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*Good Evening Everybody:*

*One question in the world of aviation tonight - concerns the effect of the A-Eleven on commercial flying. The effect will be considerable judging from what President Johnson told us on Saturday. The A-Eleven, with a speed of two thousand miles an hour - three times the speed of sound. To fly at an altitude above seventy thousand feet. These remarkable figures, made possible by a breakthrough - in the production of titanium. The metal that can stand the friction - caused by supersonic velocity. The heat that reaches - three hundred degrees centigrade.*

*The A-Eleven - is a jet fighter. But the new aircraft engineering it represents - will be used for commercial airliners, and the result? You can see*

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*what might happen. The United States, first in the field with titanium jetliners - beating the competition over the airplanes of the world. Maybe.*

## POLARIS

*The Polaris A-Two was launched today from the nuclear submarine Woodrow Wilson - cruising under water near the Florida coast. The A-Two, first Polaris missile fired by the Woodrow Wilson - as it surfaced forced a column of steam through the water. There seemed to pause for a moment - and then took off for its target in the Atlantic fifteen hundred miles away.*

*The Woodrow Wilson - fifteenth of the Polaris submarines launched by the Navy. They will number forty-one eventually - according to Navy plans.*

*The A-Two can hit an enemy target - seventeen hundred and twenty-five miles away. And a newer model the A-Three - to fly two thousand eight hundred and eighty miles - is coming up.*

*According to the Secretary of the Navy, submarines are - practically invulnerable, therefore their deterrent value is enormous - apart from anything else. Because the essential element for deterring*

*would-be warmakers is the knowledge that retaliation -  
"will be devastating and inevitable."*

## CRASH

*If the plane the plane that crashed on the way to Lake Tahoe, California had only been twenty-five or so feet higher - it would have been safe. So says the pilot of the Air Force helicopter - that found the plane today.*

*Loaded with weekend holiday-makers - skiers and gamblers - it was forced by a sudden squall to change its direction. Because the Tahoe Valley Airport - is not equipped for instrument landings. It was trying to head over the mountains - to land in Nevada. But - never made it. They found it half buried in the snow from that fatal storm - on a ridge of the high Sierra. A ridge - eight thousand seven hundred feet high. All eighty-five on board - lost.*

*Eighty-five lives to add to the sad toll of fifty-eight lost in Lake Pontchartrain and eighty-three in Innsbruck, Austria - all air crashes.*

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*The Innsbruck bound plane also full of skiers -  
crashing the same day as the one in California. Both  
planes were headed for - Winter Olympic slopes. The  
nineteen sixty Olympics were at Squaw Valley -- a few  
miles from Tahoe. The recent nineteen-sixty-four  
Olympics at Innsbruck, as you know.*

VIET NAM

The French Embassy in Saigon has issued an indignant denial of those charges - that France is plotting to assassinate Major General Nguyen Khanh. In fact says the Embassy - they are absolute rubbish.

The charges were made by - General Khanh himself - Viet Nam's new boss also adding that French agents are working with the Reds - to neutralize South Vietnam and terrorize Americans. Not so - say the French.

Meanwhile two South Vietnamese government victories are reported - against the Viet Cong. With a total of - seventy-seven guerillas killed. ]

## SUPREME COURT

*The Supreme Court had no comment to make today -- as it backed a lower court ruling which outlaws segregation in hospitals built with Federal aid.*

*The nation's highest tribunal -- refusing point blank to review a decision against two hospitals at Greensboro, North Carolina in this matter.*

*The court's action may well have -- far-reaching consequences. Other states that have used Federal grants for hospital-building -- and are segregated -- will presumably be affected.*

*The Justices also decided that Texas Congressional Districts -- must be redrawn. But gave the lone Star State a chance to delay action -- until after the elections.*



MRS. WAGNER

*Mrs. Susan Wagner, wife of Mayor Wagner and First Lady of New York City, died peacefully today - after a year-long struggle with cancer.*

*Mrs. Wagner whose beauty, charm and dignity had graced so many civic functions - and won her so many friends since the Mayor took office in 1954 - died at Gracie Mansion. Mayor Wagner and their two sons, Robert Third and Duncan - were with her.*

*All the city's flags are flying half-mast today, in honor of New York City's first lady.*

## CONGO

*Paratroop Commandoes of the Congolese Army were ambushed today -- by those same Red terrorists who attacked the Catholic Mission over the weekend. So say reports -- from Leopoldville.*

*The rebels led by a chief trained in Peking - first took a dose of drugs. And then attacked with bows and arrows, lances, spears -- and battleaxes. A howling mob -- catapulting savagely out of the jungle. Using the age-old weapons -- of primitive man. Threatening to overwhelm the Congolese troops -- until the machineguns opened up. Then the assailants were forced back -- into the Congo bush.*

*The primitive and the modern -- so typical Dick, of the Africa of our time.*

## CRIPPLE CREEK

Colorado's "Empire Magazine" landed on my desk today. Now Rufus Porter is the legendary "Hardrock Poet" - of Cripple Creek. And he has a story in the Empire about high-grading.

High-grading? Miners appropriating gold - that should have gone to the company. They would hide free gold and exceedingly rich ore in their shoes - and gold dust in their watches. At the Wild Horse Mine that I once knew so well, the method - was simple. There was so much mud - that the men of the pick and shovel wore boots, and they'd carefully avoid cleaning their boots. At home they'd wash off the mud - including a lot of gold. Also other methods - like hiding rich ore under a heap of slag, then returning to the mine dump at night - to pick up the ore.

How much gold dust and gold ore did the high-graders - get away with in this way? Oh, about forty

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*or fifty million dollars worth - according to my poet  
friend "Hardrock" from Cripple Creek.*