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Chicago, Ill

Dear Wak:

I got here Sat. Night about 12:30 P.M. I was going to write yesterday but I was lucky enough to see Mary Fujii. We went to eat at the International House and then we went to the zoo. This zoo is that fancy one that have no bars on parts of it. We spent about 3 hrs there. We came back to the city and ate Sukiyaki. It was pretty good. Saw quite a bit of the city.

The trip was all right. I just chugged along at 35 m.p.h. Everything passed me up sooner or later. The only thing that I passed up was another Ford model A. Upper New York state is pretty good. Its a farming district and the people and scenery just fits. Ohio, at least the part that I went through was rather flat. Not very interesting. - Lots of corn growing. I went through the part of Indiana that has so many lakes. It was swell! Lakes of medium sizes and all sizes all over the place. Covered about 1,100 miles in three days, averaged about 20 m.p.gal. and used up over 4 gal of oil. The gas consumption was very economical. The oil consumption terrific. Good thing I bought a 5 gal tin of oil before I left. It was a good thing that I had a Ford. When my feet got tired I just pushed down the hand throttle and did most everything with my feet except hanging them out of the window. I don't feel tired at all although this morning I slept till almost 10:00 A.M. I stopped rather frequently to drink soda or put oil in the thing. I didn't rest long though. I slept in daytime or in the night. As soon as I was sleepy I slept, and when I awoke I kept driving.

It wasn't bad at all. Only thing is that some places they I couldn't stay as long as I wanted.

Niagra was a swell place. I didn't go into the Cave of the Winds or other thing that tourist do. Took quite a few pictures though. I tried to get into Canada from there and then to Detroit. They wouldn't let me into Canada. I lost about 60 to 80 miles by having to go back to Buffalo and down to Cleveland and around. Cleveland is a swell garden minded town.

Gardens are kept up very well. There are a lot of small nurseries on the highway too. Plenty of them!

The last night in New York, we went to eat a Mujako Hotel. (we = Min Inaba, Murakami, and I) While we were eating or after that, some one stole Niel's suit case. The lock didn't work on the Ford. In the suit case was all my extra shirts (4 of them) all my handkerchiefs, socks, all except 2 ties, 3 pairs underwear, 1 pajama, my night robe, toilet articles. Well I manage to get along.

Oh! Yes! my other suit pants too besides another gaberdine one that I used to work in. I bought a cheap razor and am getting a closer shave than with an electric one, but it is a lot of bother. I repaired it to a police station but I guess it is as good as gone.

I had a couple of shirts and some underwear in the other suit case that has to be laundered yet. Good thing! I had my suit in this other suit case. Don't worry!

I still can get along. I had the lock fixed but it wasn't much good because when I locked the keys inside and the doors were locked I managed to open it with a finger nail file. — Going to see Chicago today again will be in Wisconsin tomorrow. Kan

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