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Dear Sally:

I had to write to several people last night so I didn't get to write to you. I arrived here yesterday about 5:30 PM. I had reserved a room before so I had everything just right. Room only cost \$1.75. Gosh it sure cost to travel. I think I did too much shopping in N. Y. I hope you don't mind Sally, spending our money like this. I feel a little guilty but I think it is for a good purpose.

I met Mr. Knodel here and he is helping me out a great deal. Mr. Holland isn't here. I missed both Mr. Holland and Mr. Cullum. Too bad. I am getting some good information as to N. Carolina now from Mr. Sabin. Also tomorrow morning I am to visit Mr. Whittman who is more familiar with the deep South. We got in

see how many places the people would let Japanese come to farm. I think Mr. Sabin said that the W.R.A. prefer fellows to go to these districts as workers first but I don't like the idea. Another thing the housing is very poor down this way. The government won't give any help except a loan. I asked them how about supporting the farmers for food until the first crop come in. Sabin ~~wasn't~~ didn't think it was possible. He said we could get a crop loan. I don't like that much either.

I wish I could get Mas Watanabe out this way to start one section and Ed Tokunaga for another section. Just scattering them here and there in small groups. But there is one thing, they don't pay much for farm help

on Florida topic. I like very much to go there but I don't think my money will hold out. I wonder if I could get some more money from the W.R.A. I sort of doubt it especially when Mr. Holland, the chief isn't here.

Mr. Knodel is leaving Washington tomorrow and going up to New York before going back to the center.

Mr. Dolan, the head of the W.R.A. office for this district told me that N. Carolina farmers had got together and felt that it was all right to get Japanese people to grow things around there. Nothing definite yet. Please don't tell anyone yet because Dolan said I was the first evacuee to know about it. Wait till I find out more about it. The W.R.A. has the same idea down South as what I had. They should have worked on it more. But I'm going to

around here; so when you see
\$75⁰⁰ /month it doesn't mean at all
that some farmer is trying to exploit
the Japanese. That is the standard
wages. That is why I think the
small group ought to get together and
pool their capital and either buy
lease or rent land and divide the profit.
I don't believe that a farmer can pay
a man only \$75⁰⁰ /month with
room and not be exploiting him if
his crop is up and prices right.
Shipping to big centers of population
is not a large item. Heck! if
Californians can ship to East and
do it that way and pay more & make
money, I don't see why these people
down South couldn't do it too. Maybe
it would be a temptation for a Japanese
farmer to exploit the cheap labor
down here. (I had that in mind to)

2- Probably the Jap. people better do like the rest of the farmers so that they won't make them angry about anything.

I think if we start in with the right people, we can buy land from the start and get along. I think it is a great opportunity for truck farmers.

Florida though seems to be another place. Florida is my idea of a Cut Flower competition to Calif. I don't think I will go altho Mr. Sabin said that Fruit packers (for citrus fruit) will be needed there this November. There isn't enough money left to do that unless the W. R. A. would do it for me. (The workers probably will have to live in tents)

I got my leave extended ~~for~~ to Oct. 12. The extension was here from Granada. Gee! if I had a little Capital myself I would take a chance on these parts. You can't fail if you

I enjoyed every bit of it again except the "Waltz of the Flowers"?

Washington is just full of Service people. Too darn many Wares & Waacs etc. I like Philadelphia best. It is a very friendly place. It left a very good taste in my mind. Gee! the way I'm writing now is worse than on a train. I have been writing for almost an hour. It takes time for me to write. I guess nobody else will get a letter tonight.

I am planning to leave Wash. tomorrow afternoon for Richmond Virginia. I don't think I will be looking up Embree or Sweetser. I met a lady (Mrs. Hyman) in the Student Relocation Council dept. who was an Anthropologist major from U.C. so I asked

crop produces. I wonder who I could interest. Housing is poor though. I wonder if Government could ~~provide~~ provide something.

I am going tomorrow and see. The more I write to you the more clear comes my mind.

I was looking in the directory in the Barr Building where the W. R. A. is stationed and I saw the name of Vernon De Mars. I am going to see him tomorrow to. Maybe who knows, I may be able to get a job from him? I doubt very much though.

I saw Yuki Tanaka today. Walter Knodel, Yuki, & I had Lunch today. Yuki is rooming with another girl in the suburbs. We had supper together and went to see "Fantasia"

her if she knew Mary Fujie. She
looked around in the thirties so
I thought she would be more
acquainted with that generation.

Well, she did all right. I don't know
what her maiden name was.

Well I guess I better close now.
Here is hoping I find something decent
for us. I'm taking enough time.
Hope you don't mind too much. Thanks
for Miki's picture. Education

down South is a problem: not good.
I will have to make enough to send
the children North. That would
be the problem of all the Nisseis
with the sonses.

Until later.

Love

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P.S. I am on my second group of
30 envelopes

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