

Manzanar, Calif.

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Dear Joe,

I had a little bit of time to write today so I'll just say a little bit. Mom, Pop, & Joe say hello, including me, & all the neighbors. We received your letter yesterday & found it to be ^{most} interesting in your short words. We are all glad to hear that you like school. Gee we were all shocked to hear that you were taking so many courses. Especially 18. Mama says to drop at least 2 of the courses which aren't as necessary as the others because she's afraid that it might be bad for your health. We can all picture you going to school every day in your felt hat & coat. We suppose it's pretty hard to keep warm without having to move a lot. It's too bad that the darn book has to always be around. By the way what does it feel like to be civilized again? Say I hope it isn't true that we are going to a prison camp because we will be unable to have privileges of all sorts. It's too bad that you have to pay 20¢ a day for your car or bus fare. We wish that you don't worry much about it. Did George Sakita see you yet? Did you get your pay from him? We sent your luggage about 2 weeks ago & hope that they got there in good condition. We didn't get your glasses until Monday because the glasses came to the hospital late so we just sent them yesterday. Gee I had a Ice Cream Soda yesterday & it sure was delicious. Mugs, Ayiko, & I made it with the Ice cream & Soda we bought. It's just put the Ice cream in the cup & poured in the soda on top, & mixed it. Joe had Mr. Metzger send up his P.O. (public address) & gee we just got it yesterday morning & even me, I mean myself got excited as it had belonged to me. We played it all

day yesterday & it sure sounded pretty. (I mean
the beautiful records), last night we tried weiji
& matsumoto, tor, miyo, & I tried & tried for at
least 1 hr. & finally he came & I turned on the
lights & he went away again. So after that we couldn't
get him so we asked gracie odakura to help us &
she got him in about 10 mins. After a while we
asked him lots of questions & we asked if you & tor
were going to be in the army & weiji said no so
we all were happy. Heiji said that Kay & Yuki Odakura
are supposed to leave today but I guess they aren't.
Mr. Weiji said that you're going to be together with us
in 7 yrs. starting from the next year, & also said
that we are going back to W.L.A. after the war. We
asked lots of silly questions & it made us laugh like
the devil. All the neighbors heard us & I bet & I
hope this weiji isn't true. He asked Reverend
nicholson to get our radio from back home & he
said he would so we can hardly wait to get it
& get all of the good stations & listen to all the
programs. Do you buy the paper? Well yesterday's
head line was ROSTON falls to Russia so I
guess its going along okay. Do you mind the funnies?
I see its been just like summer weather down
here for 3 days in a row & man its hot. We
have gotten sort of used to writing to you without
having lumps in our throats but when we receive
a letter its a joyous day for us. I better close now
but before I close I'll tell you a joke that's really
corny. It came out of the santa monica J.C.'s paper.
Why does a moron sleep on hay? ans. To feel his dream.
Did you ever hear about the moron that went
to the city because his country was at war?

Signing off now!

Your sis. always
Masako

P.S. Did you receive your
refund from Junieuta?)))
He didn't get it anyway.

P.S. excuse
the pencils, paper
& writing
Thank you.