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Merced Assembly Center
Merced, California

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Mrs. E.M. Perry
Rt. 2, Box 118
Sebastopol, California

Dear Mrs. Perry,

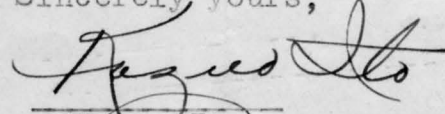
Hello Mrs. Perry!!...how are you??...fine, I hope and trusting that this letter will find you in the best of health and working hard every-day as usual. We are all fine and making the best of everything here at Merced Assembly Center.....

We received the fruits that you sent down to us recently and taking the time now to say "thanks a lot" for all your time, trouble and expense in shipping them to us...We all enjoyed the variety of fruits and ate them by trading around...The only thing was that the pines were a little bit on the juicy side but aside from that, the rest were in pretty good condition...Again saying "thanks for everything."

I received the package that I asked you to send and thank you very much for taking care of the matter for me so quickly...I saw that you put 18¢ on for postage and I know all the money for postage just don't grow on trees so I am enclosing a pack of stamps and hope that this will help a little bit toward defraying the expense, the trouble and bother I've caused you...Thanking you again.....

It looks as though the time for our moving to Colorado is drawing closer and already the first voluntary group such as carpenters, hospital staffs, truck drivers and the like composed of about 200 left yesterday the 25th. This is purely voluntarily. From the 31st regular movement of the residents of the center will start with around 500 going daily. We are going to move out according to wards and as I've told you before, each ward holds 500. The wards run from A to J and they say they are to start from J ward so it looks like E ward will be somewhere in the middle. In other words, E ward may be around the 4th or 5th group to go and that may be around Sept. 4. However I am not sure about anything as yet. Anyway I am going to write you once more before we leave Merced and at that time I will give you the lowdown on the facts...Until then please take good care of your health during these hot summer days and don't overwork yourself.....Everybody sends their best regards...Please say "hello" to Mr. Perry for me...thank you!!

Sincerely yours,


Kazuo Ito

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wife to move to COLO.