Robert Davis: While on Shemya I did not feel close to my family. I wrote and received letters almost daily but as I recall it seemed like it wasn't the real world out there. After I arrived on the Alaskan mainland and visited Fairbanks and civilization my mood changed back to a more normal feeling. We had a mimeograph news sheet almost daily on Shemya, but national and international news was quite sketchy.

There was a small post library on Shemya attended to by a Red Cross lady, as I recall, and, of course, weekly church services. Weather permitting we would play a little baseball on the flight line or take a walk exploring the island. Other than that and reading there was little to do for recreation.