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Friday note

Dear Ken: You've probably gotten my note & wonder why I said "on trial" - that's because (1) you might as well have some kind of job temporarily anyway - it'll be a reason to ~~be~~ leave the Service. (2) I don't think it's a good offer if there's no house included because renting a place anywhere around Washington will probably cost from \$50 (real minimum) to \$75 a month & that doesn't leave much for utilities, food, clothing etc.

About a farm job - I really don't like the idea of being in a rural area - principally because ~~the~~ doctors etc. are not easily available & with kids we have to be reasonably close to a city of some kind for possible illness - esp. in the case of Mike. Also - are you anywhere on the idea of farming? The reason I said "best to me ditch" - is you may like a drafting job better - & this business of draft exemption is now merely a matter of chance. I don't know if farming or defense work will do any good anymore if you're physically fit which you probably are ~~even~~ even though I keep thinking of your possible physical defects.

Maybe I'm being awfully particular & then again maybe I can't shake up my mind but - when you mention "farm" I react badly - one reason is the above one - another honest to god reason is this - I want to get out of here because I want to meet new people & see new

things & start living mentally again - maybe in
subjects - but I feel I won't get the mental stimulation
in a small area. The country will doubtless be good
for the children but so will a suburban area. you realize, I hope,
that its sort of vital for me to have friends for a change -

I certainly haven't made any in the past 2 years - you'll say
it's my fault - but you know very well - its not wholly that.
you seem to feel awfully pushed about getting me & the
kids out right away quick - well, another month or
two won't make any difference anymore - I've waited
this long & can wait longer - so please dont just
grab anything esp. after having been so particular until
now - I dont mean to be sarcastic so dont take it
that way.

Today - K III had a diphtheria shot so he's awfully
feverish and cranky tonight - I expect to be up all night
with him - Mimi is awfully good when he cries -
she wakes up but goes to sleep by herself quietly which
is a big help.

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K III is feeling better but Jim worn out - guess he'll
sleep tonight

got a letter from the family & they told me most of the boys registered at the Hayward draft board have gotten their 1A's & are already scheduled for their physicals. On the 27th - 16 from this camp are going to be inducted into the army - the Hamakawa ^{boys} & Woodrow (Leland) are leaving from this block.

My mother fractured her foot & it's been in a cast for 5 weeks.

I sent Mary a jar of Furu nira not very long ago - she wrote & told me she got it in a store & the woman thought it was waste fat & gave it to a butcher - so it went to make explosives! Guess I'll send her another bottle 'cause she really likes the stuff & hasn't had it for years. Sent ^{to} to buy something for the kids.

In today's Pioneer - Kay Matsuhira's engagement to Misayo Watanabe's youngest sister is announced! Kay didn't travel abroad in the east as he said before leaving - got a job in Chicago so stayed there - returned because he got his 1A.

Emie Furukawa has taken an indiginito to some Colorado town - forgot the name - I saw him recently & he said he was seriously considering going to Philadelphia.

Pete Furuta is at Saramie, Ariz. and chopping timber - he's a 2A because of that. - saw his wife at the hospital - said Pete came back

for a day - the work is awfully hard he said.

Josh Niemiya is in Detroit now - working for some
electrical ^{or radio} co. Plans to visit camp in June.

George Yuzawa has gotten his 1A - & expects to be called
for physical sometime next week acc. to Mrs.
Adamska. - he apparently is doing well in N.Y.
they rented a good apartment & bought furniture
and everything

If nothing else comes up - then take a farm job -
let's not be too far out in the sticks though - must
have modern conveniences. I begin to wonder what
would happen if you got drafted & I were living
in a rural area - not very good I think
Well - gotta relax & think a little more about this -

Mr. Cuyow is leaving for New York on Monday -
has a job with the W.R.A. \$2400 a year. -
so Obasan & Kishisan will move in not too far to
Josh. Josh's getting along okay but Wash or Yuri
go up everyday & spend all day there - Min is
back-dropped in to see me - looks very tired.
Will write soon again - guess I'm sort of vague.
Love - Gail.