

Route 5, Box 11-P  
Seattle, Washington  
May 5, 1942

Dear Pop,

Well, at last we got our orders to evacuate. The people living in the south part of King County from the city limits to Auburn, including us, are going to leave at the beginning of next week, on the tenth and eleventh. We are not going to Puyallup as we thought, but are going to Fresno, California. The kids are waiting for their first train ride. We are very sorry we can not go to the same place as our town friends, but we will be with the "inaka" people and those who live around us, so it will be all right. Well, now we get a free trip to California. Mamma was going to write tonight, but since she is too busy getting ready to pack and everything, I am writing instead. She will write to you later and explain how things are getting along.

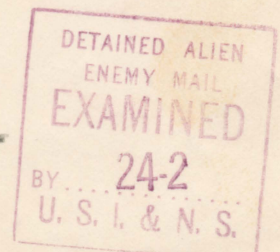
In your last letter, you were worried about getting the land back in case the war ended before the five years in the lease. Mamma forgot to tell you that we can come back ~~anytime~~ just as soon as the war is over, and that our payments begin at that time also. Carl says that he doesn't want to keep the land after the war anyway, and will be glad to turn it back to us. He is also keeping our cars. We sold Tsuto's Olds and are trying to sell the Plymouth right now, but Carl will keep the truck and try to sell the Plymouth. We are leaving most of our things in the house with him also. The people taking over the farms are having a hard time finding labor, so Carl is not sure who is coming to live in our house ~~either~~.

All of us have now quit school except for Hiro. She has to go until Friday, but she will pass. Misa and I are also graduating. The schools have been fine about everything, and are giving us enough credit to pass. Today, Tatsu, Kiyo (Mrs. Tats), and I went to Duwamish school to register for sugar. As you probably know, we are going to get only half a pound for one person for one week. I don't know how they are going to work it in camp, though.

My friend, Margaret Arase, tells me that her father is also at Missoula. Have you met him yet?

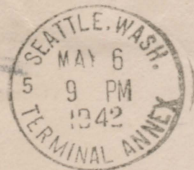
You will probably hear from me next from California, but you can still write to our old address. I hope to hear from you soon. Goodbye.

*Kazuko*

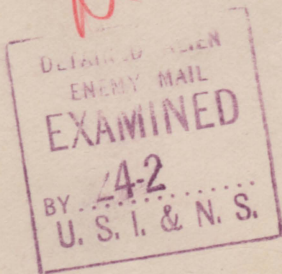




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