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7407 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs Waegell;

Hello! Thanks for your letter and I appreciate it very much. The letter from New York for Far East West committee was appreciated. I'm proud to tell you that I am now a member. Also at this time I'd like to apologize for not writing to you sooner. The excuse is that I'm a terrible letter writer.

Right now I am reading the autobiography of Lincoln Stephens, and I wish to tell you it is a very interesting experience to live with his experiences. As yet I have not been able to obtain the book you have recommended, the one by Wallace, because there is a reserve list a mile long at the city library.

I seemed to have made quite an impression at the place I work, when I told them to take twenty per cent off in bonds. This act of mine is not a complete patriotic action, but a little plan of mine to save money. I thought that putting some in the bank would be easier, but since buying war bonds are urged so much that I am investing the money in it. I'd like to tell you a little experience I had the other day. My friend and I had gone to the movies one night, the movie by the way being, "Watch on the Rhine." Well, we were going through the foyer when a woman in a red cross uniform stopped me, and asked whether I had contributed. I replied that I had not ~~yet~~, consequently she asked why not, and I told her I did not know there was a drive on, and I continued how much do you want. She then answered she did not want any money now, but, sign up here anyway. Well I signed up and she told me to report at a certain address at a certain date, I said alright, and when I studied the card she had given me, it said blood donors, I thought yee gods! Not that I would shirk it, but I hated to think of having blood being taken.

By the way, have you heard from my folks? I do not know if you know it or not but ~~they~~^{they} are in Chicago. I do not definitely ^{know} what sort of a job they have, but they wrote that they were very happy in their new environment. Ruth is in Arkansas, I guess you know that.

On next years presidential campaign, the Vice President makes a very nice impression ^{to} on me. I heard him speak here in Cleveland, and his ideas on post war ideas are very logical and sensible. I do not know how you feel about it, but do you think that he will run for either the presidency or vice presidency? There isn't anything wrong or disfactory to me of Mr Roosevelt, but I definitely dislike Wilkie. He is a person who very much has ~~is~~ racial discrimination. The speech he made in St Louis was emphacized on Post war production if I am not mistaken, and also on the subject of the ^{fourth} ~~third~~ term, but the whole plan of ^{the} campaign of both parties would be a desirable post war period. Naturally I do not know if these men will live up to their speeches, but neverthe less, I like the Democrats, until someone convinces me that, there is a better man in either these two major parties or some other minority party.

My two freinds, whom I have told you have a very deep belief in a more liberal goverment, is still active in their drive, speaking at union meetings, and different labor organizations. They told me that they know this Thomas Yamamoto, he being active in a Young Democrats movement *in Berkeley*.

Right ^{now} I heard over the radio, Walter Winchell, yelling to buy the book " Undercover ". Have you read this book? It's been so talked of so much that I believe, I'll try to buy it and read it.

I'll have to close now and May I hope to hear from you soon, i remain,

P.S. Please excuse the sloppy typing.

Sincerely yours,

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