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Amache, Colorado
Jan. 14th, 1944

Dear Mrs. Perry,

*GRANDPA
BACK*

Hello Mrs. Perry!!....Thank you very much for your letter of Jan. 7th and I feel that I can answer your letter pretty good today for a very good reason. Well, the reason is Grandad got paroled and came back from Santa Fe, New Mexico Jan. 11th to rejoin us here at Amache and boy!!...are we relieved... At least we don't have anymore worries about him, now that he is with us again. Well, to start with, I got your letter just a day before Grandad came home and was just going to answer it in my usual uncertain manner. Grandad is now home and I asked his opinion about everything and this is what he told me to tell you:

*FOR
SAM*

Grandad would like to have Sam prune the place with a standard reasonable wages of what other employers in general are paying but if he gets it into his head and thinks that he is the only guy in the whole world who can prune the place and get whatever he asks for, please don't let him do the work. Even if the work is done by someone else and not as good, I would want it this way and I would be much more satisfied than to have Sam do it his way, and at the same time being unreasonable and un-cooperating. If he has already started pruning with a understanding with you, its O.K. but otherwise please don't consider him for any future dealings. Grandad says to go ahead and can Sam and maybe that will teach him a good lesson. Just because Sam has been working for Grandad a long time, he thinks he can always get something for nothing, he's got another think coming.....

*RECEIVED
CHECK*

Gee, Mrs. Perry, I told Gramp about the check you returned back and boy!! did he give me heck so here I am once again sending it back to you again. Grandad as well as Grandma and myself really want you to have it sincerely from the bottom of our hearts in appreciation for everything and really, if it wasn't for you folks, we surely wouldn't know what to do. Again Grandad insists that you take this small token of appreciation so Mrs. Perry, will you please accept it.

Oh yes, Grandad would like you to plant some young trees in the vacant spaces if the trees are available. It could be Gravs, Greenings, Delicious or just anything just so long as its a tree.

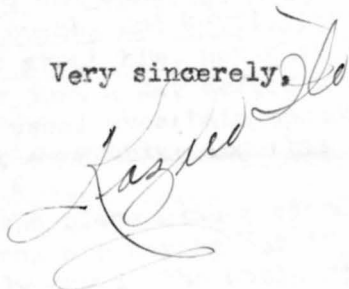
We were all very glad to hear that you were able to rent our house to someone and the rent we think is very fair too. At least there will now be someone living on the place to look after things and take care of the place. Well, I guess, thats about all for the business end and oh yes, there is no hurry about the statement etc.....anytime when you are good and ready.

Yes, we've had quite a flu epedemic too, several weeks ago and boy, I'm telling you, almost everybody in camp was hit....I was lucky to escape but I'm knocking on wood tho.....We are having freezing winter weather nowadays and for the past week it has been around 6 to 10 below zero and boy!!.....thats plenty cold for

a Californian like me.....Man!! in the morning, as soon as the water is poured out of a bucket outside, it freezes instantly.....Its almost impossible to work during the early morning hours. We have Prestone anti-freeze in all the trucks because if we don't, its just a sad case for the truck radiators and blocks. We've had a little snow last week and none since. Other than that camp news is still about the same and nothing much more in news.

Will be closing now and Grandad and Grandma joins me in extending you folks their best regards. Please write again whenever you have time and till then,

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lazee", written in dark ink.