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to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, and that I do. We'll skip mention of Armistice (or Veteran's) Day.-- Henry B. Kane, Secretary, Room 1-272, M.I.T., Cambridge 39, Mass.

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On entering a new year, it is necessary to complete the reporting of the past year with reference to class attendance at Alumni Day activities. A number of the old standbys did not show up in 1961, but this was probably due in part to the fact that so many had been present for the Centennial Celebration a few weeks earlier. In attendance at one or all of the activities of the day were Dr. and Mrs. F. Leroy Foster, Mr. and Mrs. David Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hodson, Masaru Kametani, Edwin E. Kusssmaul, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Levine, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Trask.

Those of you who were not fortunate to attend this year missed the rare opportunity of spending some time with Masaru Kametani. "Kammy" was in this country on business representing Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Company, Ltd., of Tokyo, of which he is assistant to the general manager, Aircraft Engine Division. He was able to plan his visit, which was taking him to many places in the United States, so that he could be here for Alumni Day; and everyone in attendance found him to be a most delightful person. Those of you who remember him as a student know this well; those who met him for the first time now realize what they had missed during student days by not having been acquainted with him.

Recent letters from "Fran" Cunniff indicate that he is now located at 2531 S. W. Hillcrest Drive, Portland 1, Ore. "Fran" is rear admiral, U.S.N., retired, presently serving in the capacity of resident engineer for Frederic R. Harris, Inc., Consulting Engineers, New York City, on the construction of a 27,000-ton capacity steel floating drydock being built for The Port of Portland Commission of the state of Oregon. "Fran" finds this job presents quite a challenge. . . . A clipping from the Herald News, Passaic, N.J., notes that Wilder E. Perkins recently completed 35 years service with the Manhattan Rubber Division, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. He was honored by plant officials and associates and received a 35-year Manhattan Pioneer pin with two diamonds. His present position with the company is that of factory manager. . . . Two classmates called on your secretary during the latter part of July; but unfortunately being on vacation, I missed seeing Fred Cunningham and Bob Read.

I am sorry to have to report two deaths during the summer. Arthur F. Morash passed away in Belmont, Mass., on July 12, 1960. . . . Kenneth W. Robie, one of our more active classmates in connection with reunions, died suddenly at New London, N.H. on August 18, 1961, while on a short vacation. Ken, of course, was superintendent of the Highway and Water Department of the Town of Brookline, Mass. The esteem in which he was held by the town officials in Brookline was very well expressed by the executive secretary of the Board of Selectmen. This statement follows: "In the untimely death of Kenneth W. Robie, the Town has lost a most valued and trusted public official. Mr. Robie was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1925 and entered the service of the Town as a Civil Engineer in 1935. His capabilities having been ably demonstrated, it was logical that he would be advanced to Assistant Superintendent of the Water Department in 1942, later succeeding to the position of Water Superintendent in 1952 upon the retirement of Mr. Bushway. He assumed in 1959 the additional duties of Superintendent of Streets, a position he has filled with honor and distinction. He gave so much to his work and wove the threads of

his personality so deeply in our affection that it is almost impossible to express the sense of loss which we all feel in his passing. Possessed of a keen analytical mind, a wholesome sense of humor and a rich background of experience, he was always an outstanding figure among town officials. He was firm when the interests of the Town were at stake yet compromising in his attitude when justice and the circumstances required. The exact and thorough public servant, he discharged the duties of his office in a manner so admirable as to reflect great credit upon himself and his municipality. His record shall stand as an inspiration to those who are chosen to follow in his path." Those of us who knew Ken certainly know that he was deserving of all of the fine things said about him. -F. L. Foster, Secretary, Room 5-105, M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass.

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Writing the notes on a plane seems to have become a habit. Having just taken off from O'Hare Field in Chicago in a 707 destined for Boston, the announced flying time is one hour and 40 minutes, and breakfast is to be served. There will be no time to waste. Bob Van Patten-Steiger, '36, is snoozing in the seat next to me and before dozing off expressed dismay that I should be working when there was such an excellent opportunity for relaxation. I have a sound reason for writing

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