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DEAR MRS. PERRY,

I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF MAY 22 AND THANKS A LOT FOR WRITING SO SOON.

WE READ YOUR LETTER CAREFULLY CONCERNING THE DEAL OF THE SPRAY RIG AND TRACTOR AND ALSO ABOUT THE DISK AND AFTER THINKING IT OVER CONSIDERABLY OVER AND OVER, WE FINALLY ARRIVED AT THIS CONCLUSION:

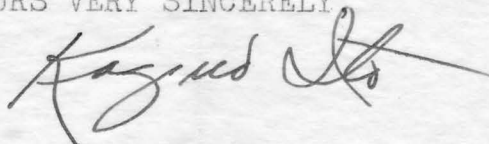
AS MY GRANDAD HAD SAID BEFORE IF WE CAN SELL THE TRACTOR, SPRAY RIG, DISC, AND EQUIPMENT OF THAT SORT, WE OUGHT TO TRY AND SELL IT BUT ONLY IF WE CAN GET A PRICE THAT WE FEEL WE WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH. I'M NOT SAYING THIS TO BE ARGUING AGAINST YOU TO THE FACT THAT WE DON'T LIKE YOUR PROPOSITION OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT BUT AS YOU SAY WE ARE DEALING WITH EACH OTHER AS THOUGH WE WERE STRANGERS AND I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND HOW WE FEEL. WELL, AFTER TALKING IT OVER, WE FINALLY DECIDED AGAIN TO KEEP THE OUTFITS AS IT IS, NOT MERELY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH YOUR DEAL OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT BUT FOR OTHER REASONS TOO. FOR INSTANCE WE'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT SUCH A THING AS THIS: NEXT YEAR IF SOMEBODY BESIDES THE WINKLER'S TAKE OVER, LIKE SAMMY FOR EXAMPLE, AND THAT CERTAIN PARTY WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO HAVE THE EQUIPMENT TO WORK WITH. IN THE MEANTIME IF THOMAS GETS SOME KIND OF AN ORDER FOR THE RELEASE OF OUR FARM EQUIPMENT AND WE HAVE TO RENT IT BY FORCE OR IF WE ARE FORCED TO SELL, THATS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE A CHANCE ON. (THEN WE'LL REALLY WISH WE HAD SOLD IT TO YOU FOLKS.) HOWEVER, FOR A WHILE WE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THINGS AS IT IS UNTIL CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITS OTHERWISE. IN THE MEANTIME WILL YOU PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE PLACE AND PLEASE ADVISE US IF ANYTHING NEW TURNS UP. IF WE ARE FORCED TO SELL OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE FARM PEOPLE, WE WOULD BY ALL MEANS LIKE YOU FOLKS TO BE THE FIRST ONES TO HAVE THE CHANCE. WELL, SO MUCH FOR THAT AND I HOPE YOU COULD UNDERSTAND MY CRUDE ENGLISH.

MRS. ITO RECEIVED THE WHITE SLIP FOR THE BUICK AND AM SENDING IT BACK TO YOU WITH HER SIGNATURE. ALSO THE REASON SHE CROSSED OUT ABOUT HOMU'S (STEVE) HAT WAS BECAUSE SHE HAD INTENDED ^{to order} FROM MONTGOMERY WARD THAT DAY BUT ON ORDERING, THEY WROTE BACK AND SAID THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY. THEREFORE SHE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU WHENEVER YOU GO INTO TOWN, IF YOU COULD GET HOMU A GABRADIENE HAT SIZE 6 5/8. THERE IS NO HURRY ABOUT THIS, WHENEVER YOU HAVE THE TIME. THERE IS ONE MORE THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOUR FAVOR OF MRS. PERRY! I KNOW I AM RUDE ALL THE TIME BY ASKING YOU SO MANY THINGS THINGS TO DO BUT WHENEVER YOUR UP FORESTVILLE WAY, COULD YOU PLEASE GO UP TO OUR PLACE AND SEND US THE ELECTRIC FAN. THE FAN IS IN THE HALL CLOSET, YOU KNOW WHERE I TOLD YOU ALL THE MOTORS WERE!! I JUST LAID THE FAN IN THERE BEFORE I CAME BECAUSE WE THOUGHT WE WOULD NEVER NEED IT ANYMORE BUT GOSH DARN IT, ITS TO HOT TO SURVIVE HERE, NO KIDDING, ITS 100 DEGREES OR OVER ALL THE TIME AND ITS HOT AS H---!! AND I'M TALKING NOW ABOUT IN THE SHADE, (WHAT SHADE), THE ONLY SHADE THERE IS THE PART OF THE ROOF THAT OVERLAPS OVER THE SIDE OF THE BARRACK ABOUT TWO FEET. MORNING TIME WE ARE ON ONE SIDE AND IN THE AFTERNOON WE ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE. FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TO OLD, OR ANYONE WHO IS NOT CAPABLE OF WORKING ARE TAKING SIESTA'S ALL DAY LONG. GEE, BUT ITS SO DARN HOT HERE THAT YOU CAN'T HARDLY SLEEP GOOD AT NIGHTS. I THINK ITS HOTTER THAN ANY OF THE HOTTEST DAYS I'VE EVER EXPERIENCED IN SONOMA COUNTY. WHEW!! I'M NOT KIDDING AND IF THIS KEEPS UP, I'LL PROBABLY BE SIX FOOT UNDER BEFORE LONG.....OH WELL, TSK, TSK. YOU NEEDN'T RUSH ABOUT THE FAN, WHENEVER YOU HAVE THE TIME WHICH IS CON-venient for you.

THE FAN IS NOT PACKAGED FOR MAILING SO COULD YOU PLEASE PACK IT IN A SMALLBOX AND MAIL IT BY PARCEL POST. YOU NEEDN'T RUSH ABOUT THE FAN, WHENEVER YOU HAVE THE TIME. ALSO MRS. ITO SAID THAT SHE HAS TAKEN CARE OF ALL OF THE MAGAZINE AND PAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS BY NOTIFYING THEM OF HER NEW ADDRESS.

ALSO WE RECEIVED ALL OF THE PACKAGES YOU SENT VIA EXPRESS EXCEPT THE ONE WITH THE WOODEN BOX AND WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT IT. I KNOW YOU SENT IT BECAUSE IT SAID 3 PIECES ON THE EXPRESS TAG. THIS MORNING I WENT TO THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WHERE ALL THE PACKAGES ARRIVE TO SEE IF IT CAME OR NOT BUT NO LUCK. THEY TOLD ME THE BEST THING TO DO WAS TO WRITE TO THE EXPRESS CO. IN MERCED ASKING THEM ABOUT IT AND THIS IS WHAT I'M GOING TO DO RIGHT NOW AFTER I FINISH THIS LETTER TO YOU. WELL, I GUESS THATS ABOUT ALL THE NEWS I HAVE FOR YOU AT THE PRESENT TIME SO I'LL BE CLOSING AND ALL OF THE FAMILY SENDS THEIR BEST REGARDS.

YOURS VERY SINCERELY



P.S. IT RAINED A LITTLE BIT THIS MORNING....