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Dear Family,

When it's all over, I think I shall write my memoirs, entitled "Life on the Tail of a Comet". I've been on the go ever since I arrived. This afternoon I was home by 4 and for the first have leisure before dinner.

Father Joe, Tak Hori, Yone Tanaka and Sachi Yoshida met me Friday at 3 P.M. (The last two are

acting as his secretaries.  
Tak is chauffeur and "assistant."  
As a good owner, the pun  
came out for my arrival  
although it's really raining  
season here.

I was brought here to move  
in and get cleaned up.  
Mr and Mrs Matsushita  
are middle aged with no  
children. They have a modest  
little house, very comfortable.  
They treat me like royalty.  
I feel quite at home because  
I knew them at Hunt <sup>(not that I'm  
used to  
being  
royalty!)</sup>

Father Joe had a dinner  
engagement, so Tak and  
Yone took me to a Chinese  
restaurant for dinner.  
The Hori family and the  
Ishihara family were there  
— 20 of us. I knew two of  
the Ishiharas from camp  
— more reunion.

In the evening we adjourned  
to Ishikawa's. Late when  
we picked up Dr Joe and his  
housemate Dr Krone, they took  
me for a ride to see the city lights.  
It is all mountains —  
lovely. A large city! We stopped  
at a dance given by the  
nisei and I practically  
held court for about 15  
minutes. We invited  
them all to a get-together  
Sunday.

Saturday afternoon  
Father Joe took me to call on  
the Shojis who have St. Peter's  
mission (Episcopal), now  
being used as a hostel. There  
I met Pat Hagiwara's wife  
and little girl — I had  
known the Hagiwara family  
in camp.

Then we took the bus  
in way out to the edge of town  
to see where Dr. Joe lives.

We came back about 6  
and called on Dr and Mabel  
Shigaya. Dr Joe used to live  
with them the first year in  
camp. Tak met us there  
and took us and Yone and  
the secretary of the Baptist church  
to dinner - a wonderful  
Chinese meal. Later we  
picked up Bob Ikeda and  
Hisro Nakayama and  
Sally Shimamura and  
came to Matsushitas for  
the evening. We sat around  
the fire and munched  
refreshments and dis-  
cussed the last days of  
hunt and present problems  
in Seattle.

Sunday I went to church  
with Dr Joe and the Yoshidas.  
We had dinner at their house  
and then hurried to the  
Educational Center where  
our get-together was held.

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Jack had picked up Elmer  
at 2:55 and brought him  
from the train.

About 50 to 75 youngsters  
came from all over. The  
center is a wonderful  
international, inter-  
racial organization,  
with fine facilities. They  
were cordial about urging  
the Nisei to join.

Afterwards ten of us  
had dinner together at the  
Saturday night Chinese  
place. Then two cars of us  
went to Dr. Joes and sat  
around the fireplace  
and talked till midnight.

Yesterday Elmer and  
Dr. Joe met me here about  
10:30. Over coffee we  
clarified our plans.

and worked out a tentative schedule. At 12 we had a luncheon of the Seattle Council of Churches and then we met with the YW and Ym executives. Dr. Jensen president of the Council of Churches, and Miss Shook of the Hostel. We discussed how we might help the miser.

After that Elmer went to look up some of the boys. I wanted while Dr. Joe saw the Bishop, and then we went to Yoshidas where I drafted a letter to the Y's outlining what we had discussed.

We had mushroom rice dinner - a treat. Northwest mushrooms are finer than any other kind. After dinner I visited with the family - I knew many people they did - and then typed for Dr. Joe. Got home about 11:30 and chatted with Matsushitas over tea for nearly an hour.

Mr. M. works for WPA.

Yesterday Elmer and I spent at the University. It has a beautiful campus with many new buildings. One of the Profs described the architecture as "Siwash Gothic". It doesn't bear careful study! The first impression is good.

We had lunch with one of Elmer's former students (now on the staff) and then called on Frank Myamoto of the Soc. Dept and had a long visit with Dr. Melville Jacobs of the anthropology Dept. It was most enjoyable.

We visited the University bookstore and "fell" (he did) for some books. Then we were home by 4.

Elmer had a dinner engagement but Dr. Joe came here and we had a regular banquet! About 7:30 Elmer came. We visited a while and then Dr. Joe, who is beginning to feel exhausted, went home and Elmer and I polished off our "blueprint" to

present to the Y's. He left  
at 2 AM!

This morning he has  
just brought me Pook's  
letter. I was at breakfast.  
I laughed till I cried & he  
enjoyed it too! He says he bets  
Mother spoils the dog more  
than we did in spite of what  
she says! (Pook spent lots of  
time in Elmer's office in  
preference to mine. She <sup>(she does)</sup>  
cheers him, too! - better than <sup>(me)</sup> me.)

Now he is off to address the  
Council of Social Agencies and  
I must go to town to pay respects  
at WPA and get my pay check  
from WPA cashed and converted  
to travelers cheques.

In the afternoon we hope  
to meet Tak Hor and visit  
hostels and housing projects.  
Dinner with Mrs. Okawa (she used  
to cook for Joe) who is visiting  
her on way from Hunt to Chicago  
(getting her goods moved). Evening  
at Ichikawas.

Tomorrow appointments  
with Am. Friends and schools.

Friday to Monday in Portland.

I'll write again when I can.

Love

Helen