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Dear Kai, Emma and everybody at MISLS:

It's just impossible for me to ever hope to see dozens of people a day including an ever growing stream of informants, attend a daily session of ATIS now TIS Newspaper Scanning Board (attended by 26 General Staff Sections) dash back and forth from the Dai Iti Hotel to GHQ at Dai Iti Sogo Bldg near Hibiya Crossing, go to all the Nihonshokus I get invited to, (got mixed up tonight--made 3 different dates), and write down these eternal reports, and still continue my main business of being the "father confessor" to all graduates of MISLS on the loose in Japan--I'd like you to pass this around so it will be a general answer to P. B. Juster's 27 Oct letter: - He is wonderful to scour the town and find me 4 part wool Jockey undershorts and 2 long drawers - I sure need them for its getting damn cold and the Good Lord only knows when that trunk of mine will reach here. (warn all officers to put APO 500 Adv. on their trunks if they are coming this way - woolen clothes don't keep you warm lying in Manila); Gerry Kobayashi's letter of 14 Oct - sounds like he is doing all right as a Co Commander;- Cliff Larsen, Doris', Cookie's and Ty's notes 9 Oct - I gather the beer busts at Ty's are progressing okeh and by now Doris' husband has come back, I am sure; Lt Mas Nishibayashi's 5 Oct letter, has damn near made me weep and want to hurry back to Snelling - there is something thrilling about that Choir and the Sunday morning chapel - somehow I think a lot of officers and men are finding it out from what they write-; and Aki Oshida's letter - handed me at St Paul Station, I don't think I'll ever forget all he wrote - and whenever I get low in spirits I read it - something like a charge or mission in life; and to T/3 Keith Nishimoto who sent the New Republic with Sgt Oda's article about Prince Chichibu - that was well done and has been read by everybody in CIS & CIC and is a matter of record here; and to Ricki for sending the Star-Journal and St Paul Dispatch articles - I am glad the story is told and so well about MISLS; and to Sgt Paul Nomura, God bless his soul, for the two editorials on Nisei from the Star Journal; and to Fred Kosaka for his 24 Oct letter - I do hope he agrees to come here, even though I think he can do a lot to help straighten out F Co - Mpls - the symphony and ballet he describes - oh, well, there will be another day; and Richard Hamasaki's three letters from Honolulu, and two from Snelling - I am counting on his coming here - we need Kibei badly - and then there is Emma's grand letter of 15 October - so as late as 15 Oct, Kai wasn't back--brother what you get away with--two weeks in Paris. Anyway my lovely Swedish maiden in Stockholm has written and she longs to come back to worship in the shadow of Fuji. Emma, you certainly had plenty to reveal in your letter and I was delighted to hear the latest Mpls news --the Hollingshead Sat night party sounded grand - and good old Walter Tsukamoto shooting ducks and pheasants - I haven't been able to locate the Danish friends yet, no Legation here - Lilliesie went home before I came.

News here --

Archie is settling into his job as CO of all CIC in this country - doing a grand job - he lives at Dai-Iti Hotel with me and Tom and about everybody you know.

Ran smack into Joe Yamagiwa tonight as I was leaving GHQ. He arrived 2 days ago - Strategic Bombing - says he doubts whether he will get out of Tokyo - works in Meiji Seinsai Bull and lives with F.E.A.F. in Tokyo Radza Bull - eats in New Grand Restaurant - expects to sail home early in Dec.

The smartest lot of 13 Nisei girls - civilian - arrived this week - making a sensation - asgd Civil Censorship Dept of C.I.S. - They wear Army WAC clothes and

are pretty darn smart. Here are two pictures - one of SCAP, GHQ, Dai Iti Sogo Bldg - and the Finance Ministry where all LM of GHQ are billeted. Also copies of 9 & 10 Oct issue Mainichi and the Tokyo Asahi on newspaper interviews with the notorious Paul R. Also in the Asahi, the little operation we performed on my school - Rikkyo Daigaku.

I am on the road to getting my Camp back. It is badly messed up but it will be one thing to begin all over again with.

"Chow" Henderson is now Lt. Colonel Henderson - and I damn near threw my glass of Suntory at him the other night in the bar of the Dai Iti Hotel when he said "I am glad I got my promotion before you did".

Last Friday at ten (I was absent at ATIS's newspaper conference) Archie Stuart was given the Legion of Merit for his work at Savage and in the Policy Group at the WD. It is a grand looking thing and the pink ribbon adds to any row of ribbons you have.

The other day our Supply Officer came around and handed me a Pacific and Philippine ribbon and says he will bring me an American defense ribbon next. I've accumulated two Japanese swords - one a really grand one brought me by a Sgt from China - the issue one here was a mass production proposition - a Jap. Army friend said the "fixed" price before the end of the war was 32 yen.

We get an issue of 1 carton of cigarettes a week - and I draw one from CIS supply a week - but even then I have to borrow cigarettes to keep my visitors and informants in smokes.

Did I send you this so-called prayer - some Sgt. had it in Manila:--

"Our Father, Who art in Washington, Marshall is thy name, Thy cables comes, Thy will be done, in Manila as in Yokohama, Give us this day our delayed pay and forgive the bugler and the mess sergeant, and all those with bars on. Lead us not into the Army of Occupation, but deliver us from another service stripe. For thine is the Army, the MPs and the OPS and the AEFS forever and ever. Amen"

I hope you are carefully looking over the Pacific Stars & Stripes I send. There are some rare cartoons and some damn good observations of the Japan scene-- There is absolutely nothing in this world like GIs. This language doesn't bother them, somehow I think they belong to my school of thought and know that the old international feel language gets you by.

Major Reid Jorgensen, Capt. Richard Betsui, Capt. Yempuku, 1st Lieut. Karl Branstad, 1st Lieut. Clement Musaf Hakim arrived last Friday from China and yesterday arrived Widoff, and George Lensen-- Already have gotten Reid, Betsui, Yempuku, Karl & Hakim trfd out of ATIS to CIS, and today I think I got Lensen. His Russian lang. is exactly what we need.

Pete Yamazaki and Junior Amioka got C.C.D. to keep them in Tokyo instead of their going to Osaka - told Col Don Hoover they ought to stay here to "look after P.R." and got away with it.

By now you must have (I mean Kai) some indication we want you to come here and head Operations under Gen Thorpe. I hope and pray you come.

Can't make head or tails out of why we are not getting all the people we asked for. M/Sgt Ban of PACMIRS was requested but we got a "No", now he writes he will

get out of the Army. Harry Schneider has sent an SOS from Cp Stoneman, looks like he will get no farther. I am pushing for him. Itami writes - baffled about why he can't come.

The TIS set up seems just this - they have about 100 men and officers - at work - they have more than 1000 of our men still enroute from Manila. Policy to hold onto all Is & Ts and assign them on temporary duty. They operate on first two floors of Yusen Bldg, Marunouchi, and within a week are to have all six floors for TIS work. They will need it when the shipload arrives from Manila. However, to carry on their new work, which is absolutely different from battle technique, they are having to hire civilians on the spot. It isn't too satisfactory - at the same time a great many of our graduates are not capable of newspaper and document translation in field of econ, engineering, business, education, medicine, etc. etc. I have tried very hard to offset that argument by stating our drive was to prepare our men for battle conditions, etc. I even go so far as to point out that neither are these thousands of officers prepared for the Occupation work in Japan, etc.... Anyway, TIS is entering a new field and it requires new blood and new drive (a lot of these old timers who graduated from the School are weary, ought to go home), but the show needs some officers with imagination and somebody to lean on and weep on. Honestly, Kai, you need to be here and I need to probably be over there weeping keep up their morale.

I, personally, think it would be a grand thing if you and Gen Bissell would fly out here and look the show over--I want MISLS officers and men to keep carrying the ball through the next hectic six months or a year. I think you get my meaning-- but I don't think morale will be upped among our language men - officers and men - until you and Gen Bissell come out here and take a look see.

My job is grand, I don't get a chance to get half the things done I should, but my outfit is superb and my boss - General Thorpe is tops.

I think I am on the verge of taking over (thru Gen Thorpe) Mme Sawada's house, she bought from the Nat. City Bank. (occupied by Coes) She promises me all her furniture, etc. Probably as soon as I can get out of this monk-like cell at the Dai Iti Hotel and into a house where I can put on cocktail parties, I can get this AFPAC and SCAP regulated.

I hope Emma has gotten Ethel and Peggy and others to work on my request for supplies. I need about everything desperately. And if anybody wants to send soap, and sweaters, and socks, and tooth brushes and toothpaste and packable toilet things, blades, etc, etc, etc, I can do a lot of serious relief work - include Vicks salve, and Vick inhalers - etc. The civilian situation is going to be desperate this winter. Old Alexander R. Catto, an old Britisher of 40 years here has just appealed to me for powdered milk to help him and his aged wife - both 80 years old - He was locked up with me and stayed in 3 years. Told me I should be glad I got out for after they moved to Urawa Prison Camp, they had to live for 1 1/2 years - on a bowl of rice gruel for breakfast and a bowl of rice at 4 in afternoon. Many are walking ghosts.

I have at last found Leo Weillschott, Ben Ridder's cousin-in-law's brother. He was jugged for 3 years. Is back in his Denen Chofu house. He has ¥ 12,000 in the closed Bk of Taiwan which one Econ & Scientific Sect. hopes to have analyzed in a month. If sound, they will pay off deposition. I recd a PO Money Order for \$100 from Mr. Pramopolini to get him but we are unable to cash any negotiable U.S. currency items in Japan. Mr. Weillschott doesn't need money and I can keep him protected. He needs some clothes badly - I suggest the Ridder's send me a pkg containing a pair of size 36 wool trousers, woolen socks - looks like 11, and another

pkg of size 38 sweater with long sleeves and a size 28 for his wife, also with long sleeves. They are wearing our army issue summer clothes and it is getting cold.

Tell Fred I have not yet located his sister Hannah Kosaka yet but she is around the country somewhere--I am compiling a very long report on Nisei. Will send you a copy. Some have had a terrific time and I hope the way will shortly be open for some of them to go home. Some have turned out badly, but largely due to circumstances and a fight to survive.

Had dinner tonight with the Katakina family (silk). It will take 3 years to get mulberry trees back in shape to produce silk worms to a great extent. Now Japan must find food. The farmers will not send it to the cities. Special trains were run over the weekend to Chiba ken so people could buy sweet potatoes. There were riots to get on the trains. Japan has to face every problem known to man for a long time to come.

I am cold. Its midnight. Sayonara and love to you all--

Paul Rusch