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Dear Kan,

Thanks for your letter of some time ago, in which you have given me some good suggestions for our contemplated addition to our house. Regret very much that I did not answer you right away. Should not attempt to give any excuse, but it was one after another and I finally was able to get few snaps of the house and had them developed and printed, which I am enclosing.

Have found out that the lumber situation is one of the sticker. Of course, nails is also bad, but I think that I can get around that. I am afraid about the flooring and other materials for the framework. Even the 2x4 the local lumber yards are ripping from the heavier dimension. So might have to wait ~~###~~ awhile, but no harm in planning and get all set for it.

If possible, I would like to build our addition on the same floor level as our present house. In which case I guess the flooring has to be wood? We are not allergic to tile or concrete so if such materials can be used satisfactory, that is okay too.

Also was very much impressed about your idea about an immovable windows, especially the large type, with the ventilatons from under the house., which no doubt will be the thing during some of our dusty days. So please give your thoughts along that idea. Also on some type of indirect lighting, in case one or two rooms get blocked off without windows.

What do you t hink about the cost of such additions, the cost should not be too great even if I should extend out to get at least two rooms or to get three or possibly four rooms? I have several ideas, but not so sure how I want it and also do not know how I can get the best results. Am even thinking about changing our plans to make our present bedroom and toilet into our kitchen eventually. Because we have to make use of our kitchen evert day, so I tought that we can build our new additions which I think should be our bedrooms and alee at the same time make our new toilet and bathroom. Then move into there (new rooms) and then start working on our vacated rooms for our new kitchen and then move our stoves, refrigerator, & etc into our new remodeled room and then make our old kitchen into anothe bed room or some other spare room or something. In that way we can go on and work gradually around. What do you think of that idea? I think I'll have to ask for your deep thinking to make the thing plan out okay in order to make use of our present cramped facilities and at the same time I will have something worth while when I am through. In such a plan as I have tried to expalin to you, the present rooms which will be intact will be dining room and the living room and possibly the front bed room. Although I would like to remodel the interior, especially between the living and the dining room

What do you think of the idea of extending toward the front? That is, make use of ~~the present porch~~, part of the present porch for half way and possibly put in our new toilet and bathroom in there some place and the balance of the porch can be used for the entrance to our present living room. If I went out that way I can easily go out 24 ft. in front, but if I went out just as wide as the present house I will be pretty close to the Christmas tree (on one side,). That might not be too big of a problem.

For exterior finish- what do you think of stucco? Expensive than wood, similar to our present redwood siding? What do you think of stucco finish over our present siding also?

My brother, Roy is finishing or rather patching up the interior by covering the plaster and plyboard with "Vintex". Which seems to cover up the rough spots and also dirty spot pretty well. It looks pretty good for an amateur.

Have ~~all~~ so many ideas that I am afraid that my thoughts are jumbled and that I ~~have~~ not made myself too clear to you. But my ideas are much on the amateur side, so if you can use some of my ideas and follow through with your ideas I am sure that I can make good use of it as soon as I will be able to get the necessary materials to ~~get it finished~~.

If there are any dimensions or any other informations are necessary in regards to our present house, please let me know and I'll try to get it up to you sooner the next time, I hope.

Have been busy trying to catch up with the ranch work. Have just started discing the vineyard yesterday, but it started to rain this afternoon. Now 10:30 PM it is raining pretty hard. Might not be able to work in the morning. I have to go into Modesto to look for some farm implements if it does rain. We are having tough time finding the necessary farm tools. Went to San Mateo & Frisco last Tuesday and on our way home stopped at Stockton to look for some implements, but no luck. Saw Toichi at the nursery. Seem to be busy now. He got a new Ford pickup to replace his International pickup. Only stopped there a few minutes, so did not see Alice or the kids and not much of the nursery, but saw lots of the magnolias in bloom.

Sincerely,

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P.S. My best regards to Sally, kids, Yuri & Dick, Wak, Hamadas & Okubos.