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DEAR SALLY:

First day of work and was I nervous. I couldn't keep my hands from shaking. Gosh! wish me luck!! Boy! baby needs a new pair of shoes besides Mama has to get out of camp and besides it isn't baby but babies. After starting in with reducing a drawing to  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale; we went to a large dept. store (I forgot the name) to make a scale drawing of the shoes dept. They are going to remodel it I think. There is a German-Swiss fellow who worked with me. He sure didn't know very much about measured drawing or was acting dumb. I had to do most of the work. Well, he is a nice fellow and we get along all right.

The chief draftsman's name is Cohen and the chief designer's name is ~~Harris~~ and a Mech. Draftsman is called Harris.  
Russell

The Architect is Morris Lapidus. I think I've heard of him before, did you. There is an Engineer Max Siegel (?) Took us almost the whole day to complete the measured drawings. Gosh! it was such a nice day outside too.

When I got back, I found that I'm to help the chief designer. I'm to copy a plan of a restaurant he is working on. He doesn't make himself as clear as the Chief Draftsman can but he is swell and I'm sure he won't mind my asking questions. The office is new. Carpenters are still working on the place. Gosh! I pray and you better too! that I can keep this job for awhile. It is educational

2. In a way of how a big office, which pays their draftsman, work. I think I can be of help but my draftsmanship will have to be carefull and I'm not to get too shaky. It means so much to me! I'll wish you well, too, for keeping healthy and the kids too.

I'll start looking for a house in the suburb. Is that O.K. with you? You wouldn't want to live in a flat would you? I hope not!! You see I thought I could find something and have Kay Matsuo and Johnny Ishikawa live with me. We could be paying rent together and as long as I need about three bedroom house, it would work out pretty well. We could ~~could~~ <sup>work</sup> home and save, also, laundry too. It would be with the understanding that as soon as you come they would move. Probably they will have jobs by then. Or maybe they could move ~~entogther~~ into one room. Well, those are some things that I'm thinking about. Tell me what you think. I'm living fairly close to work. The office is on W 59 St & I'm living on E 57 St. I can walk it in 20 to 25 minutes. Street car costs only a nickel but takes about 10-12 minutes. Besides walking is part way through the South End of Central Park and also good shopping district. You don't save much Carfare. I'll probably try for a Sat & Sund job too to fill out the weeks after I find a place to stay not too far from work. Alth since work begins at 9:00 Am. I could be 1 hour away. Probably transportation should be considered then. Well, we shall

3. see. Don't you think this job is better for me than taking a job raising vegetable & cut flowers? I hope you will agree with me. Maybe later you can find something too. By-the way I met Mine Okubo. I found out where she was living from the W.P.A. and I just went up to see her. She knows Yuri and I guess she knows you too. You see my friend David Henken, who I met at Tahesic, was looking for an artist to do children's picture. I asked if she knew of anyone or would she be interested. She said she is. I was to have lunch with David Henken yesterday afternoon but I had to be in Baltimore so I canceled the luncheon. We will have one soon though. And I'm going to talk to him about it.

I had lunch with Kaz Adachi and met his very charming wife. I had dinner with Rindge too. Augy is getting real large. I wonder what KIII is like now.

I'm to get \$50<sup>00</sup> a week which is O.K. isn't it. Altho Kaz told me \$60<sup>00</sup> & even \$70<sup>00</sup>/week are paid. I may be able to get more after I swing into the whole business or if I don't get fired before. Lord don't let that happen.

I heard that Wak & Yuri was coming in from Nellie Nagano, one of Margaret Saito's room mate. She works in the W.P.A. office.

4. I tried to make it back from Baltimore early enough to stop at Philadelphia to see them that night (last night) but I stood at The Simons too long. Gosh! how I hated to leave them and Baltimore. All my friends, Caucasians & Japanese. Gosh! you would have liked them we will see them yet. I'll have to write letters to all of them. Gosh! how I would have liked to have climbed around Baltimore. I asked about my clearance, but it hadn't come thru yet, so the Pikesville job is not going thru yet. Gee! It was so pretty around Baltimore the weather has become a little bit warmer quicker than up North. I got all your letters, the last, on air mail stamped April 13. Will talk things over later when we get together. N.Y. is 5 hours from Boston and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 hours from Wash. D.C.

I'll start looking in the suburbs for a house. On Long Island perhaps first and then maybe across Jersey or even up Connecticut. As soon as I find a place. The excess things that you can pack can be shipped. Books & Maps, probably. How did Wab & Yuri pack? Did they leave anything behind? or what?

I'm starting to keep account again. It may come in handy.

5. You know, if I can find a furnished house large enough for our needs and yet have room for a couple of more, maybe we could have Yuki & her husband stay with us until he gets a job, also Johnny. Then Yuki could come out with you and take care of the babies.

I think Mrs. Lindley would ~~leave~~ ~~some~~ ~~one~~ help you pack and the most important part of my going back would be to help bring the kids here. In this way, you may be able to come out quicker than if I went after you. Well let me know how you feel about it. There is an ulterior motive of that idea but as long as Yuki may come out this way it would be swell if it did work out like that. Gosh! I wonder if a house would just loan out too.

Well, now that you know where I am, I guess you can get in touch with me most any time.

Gosh! I hope you like how things are coming out.

Gosh! just think Miki + ~~Kitty~~ will be seeing their Pap! Oh! Boy! I think Pap will be more happier than they.

Love

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