 and have a beard & mustache. Also, I sport a cowboy hat we got this summer in Pinedale, Wyoming at the "Cowboy Shop" It cost \$18.50. By the time

you read this cowboy hats will cost \$50, maybe. My 15 year old son bought a "Cheap" cowboy hat in Yellowstone National Park this summer for \$7.50.

Last spring there was we took a field trip to Purdue North Central Campus on U.S. 421 to see the Bicentennial Wagon Train, part of a program called "Eastward Ho The Wagons." This contingent started in Blaine, Washington and headed for Valley Forge, Pennsylvania for the July 4, 1976 Bicentennial Encampment.

This has been a fun year! There are many things I could tell you but I'll cut this short as it's almost time to trade Language classes. ~~the~~ The children are also writing letters to go in the space capsule.

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