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DEAR SALLY:

I haven't written to you for sometime because I was in hopes of writing to you about developments here. I was going to Telegram you night before last but I decided to wait awhile for the happenings for the next day and the next day turned into another day and so I delayed.

What I wanted made clear to you again is this (and I've wrote to you before about it) The only reason I'm considering a farm or an estate job is because of the probable spouse or living accomodation that goes with it. And that is because you wanted to get out quickly as much as I want you out with me. Its not out in the sticks. From 2 to 5 miles from the city. If you don't care much for rural sort of life well and you want to get out soon as possible its is pretty difficult. Not very good practice to look for a flat to rent without a job. When you talk of making friends etc.) Did you

the start because of my being a beginner. There is one good opportunity on a long range proposition. This Dental lab. It starts \$18.00 for a 5 day week with 1/2 for overtime on Saturdays. The man makes no definite promises but assures me that he would give me a quicker raise, probably within a year the salary will be \$36.00 for a 5 day week with time and a half for overtime. There is even a future on this work. It is considered essential enough so that you can't go work other places without a release. This work is not just temporary stuff. The boss would like to have me for the duration. If I'm good at it, he needs men skilled enough so that he would give me as much as I am worth and as fast as I am worth it. This fellow Thomas Kawasoye works there and vouches for the man's integrity. He also offers the basement or

ever consider that living in the city with kids etc will keep you fairly busy. Once you get settled probably you wouldn't want to bring children out to visit friends. There aren't too much visiting of married folks just because it is sometimes inconvenient to go on a trolley car. You would have to be with yourself and the kids. In an estate or Farm, I would be working within calling distance. You don't have to worry so much about the estate or farm aspect because none of them that answered my ad had a house with modern conveniences. Please think a little deeper than just what is on the surface of it, when you write about not living ^{in this or that} town I had several offers from places like Spring Cr. & Mill work. They have a future raise etc but they don't want someone for a short while. They want to train a man into a responsible position. They don't pay much from

a couple of rooms on the first floor
and I pay him as much as I am able.

He and his wife had some real
hard knocks together. They had a
family and were almost broke in
N. Y. He understands pretty well
the situation. Altho he would just as
well leave it rent free, he figures because
I will feel obliged he would take
just as much as I could afford. It
would be fairly close living but
his two small daughters are ^{3 and 5 ⁹ years}
pretty nice children. His house
is large with a large ground.

It is in the city of Baltimore
near a Park (Druid Hill Park)
It is also on a hill and overlooks
a section of the town. You can
see lights below. He and his
wife are very easy to get along
with. You could have a
certain amount of freedom more
than living alone.

2 The Lowasoyes had a hard enough time themselves so that they don't really expect anything in return. They much rather we return the favor to some other unfortunate people next time, and they really mean it. The house is large enough to be separate as to sleeping quarters. They have upstairs and we have downstairs and no neighbors next wall over. It is of all the different things that come up, I really am seriously considering it because of learning something probably very useful. Please let me know about your reaction. You could come out immediately then. I may be able to get a few customers on Sat for Landscape design and do about one design a week for say \$25.00 to \$35.00 which would bring the weekly earnings to $\$25.00 + 18.00 = \43.00 a week. which we could pay some for rent + board. I've talked with them so I know they are easy to get along.

here though. Here I could probably
love if I had a better job. The
reason I say this is that today I
had an appointment with the army
intelligence. Two men asked
questions for just about 2½ hours
on my Personnel Security Test.
that I filled out for the Maryland
Eng. Co. After the grilling they said
that the report had to be filled in
to Washington and could not tell
me when the thing will come
through. It's encouraging in that
it has come this far. The funny
part of it is that the Edgewood Arsenal
P. S. Q. never appeared. They didn't
know anything about it. Boy what
questions. Relatives etc. I told them
the truth all the way so I didn't
feel nervous. I just felt like I
was talking to another man for
a job and was telling him

Now here are a couple of more
offers. 1. A Mr. Pitts gave me some
garden work in his place near
Pikeville. He found out that I'm a
good worker. He and his son (high
school age) are very good people. Treat
you good because he understands
minority queer groups. Well, he
offered me a place in his Furniture
Co. working in the warehouse 4 days
and in the garden 2 days. (Warehouse
work, he told me that it was physical
work and not too much brain was
necessary. \$35⁰⁰ a week with a little
more if I wanted it, he wouldn't
quibble. He also has a house
near the waterfront with just a
caretaker living in it. He ~~might~~ may
be able to arrange (not immediately though)
for me to stay there and also fix the
place up. In the meantime we will
have to live in a apartment or
something like it probably for \$50⁰⁰
a month rent. No future promised

about my past. I'll tell you
more about it when I see you
again. 2. Mr. & Mrs. Simon isn't
like you think Sally, you have
them wrong. I feel terrible when
you say that I should get away
from here and of their influence. Didn't
I tell you that wherever I go I
will probably need a P. S. Q. clearance
for a defense work. and along my
line there isn't much prospect for
work other than defense. If I
"Swallow my pride" and went other
places, I probably have to wait
two, unless I went into work on
other lines like nursery, gardener,
farming. I will have to start all
over again in a different place. They
have been real decent to me only
charging me \$ 2.00 a week for
room & breakfast. When I
help Mr. Simons I eat other

3 there. Mrs. Simon is really a very fine person. She isn't seeing me as you think for a flag waving. Gosh! you sure read a lot of things into my letters. It doesn't sound like you. I hope you would meet her some day. You'd feel different about your accusations. Well, Mr. Simon really is in need of help bad. Mr. & Mrs. Simon offered to put us up here in the second story eat with them and I help Mr. Simon. You don't have to do anything except that sometimes Mrs. Simon has to wait on customers on their place, and you probably see that things don't burn in the kitchen. You have to look for me if we were living alone anyhow. Well, don't worry about this offer. I think quite a bit of Mrs. Simon

they offered a place with modern conveniences and a chance to develop an old estate (fix it up both landscape and building) Altho they wanted someone to stay for weeks. Well I'm not too hot on it except that if there is an opportunity I would look at the house and situation.

There are two plans that enter into my head. 1. accept the dental technician job and get trained and have you come out right away. 2. accept the Wash. job for a month to wait to hear more from my P.S.Q. in the first stage at Wash. If things are alright, I could work for Mary. Long. Co. in which case you could come as soon as I find a place out there, which wouldn't be

and could get along very well with her but I couldn't stand Mr. Simon too long. Richard is a swell boy; but Stevens is lazy and thick its smart making other do his share of work. All of 15 years and does he think he knows things — "yes! I know!" that is what he says and he isn't smart enough to have something sink in when he has that attitude.

Besides this house is a little bit too small — too close living. I shall not accept the offer. If you think otherwise let me know. I can't have any fun with talking about things as conversation with Mr. Simon. I'll tell you more about him when I see you too.

3. Then this offer in Wash. for at least a month. Mr. Zavitzy (Headmaster) is a good man and needs help bad. There was another offer from Annapolis but I guess I won't consider it all.

too difficult. Or if my P.S.O. doesn't come thru. I could still work for the Dental laboratory I think.

The other alternative would be to accept Mr. Potts offer with the understanding (which he has given me) that if a better job come he would release me — no I mean he said that don't feel obliged to stay. Then if my P.S.O. come, I could start again for Maryland Eng Co. I would have to find a room though while I am working for Potts.

Please tell me by telegram what you would choose.

I am going up to see Dick this week end I think. He hasn't written since I received his telegram saying not to come up.

I must stop in N. Y. to see Jogo Shima. Don't talk about this

4 But he is interested in a Greenhouse,
and I am trying to help him on it
because he doesn't know too much
about it..

This is probably what I will do
this week end. Friday - leave early
enough to get to Philadelphia in the
early morning to see Patterson. N.Y.
in the evening. Sat. - N.Y. with
Togo seeing Greenhouses. Maybe
Sunday too. If it will take Sunday too,
I will phone Dick to come down to
N.Y. and talk with him there.
Come home Monday ~~in the~~ arrive
late afternoon. Maybe the schedule will
be delayed one day.

Mr. Zaritz is waiting to hear
from me on this Wash. job next
week. Togo Shima 140 VAN COURTLANDT
APART. 7E W. AV.

W.Y.C., N.Y.
I'm not sure of Dick's R.I. address.

Maybe there will be something
in these other places - who knows

hay.

You met some real swell people here though. If you want to make friends there are fine Caucasians + American of Japanese descent here.

Love

Ken.

Gosh! how is Mike + Spike or is it Kay.

Did the camera come yet.

I wish I could get you here by Spring.

Don't feel too bad the way I wrote this letter but sometimes you sound like somebody else with a lot of meanness.

I know you are having a hard time there and everything else but gosh you know one thing, if you do come out here first to say Kawasago's place, we could talk together of things and come to a better understanding. That is what the sermon suggested - only they suggested that we move in on them.

Really Sally, your last letter sounded a whole lot better than the one before. I could make a living just free lancing too but well to tell you the truth I considered farming & gardening just so that I could have you out here quickly on a house furnished by the boss. I don't relish it. I'd rather do just plain nursery work.

Well, its getting close to 1:00 AM. I guess I'll hit the

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