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Dear Rev. and Mrs. Miller,

How are you feeling, Mrs. Miller? We are thinking of you daily and wish for your recovery soon. Do you get to read at all? I am sending a little something for you and I hope that you will be able to enjoy it.

We are so sorry that we were out when you called, Rev. Miller and it almost brought us to tears. I'm so glad that we did get to see you awhile anyway. We didn't think that you would call as you were saying that you probably would not be able to see some of the people because you would not have time. Oh my!!! I shall stick right in the house next time if you should ever, ever come. Well, so much for spilled milk or is it sugar in to-day's time?

I am enclosing the \$1 that I owe you for the 2 hats that you so kindly brought out for me. We had a visitor who lives in camp, and she wanted one so badly that I passed on your kind deed and kept one myself. You see, your kind deeds have all ready multiplied. I've got a bad conscience though, for taking your good hat away the other time. It's no wonder, it has been reposing on my head so often. (Right on my conscience, as you might say.)

This morning Rev. Knudten spoke to the young people and Mrs. Knudten her son, and their daughter came also.

I suppose that you have noticed the article that ran in the 'TIMES' this morning. (SUNDAY). I am most sorry that the write up was so prominent in some ways. That is for Miss Seeds. In times like this there's so much to take into consideration and there are so many pros and cons. I do hope that there won't be any unfavorable reaction for her. Food has improved much since we first came. Of course, at times it has been hard for the babies and the children to digest the same food that was served to us but, just within the past week or so, the milk stations have been giving baby food for the children under 2, plus their orange juice and their milk formula.

The milk and the orange juice service was started soon after we came but the strained food began just very recently. Up until then I know that the mothers had to provide their own babies food. Janet fortunately is just at the age where I could serve her the food we eat and ate if she had to. At times it was too highly seasoned for a 2 year old but, we always felt that we were very fortunate that she could eat the same food. As Janet is now 25 months (they go by months I am told) she does not get orange juice from the milk station. (I am told the milk station is up to 2 years.) However, she and we get a fresh fruit usually in the morning so we feel under the circumstances we are fortunate to receive fruit. The children have always received ample quantities of milk for each meal. Lately, we are served vegetable too. I hear at first, naturally for such mass feeding there were some inadequacies. As long as we are well and especially the children are well then I will truly be grateful. I often times think that I am too young----you'll please pardon my vanity, but I think you'll agree---- to have the wisdom that is required of us in a situation such as the one that we are in. Naturally, I turn to God to give us wisdom such as only He can give to us. It keeps me more settled and I feel that I am apt to do less wrong thinking for right now I think that we must be very sane in all our judgment. So often, we are compared to the boys who give their lives their homes and careers and their loved ones up, ^{the comparison} ~~is~~ is all right, but you know there are babies and children too, among us. I know that the men would be compared to the other men and I think we are trying to do our share men and women and children alike. It's a big task for every one. It's not all grieving In fact I see a lot of trying to meet the situation as best we can. Right now times are such that we are naturally under observation I guess. In plain words it hits hard.....I just pray for guidance for us all, and I'll admit I need a big portion of it to help me do what is always right.

New canteens have been opened. They do not sell oranges any more but I am hoping that they will again as they used to. They sell candies and soft drinks and tobacco.

It was so nice of you to bring Jane in. I always think how nice you are Mrs. Miller to spare your husband even in your illness.

We're expecting the Binford's and I hear the Chamberlains tomorrow. It means so much to us. I never realize our confinement too much until we see our friends at the fence. Then I feel 'it'.

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Please excuse my typing. I took years and years ago in school and haven't typed since so I am plenty 'seedy'. No doubt, I needn't tell you.

Well, to night is Sunday night and there is a men's glbe club which will appear so if Janet wakes up we will try to go. They are teaching voice here so I thought if Lester could go it would be fine---- he might emerge a Caruso after the duration!!!! By the way , Alice Ono is taking harmony. I wish that Janet were a little older and I would take voice, too. There's also a knitting class now and sewing and also bridge. The other night Father Lavery brought out a picture. It was Deanne Durbin in ' Spring Parade'. We went but the place was just jammed so we came home after a few rounds. Those who went early probably enjoyed it very much.

It was good to see you the other night and I hope that we will be seeing you before we leave. Until then, all good wishes for you all----- one and each.

Thanks loads again for everything and ~~be~~ do take care of Mrs. Miller.

Lester isn't feeling very well tonight . I guess he can write later.

Ever,

The Suzuki's.

Santa Anita Assembly Center
Arcadia, Cal.

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Rev. Wendell L. Miller
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Dear Rev. Miller; It is ^{our} sincere gratitude and appreciation all of us desire to express for your very kind treatment and wonderful assistance in our evacuation on May 8. Inst. My old mother, recovered from Nervousness caused by worry and tiredness now with us all together enjoying different atmosphere and resting quietly in this isolated peaceful place praying that God will soon present us everlasting peace.

Reviewing our life in the past I found it was too materialistic and we thank for this God-given opportunity for to devote more thought to our own Culture and religion.

Thanking again full-heartedly for your kindness and special consideration also ^{for} the kind treatment by the government.

Yours very truly
J. Takahashi & Family