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Hello Ken —

Yep! you were right! That car we saw coming into Jackson St. as we drove off must have been Gee and June. Pa said they called very soon after we left and left a parting gift of two dollars. He refused saying that you'd already left so he can't receive it but he lost out evidently because I found the envelop here. Later I learned that both Mr. Fujii and Gohsaka had given a bit too. If not too personal, can you tell us how much because an opportunity might come up in which "returns" are in order and it would make some difference.

Gosh, I couldn't think of a thing to say before you left but I'm sure how much there was to ask and talk about just after you boarded the train. All the way home as I drove, things came into mind — hep, mostly questions, as usual the curious. But just "bodies." One of the many thoughts were your financial status. I should have found out more about it when you asked me about your bank balance that night.

Sunday

Today is Sunday and everything was as usual except I somehow expect you around. It doesn't seem so strange to have you away during the week days — we've become accustomed



to that during the past 6 months, - but we did see you on the "Sabbath."

Boy did I give Oba-san a "let-down". You remember her first visit here, well today when, she came guess what I had the nerve to serve her? No, I didn't go Japanese nor Chinese, Italian with onions + garlic? No, but that is a thought. 'A la Maggie and Jiggs, it was, the old corned beef and cabbage. She, being a "refined" person made a polite comment. Did I chuckle within. Last night Pa + Nick went to clear the account with Mr. Sakurai. They're leaving Monday night. Then someone's error the check wasn't made and so they had to find the man whose "John Smith" was missing. So both of them were late. Nick tried to get yours too but couldn't because that was in cash and the "man" wouldn't or couldn't open the vault. We shall call for it at the first opportunity, and use Jim Farley to bring it to you. I wonder if that Farley is good and trustworthy, yet?

Did you get a chance to hear Badeweski this morning? What I heard of it it was grand! But I was sorry I missed his playing his own minuet - you probably don't remember but it's the one I've often attempted. It goes like this - ta, ta, - ta-ra-ra-ra - ta, ta, . . . Yes, you know now, I'm sure. Oba-san + Lucie arrived when this selection was being played and I just couldn't get the full benefit of it.



Tuesday night.

Thanks Ken:—

See, so I feel good hearing from you again. What a treat! It's been a good day today, hearing from you this aft. and Tok this morning. She wrote that she thought your trip be most worthwhile.

Well, your letters sound as though you are enjoying yourself - even amongst such odd people. Do you feel at home with them? - these crazy people. My! My! Traveling broadens one's knowledge and so it does. Now I know that the S.P., + the U.P. run not only a "chain" gang but a "nut" gang. What do they do? - string them together with "bolts" (Aah - that's terrible. Getting out of practice already) To finish - I'm "screwy", now.

Say, you passed thru Arizona, didn't you. Where is this "Grand Canyon". Any glimpse. It sounds as though you reached that flat monotonous bit of land swift the Atlantic + Pacific.

Traveling is interesting and I guess one should expect the unusual. The case of the Japanese passenger was odd. Was there a Russian about? Maybe they were involved in an espionage case now afoot in L.A. which seems to have Japanese mixed in the deal, too.

Ken, I think you got 'B. G. & E. (H. Fair) conscious without being aware of it. You must have been boasting the this event of the Fair



by giving a demonstration to those  
Texans who dumped their left-over  
hats into California. Lucky you didn't  
leave anything behind at the station.  
You're an inspiration. I think I'll  
turn scenarist writer. Just imagine a  
comedy - a farce beginning with the station  
episode. You run + skip; a cop thinks  
you're trying to ~~stop~~ skip; a chase ensues  
and etc. How's that? Any further suggestions  
will be gladly received. A Japanese Harold  
Lloyd, heh!

You're going to be passing thru  
"dark" country now. If you get a chance,  
please give me an authentic interpe-  
tation of a "nigger-chaser". If you can't  
supply the full details, just stretch your  
imagination and not cause the "nigger"  
pull the blade.

Evidently you are experiencing that rare  
treat of getting the first and last words in  
with no women to hedge in. Boy, don't fool  
yourself. I'm going to go and buy me some  
large, thin paper and then - well just  
wait. It'll drive you dizzy. In the meantime  
I shall call up the President of the U.P. or  
is it U.P. and congratulate them in their  
success sticking to the rail. My, is it  
a wonder. I've tried to name the seven wonders  
of the world but missed one - now I got it. Thanks!