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DEAR SALLY:

I went out to Long Island house finding. Went to Jamaica real Estate Brokers, went to Flushing and ended up by going to Alberton to see Shagor Myranda, the fellow I used to work for. It is beautiful in Long Island now. The trees have green leaves and the Dog woods are all in bloom. I saw a house in Roslyn for sale. I went to the man and asked him if he wouldn't rent it. Roslyn is about 45 minutes to Times Square by Long Island railroad and it's a nice small community with one shore. There is a little lake at the back of this house. It's a very beautiful spot. There are fairly regular train schedule into N. Y. C. 45 minutes to Times Square or Penn Station is quicker than going into S. F. from Hayward. I hope you would like this place as well as I, altho I'm not sure just what luck I'd have in getting the place. Gosh! won't it be swell if the man leases it out at a fairly decent rent.

Friday Fred and I finished measuring up another part of Hearn's Dept. Store. It sure is stuffy there. I think we got everything O.K. I hope so. I'm drawing up the plan of the part that we measured. This is fairly interesting work but it isn't designing. I met Paul Zaima today. He sure has talent. We went to his office where he is working for Rhode who is an industrial designer. His rendering is beautiful

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About the best I've seen done. The designs were on drawers of metal for hospital. Fairly well done too. Too bad he is leaving for the army. He must have been making quite a bit here. He fits the part of a typical successful N. Yorker. I wish I had met him sooner. We could have talked about lots of things. I met another fellow, Minoru Shimagaki^(?) as I told you before through Kog Adachi. One of the fellows tells me that he is a licensed architect here. That is about all only thing is that now that I am getting into the routine of things and have paid up my just debt, I am more able to save most of my wages, altho eating out etc will cost me \$2.50 a day. Which makes it about \$20⁰⁰ a week for generally speaking. Eating at home & doing the general laundry should bring that down. Transportation will go up a little but probably rent will be cheaper in a way and high in a way too. In other words to really save I must have some other income too. I wish Hermann Hervey gets back because I'm anxious to go ahead more with his work. It would be good side business which may be more than that later.

Josh! Honey! I'm going to be really tickled pink when you join with me again. I've been looking for a fountain pen but the cheapest we has been a dollar. I'll look into a five & ten and see what I can find.

3. Something worries me Sally, and that is this -
If you are having ~~lorettly~~ hard work taking care of
the kids without anyone helping you, would it be
any easier here where I won't be home most
of the time. You would have all the utilities under
one roof though. Another thing we must
consider is this: If the house can be only procured
through buying, there is usually a down payment
for about \$1,000 Dollars. Can you think where we
could get a loan on that. I've got a few ideas but
I wonder if you got better ones. Never mind trying
to think about it if you have too much on your
mind now.

I saw the N.Y. post war planning exhibit and enjoyed
the way the exhibit was put up but the plans submitted
was rather mediocre and didn't have the smartness
and creativeness that could be really something. I
was disappointed in the stilted forms and rather
unimaginative project.

Well, so much for that. Looking forward to
seeing you so soon as I get a house.

Love,

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Rained today. It
wet all night.

P.S. has Shiro Abe returned the tools already?

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