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Amache, Colorado
Nov. 24, 1943

Dear Mrs. Perry,

Received your air mail letter of Nov. 18 yesterday and thank you very much for the full explanation on our Ranch doings this season. Well, I guess, I'll get right down to brass tacks and try to answer your letter right away. I have talked everything over just between Grandma and myself and here's the conclusion we arrived at:

As you know, we are so far away from home that it is very hard for us to decide on the various matters that comes up. In regard to the coming new year's deal, you mentioned of five different offers and also the fact that Sam would like to take it over on some sort of a cash rental basis. Well, Mrs. Perry, we both know just what kind of a guy Sam is in more ways than one and although we haven't any idea what kind of a offer these other people have to offer, we think too in spite of all Sam's faults, he would be a better man in taking care of the ranch because he is familiar with Grandad's technique. We would like you to have Sam run the place if in all consideration, you think he is capable of handling it but in all past actions, you think he can't do it, please forget about it. If he does run it, we think a cash rental would be best and if he wants to use the dryer, rental on tonnage basis is the only thing as you have mentioned. If Sam thinks he can get the dryer thrown in for nothing, he's goofy!!

RE: SAM
RUNNING
RANCH
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As we have mentioned, Mrs. Perry, we are such a distance from you that it is very difficult for us to decide on anything from this end. I have talked it over carefully with Grandma and also my Grandpa when we went to visit him in Santa Fe, New Mexico some months ago about the coming years deal. Grandad distinctly told Grandma and I and we all know that we have our complete faith in you and whatever decisions or agreements that you make in regard to the ranch or dryer dealing is perfectly o.k. with us and we know darn well, you can do much better than us because we are not there and you are there. Therefore Mrs. Perry, will you please go ahead and make the deals anyway you best see fit, and whatever you decide, its ~~not~~ O.K. with us.

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We certainly owe you for things money can't buy for everything you have done for us and Grandpa, Grandma, and I appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts.

Please Mrs. Perry, will you go ahead and collect for whatever hours and work that you have put in because I know you have done more than a great deal of work during the season for our ranch. Also please use the Studebaker Truck anytime you want to use it as there is no use in keeping it idle.

In regard to the missing articles, please don't worry about it because that is something that is ~~is~~ liable to happen anytime, anyplace, and besides what was taken didn't amount to a hill of beans. I guess they did swipe the pruning shears and the boots but you needn't worry about the electric fan and the hatchet because I asked you to send it to me when we were in Merced. That's the reason that's its not there.

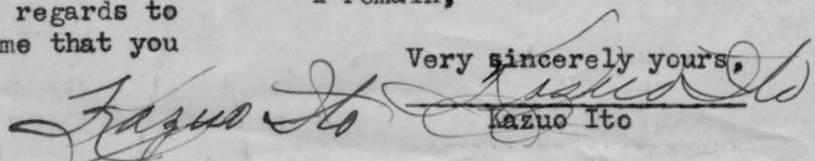
Well, I guess, that's about all the news for the business end so now I'll try to tell you a little about the camp here. So far we have had only one snowy day and that was on Nov. 1, and since we haven't had any snow. However looks like snowy days will be here right soon. How is the weather your way? Getting cold too I bet.

Grandma and I and all the rest of the family are getting along just fine as usual and everyone sends their best regards. I am still working as usual driving for the Transportation Division and nothing new. Well, Mrs. Perry, I'll be cutting this short and will close now. Hoping to hear from you soon in the near future and could you please send me the statement whenever the returns are in. Thanking you again a million times for everything,

I remain,

P.S. Please give my best regards to
to Lloyd the next time that you
write to him...

Very sincerely yours,


Kazuo Ito