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Dear Annie

Cham kid thengay than. Cham
Ruk tigrued. Sawadee ka mai.
Chai, Sai go yo - . Instead of spending my
New years here in Bangkok and accepting
three invitations I took a road trip
to Red Buri, a small non tourist provincial
town or village about 20 km from Bangkok.
I find myself in a strange situation. No
one speaks English (for 26 hours) I've picked
up a few words and was pretty hungry the
first day and survived on tropical fruits.
I finally met a University student whose
father is a lawyer and we biked all over
the place seeing many "kiet". I had dinner
with his family. A Road Thai dinner this
has been a really strange and wonderful
experience. There must be tell you about
them.

The above phrases I think of you much
darling. I love you. Happy New Years
and a toast phrase to your health.
Tomorrow morning early I leave for Bangkok
and the next day I leave for Indonesia.
Take care of yourself. (I love) darling.
John