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Dear Mrs. Perry,

Hello Mrs. Perry. It certainly has been a long time since I've written and please forgive me for not writing often. I do hope that you and Mr. Perry are all well as usual. I heard that you have been ill for some time and do hope that you are okay now. I imagine too that the children have really grown.

With the busiest part of the apple season coming up I know that you are terribly busy. How does the crop look on the place?

As for myself I've been working since April at Colorado Springs about 70 miles south of Denver at Broadmoor Hotel doing the golf course and maintenance work. I'm working 9 hrs. a day and getting 60¢ per hr. The worst part is there is no work during the winter months. I've been sort of inquiring all around for possibility of housing and a good all year job but the prospects are sad. Even if there was farm work it wouldn't last through winter and without a place to stay, I just won't be able to make a go of

It - especially with all the kids and just myself working. Then too I hear the sentiment in Sebastopol area isn't on the good side so all in all I'm wondering what to do.

I went to Graceland over the 4th and see that quite a few are returning to all parts of California. I hear that in San Jose alone there are around 700 and Fresno and vicinity about the same or more. I heard too that there is a coach leaving for points in Sonoma ^{at the end of this month} surrounding area ^{and} seems like there will be about two families returning to Sebastopol sometime in the near future.

Around Sept. or Oct. I think there will be a few more that would like to return with housing and job uncertainties as it is, I certainly would like to return to Sebastopol if possible especially if there are returning too. Discrimination is bound to occur to some extent wherever we go and if we have to take discrimination we'd rather take it in our horse town.

In other parts of Calif. it seems as though discrimination has slowed

Down a little during the past months and I sure hope Sebastopol won't be so bad in time to come.

Well I think this is about enough on this subject.

We've been having a lot of hail and thunderstorms lately and it sure isn't doing the farmers any good. One thing, farming in Cal. is a terrific gamble because the weather is against you. I imagine Sebastopol is pretty having warm weather now!

I am enclosing a check for \$95.11 plus a money order for \$100.00. Could you please whenever time permits, deposit it in my wife's account and not the ranch account. Thank you very much for all this trouble.

Closing with kindest regards, I remain,

Very sincerely,
JTB

(written by Kaz for Johnson?)