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Feb. 18 1944
8K-3-B
Amache, Colorado

Dear Kan

I am sorry that I didn't let you know that I was still here but I was waiting for an answer from the two friend of mine that did go and then was going to let you know about how things were. I signed up to go but then I went to the dr, a and asked if I should finish my treatments and he said it would be best and that it will take only a few weeks but the other fellows couldn't wait so they said that they were going first and that I was to meet them later. I didn't hear from them till yesterday and it had me worried for sometime. I receive a telegram from them that they were now in Chicago and so I wrote to them as soon as I received it. I am glad that they are at least ok and they know how to take care of themselves. Did they get to see you? I hope so and also I received today a letter from Gilford and I more or less thought that if he could more or less break the ice for the nisei's it wouldn't be so hard. The people in that area I think needs education on the matter and be able to accept us. I still think sooner or later that area will open up to the niseis. I personally think I am going to like that area for it is similiar to California. Near to the cost and the climate is good. Well Kan I want to thank you for all that you have done for us and we are sorry that it didn't go through like we wanted it too but it isn't your fault and it will be up to the people to educate the people in that area.

What are you doing for yourself. Did you find a place where you can do your kind of work or are you still looking around.

I guess you know about the draft as well as I do and maybe your wife told you about what happened in the center the last couple of days and nights. Well ther was a hot time in the ole town the last couple of nights and fortunately it turned out for the best. To start the story or incident out every block wanted the city council to persent to the proper authorities that a request stating that we would like to have our rights granted if we are to serve in the US army. Well some of the blocks and especially the Kebeis got it started and wanted the request sent in with an ultimatum or condition attached stating that unless these rights are granted we will not serve but will fight for our rights even if it does mean a penitentiary sentence. Ther was a mass meeting for all draft agers in the center ah block 7H and it was hashed out over and over and it was concluded the following night. The result was to have the council send in the request without an ultimatum attached. It was thought it would be the wisest step. Well I guess thats about all I can write about now but I do want to thatk you again for all that you have done for us.

Sincerely
James Makimoto

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Amache, Colorado

Dear Kan

I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you. You have clarified to me how things went and why our deal didn't go through like we wanted it to. I too agree with you that the W.R.A. did the wrong thing in advertising to the people of Aurora that we were coming. Then again I agree with you that if we were allow to go into Aurora on the (qt) this wouldn't have happened and they would gradually get used to us there. Maybe later on they will accept more of us and another district will be opened to relocation. I personally think that there is a lot of oportunities for farmers out there and if we are given half a chance to get started it will be another boom town. The reasons that makes me incline to believe the above statement is. The climate is very much like Californias, it is near the coast, plenty of rain and fertile soil and most of all the close markets.

Kan you asked me in your last letter to ket you know where Rusty and Shig is and to tell them to get in touch with you, but I think it is a bit late since I think Rusty is on his way to Idaho and Shig is on his way to TExas. I do hear from them but they were in Chicago after leaving N.C. for they sent me a wire to add address their mail to my sisters office but I haven't heard if they left for Idaho or Texas as yet but I hope to hear from them soon. I am sorry that they did not go and see you after they were turned away.

I want to state one thing that may linger in your mind and that is you may be assured that we are not blaming you for anything that happened, for we took that chance on our own accord and we ~~are~~ you cant help it if it didn't turn out like we anticipated.

We are trying now to get things clear with Washington in regards to the incident and am communicating with an official in Washington. I have told him what had happened and advised him that the W.R.A. should do something about it. The other day at the home of Dr. Rademaker I met a soldier from N.C. and told him of the incident and he says that he will go back and try to influence the church that he attends to exercise some publicity in our favor for us. He is the fiance of Dr. Rademakers sister in law. His name is Joe Still.

I am sorry that you are finding it complicated to get into jobs that you find. It just burns me up to hear about all the red tape one has to go through to get into industrial jobs. I hope that your clearance will soon come and that you can begin in your work as soon as possible.

Thank you again Kan for all that you have done and maybe someday our efforts will be recognized. When you find time to write again, let me know about yourself.

Sincerely---

James Makimoto

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

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