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Dear Sally:

I was going to write last night but someone else was using my table. I came home all set to write too. Well this fellow had a long, long letter to write too and he was writing before I came into my room.

I did put a deposit for a house in New Rochelle prior to making an offer. The offer is low. Gosh! they sure asked me all sorts of questions on my financial status etc. Gosh! after all of that, I guess I won't be recommended for the H.O.C. house. I really don't have too sound a financial background, altho we don't owe any one any money. This house is in a very good neighborhood, altho the house is older than some of the others I saw but in very good condition and much more room than the others but not huge - it is just right. The others were just a little on the small size and one of them was definitely too small.

I will know more about this offer later in the week.

Did I tell you that when I met Nore last week, she told me that Paul and Doris Rudin is in N. Y. Today, I went to see them but they weren't home. I shall see them later.

I had a part time job last week but the man was looking for a whole time man. Well, they found one but in the meantime I had put in several hours. Next week I may work a few evenings for my boss. His chief designer will not be in the office for two weeks. He left on a vacation. Gosh! I don't know how the office is going to run. He is a much experienced man and does work very rapidly. Fritz Mellion, which is his name, does very fine small scale perspective very rapidly. Finishing them in pastel all within a half day. I hope I will be able to do something like that. I practice a little. Never-the-less it's going to be a hectic time until he comes back. You see the Mr. Schoen Senior is away too. Mr. Schoen Senior is the designer of the Company too. Well, we shall see. The Educational Equipment Co. store alteration is finished. He gave me credit for most of it too. At least perhaps he had to give the owner confidence in me because I will have to take over in his absence on this job. He thought it was pretty good too. I went there Saturday afternoon after coming back from New Rochelle to buy a couple of toys for the kids. Well the place was closed. I wanted to see how the place was.

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Well, I hope I ^{will} have an opportunity to visit them this week. Well, you shall see something in the way of toys etc. before that. I think I will have time to buy cut out picture books etc. for Miki.

I sent you a box of candy. I wrapped off the paper flower that they had on top of the box. I have it with me. I'll give it to Mike when we get together. Has the Tanikawas moved yet? You know, I have been able to save quite a bit since I have had this job. If I could cook for myself well gosh! I could save more, we could have something before you come out but it won't be so good. Gosh! we will have to write a book to get some extra for ourselves.

I haven't heard from my brother yet. I guess it's no go there. Altho it's really asking so little well, I don't feel like asking Wak yet but I may have to. I wrote a letter hinting to her just a little. I think she knows my condition. Well, I guess I better try a regular institution. Gosh! I hate the idea but what can one do I spent quite a bit on my travels I know but I don't know just how else to say much about it. I hate that Iicker gave me the money from the Ford but I wonder if he remembers the \$900 I lent him to buy the first car, Gosh! I hate to think of it. I guess I better put the pressure on him. Don't you think it is all right. I wish I could have some one that knew

him too so that he could decide if I'm not being unseasonable. I'm going to write another letter to him tonight.

I saw a copy of the New York State Architects Science Exam. It's not too hard. I think in a few while, I'll be able to do most of it. It is a 4 day exam. History, Practice, Design, and Engineering. I borrowed it from the other draftsman. He certainly is a swell fellow. He is Catholic and ~~she~~ took me to a large Catholic Church on Fifth Ave. It certainly is impressive inside.

I bought Misumi a couple of second hand books on actual Crime like Murder. He is making a study on them. Two books cost me 80¢ ~~yes!~~ all of 80¢. I hope he enjoys them.

I'm going to continue this letter later.

Gosh! I'm getting lazy. Got up late again and also did some washing which I should have done yesterday.

Until later. I just got a letter from you

Love,
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