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Manzanar, Calif
March 20, 1943.

Dear Joe,

Well, here it is my usual
friday spending an hour or so with
you. We have not had any news
regarding moving or draft lately. There
is a rumor going around that the
army officials voted on whether issue
should be drafted and voted against
it. How true this is I don't know, but
many issue parents are hoping it is
true so they won't have their sons
taken away from them. We are all
in good physical condition and please
don't send the candy or confections.
"moscow" probably asked you for this,
but mama, papa and sue feel that
we have asked enough of you so
please don't send them. I'm sure glad
you found a soldering iron. I was
kind of giving up hope because guys
back home tell me you can't get any
kind of an iron. We sent you up a
sum of \$30. at which I hope you
received and keep you going for a
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while. I'll send some dough later on.
 That extra extension cord will come
 in handy too. George Igumi, Charly and
 Karl Nakamura went beet working
 in Idaho and were presented a
 farewell party. I furnished the music
 and mike and made \$1.10. You may
 think this rather cheap, but consider-
 ing Manzanar, it's okay. I'm going
 to have a \$2.00 job pretty soon and
 if the jobs keep up steady, I might have
 a sizeable income. Mr. Wetzl has
 sent all the junk he was keeping
 for me, so I'm pretty well equipped
 now. You know, most of the grayule
 guys are going out for better jobs now
 so they want to train some high school
 guys for the jobs. They will be paid
 and work done during spare time. I
 saw Mr. Nozaki and applied the job
 but I don't know if I'll get it or
 not because there were quite a few
 guys ahead of me. They will probably
 give us a test or something and
 the guy who comes out the best gets
 the job. I hope I get it though, cause
 it will not interfere with school
 and I can get a lot of lab in
 which I didn't get in high school.

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The days are much longer out here now. The sun comes up about 7:15 AM and sets about 6:30 P.M. We can full around the basketball court for about a hour and half now. It seems just like summer. The girls usually playing wolly ball, while the boys play basketball, ^(hoops) ~~horse~~, and the acting bar. The recreation hall is no longer a art center and every one can play ping-pong now which adds a lot of fun. Tomorrow they are going to celebrate the first anniversary of Manganar and the stage is set up right along side of 14-15. I think most of the program is "shibai" stuff so I don't think I'll go. Boy, the barbers in Chicago must make quite a bit of dough at 75¢ cut. I bet it seems kind of silly when you think that papa had to give you a haircut for nothing. And man! those cords have sure gone up! I use to get those things for 35¢ each. Heres one, in Manganar, the guys use too much toilet paper so now they are rationing it. Do you remember how the residents of Bldg #14

use to crowd those toilets in the morning? Well, if you want to now there are always four or five seats open, which shows that it has taken a real effect on people. Seems kind of funny though, sometimes you forget your toilet paper and have to run home and get some. You are sure getting some swell grades up there; keep up the good work. I got the highest grade in the physics class in a "toughie" test. What makes me really feel good, is the fact that I was only in that class two days before the test because of program change. The teacher praised me for it, but he didn't know I fiddled around with radio. Incidentally, have you received your blankets yet? We sent them about two months ago so if they ^{haven't} reached yet, something is wrong. Well go, space as well as time is growing short, so I guess I'll be signing off. Keep in good health and don't study too much.

P.S

I am enclosing a free press which you might be interested in.

your Loving brother,
Iwara Nagano.