

on the 20th of June. She is going to Cleveland, Ohio to stay with Jim Stakshima. Kaoru's younger brother who is now working in a rayon textile factory. Since it is raining - (so much rain this year) - and Hoko has the measles I am trying to finish this letter in between Hoko's spasms. Measles and mumps accompany the education of a first grader I suppose. Any of your children have them yet? A long long intermission August 26. Please excuse my negligence. This intermission is due to lots of work to do in the home and in my truck garden. Kaoru came up here for a short vacation of couple weeks and is going back to Yokosuka in a few days and I am writing snappy letters even if I have to stay up all nite - so that Kaoru can bring them to Tokyo - have Tsuchida-san mail them. We have had very dry weather, my truck garden is a failure no corn, + very poor potatoe crop - due to disease or blight of some kind which has ruined all the potatoes in Nagano. - Well due to kindness of all relatives and friends ~~and~~ U.S.A. we have been very fortunate in our daily needs of as to food. - But since I started to write this letter sometime ago - the prices of everything is going up and up. ~~the high~~. Can you imagine an egg costing 12 yen. A small bar of soap about half the size of blondine costs about 10 yen. and a little face soap costs about 30 yen. If it were not for the kindness of all of you I am sure we couldn't afford to wash our face with soap more than once a week. As to washing clothes. I am afraid they might as well not be washed. Please let Yori read this letter and you read Yori's letter too. Well Katsukake has been unusually hot this year but since yesterday it has become a little cooler in the evening and morning. It must be hot in N.Y. I hope your children are well. Since Ichiro has bought a house in Tokyo - they want us to come & live with them so by the middle of November I hope to be in Tokyo. - So please mail all things & letters to either M. Tsuchida or Kaoru in Yokosuka. Japanese Liaison Office - Yokosuka - 4 Ataki machi. When does Sally's folks line? With love - Kaicho

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