

July 6, 1965.

Dear Tom,

Father John will come with us on the 14<sup>th</sup>. He's been a very good friend to both Sally and me - glad you suggested his coming. We plan to arrive about 1:30 at the <sup>main</sup> gate.

Father Felix Mc Dowan, the Maryknoll priest who went to Cuba two years ago, phoned us on Friday afternoon to say that he was coming through Louisville over the week-end and had been urged by Father Dan Berrigan to see you. As you probably know, Father Mc Dowan requested & received laicization this spring after returning from Tanganyika. He is now on his way to Mexico, perhaps for an FOR project in Latin America. I phoned the Abbey person-to-person for Brother Patrick to ask about the possibility of your seeing Fr Mc Dowan on Sunday, but talked to Father James who said it was impossible. Fr Mc Dowan spent a day and a night with us and is on the road again now. He's a strong man with no bitterness but has been knocked about a great deal, and I'm sorry that it wasn't possible for him to get down.

Johnson's speech was a dud. Apparently he was considering some big move, then changed speeches, as UN delegates had also been alerted to expect something. I don't know what finally happened with regard to the Saigon group & the papal audience.

Looking forward to the 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll bring some small items - cokes etc.

Pax Christi;

Jim

Shehan's reply disappointing. I'm going to try our local bishop & a few others.