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Dear Mrs. Gunderson:

It was so nice to talk to you on the phone the other night. Since then, I received another letter from the Fresno Bee (from a Ms. Bobbye Temple, who apparently interviewed you and enjoyed it immensely) with a copy each of the letter and the article on Ansel Adams. She wrote to say that she received many favorable responses from the readers. I am so glad because that's precisely what I wanted. I wanted the world to know about you, your sacrifices, and the inspiration you provided us during those difficult years. Words obviously cannot do justice to what you did for us, but it's the only way we can begin to tell you how much you have meant to us in our lives then and now. My only regret is that it took all these years before I could put my sentiments into words. I am pleased to learn from the responses I have received that many, many of your former students share the same sentiments, as I knew they did.

O, there are so many things I want to talk about! I found in an autograph book from that period some very precious words you wrote for me. I must come and visit you in Fresno at the earliest chance I get.

Enclosed are two clippings: (1) the same letter that appeared in a San Francisco Japanese-American vernacular, with an editor's note that tells why I wanted a public display of the letter, and (2) an article about my presentation in a local high school class, which resulted from the letter appearing in the local newspaper on Thanksgiving Day.

It is snowing again today, though the temperature is a tolerable (!) 20 degrees or so. My wife, Sun, and daughter, Junko (8), send their best to you.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Belated "thank you" for the pictures you recently sent.  
You are looking well indeed!

YURUZU JOHN TAKEHATA