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Dear Wak;

Sorry I didn't have much of a chance to write to you any quicker. I was in the kitchen learning how to appreciate my sisters who did all the things that i did. I didn't cook though. That is one thing that I may learn how to do after though. I got a letter from Nich too. Thank him for me for the ten spot that he sent me. I am not broke by a long shot but with nothing coming in, it is almost a gift from the Gods. I wrote yesterday to Miss and Mrs. Cook. They also sent me a letter. I am tickled pink to get them too. I also got a letter from Mr. Goto; forwarded by Miss Cook. I owe him a good long letter. I didn't answer his last one yet. I guess I'll make a stab of it. It is too bad that some of the movie wasn't any good. You see I borrowed a camera which was of a rather cheap make and I don't think it was much good besides. Yes I saw Mary and she was just about the same. She said that she might come back this fall. I don't know though, She likes Chicago very much. Out this way they don't look at Japanese like they do an the Coast. I mean they look at us in a curiosity way and not prejudiced. The incoming mail here is quite public. I am getting a reoutation for mails already. Won't they be surprised though. I haven't any box at the office but I ought to get one pretty soon. Of all things. Kaech wrote me a letter, which was forwarded by Cook too, and she told me that she was going to Jpan. I kidded her because that letter was the only one that I got from her. I told her I ce tainly expected her to write to me from Japan. She may? I guess I better write to Tok soon. Does she want a boy or a girl.. You see it will make a difference the way I will write to her. Well , anyway Here sis to a good healthy baby. The family is certainly increasing. Well, I better write Son a letter too. I ususally know what kind of things to expect in her letters but I appreciate the ones that she writes. Well more about Taliesin Fellowship. There is plenty of hard work here. It seem as though the kitchen job is a sort of initiation. I am working in the new drafting room now, sandpapering the floor. Rather a tiring job. I can get into the studio and see all the marvelous designs that he has going up. I see it about twice or three times a day. The fellows are pretty nice about explaining things . I bumped into Mr. Wright several times. I don't know exactly what to say so I keep my mouth shut and let him talk first. The week ends are pretty busy for us. Saturday evenings , we make a picnic lunch and go eat supper some pñace that Mr. Wright chooses. Last Saturday, we ate in the little theatre. After the supper , we have entertainment. There is a chorus which I am going to goin. They practice every day. Its a wa way of getting to know the people more. I know most of them now. There are about forty people altogether. After the chorus sings we have some music from a string quartet, that Mr. Wright invitated for the summer. They came last summer and was so good that they were asked to come again this summer. Then we have a movie. I will send you a program the next time i write . Sundays breakfast is only aa half hour later. We usually ha ve it aroud seven o'clock. Lunch is twelve. We have tea at four. Supper comes around seven again. Sunday afternoon, the fellowship does the same thing fhat we had on

Saturday night and show it to the public. Charge admission too and serve coffee. Sunday evenings we eat supper in the drawing room of the Wright's and have some sort of entertainment or something. Last Sunday it was the string quartet again. It is sort of partly formal. Yep, I wear my double breasted suit. Saturday it is informal. Most everyone here like music in some form or other. Quite a few of them have portable recorders with good records. My next door has some. He is playing some now. It is plenty good. I haven't had much time yet to make plans for my room. We are suppose to fix it up. I am getting a big kick out of figuring out things for it. They also have a ~~dark~~ room too. Nobody is using it. It is a good thing that Imh had some rendering of drawings already. He doesn't teach it at all. If you know how to draw, he or his assistance call you in some time to do an elevation or plan.. Mr. Wright designs everything himself. He has about three good men, but they don't do any of the real original design. I haven't had a real good talk with Mr. Wright yet. It is about to come off soon, I feel. I think Pa is just as great a man as anybody in his field. A couple of fellows have good collection of books. OH. Boy. As soon as I am settled more I'll be able to get more out of the things that are around. Pegasus Pegasus is still doing fine. As soon as it gets no good, I think over the cliff for it. I have had my 20 dollars out of it already. This is a beautiful piece of country. Taliesin is right close to Wisconsin River. It is a sluggish river with a lot of trees on both sided of the bank. Sort of winding. If Yuri sees the Korematsum Kid that came back from Cornell, tell her to collect the ten bucks that I lent him. Darn him. He should at least try to find out my address. I am not going to send a Bill to him. I saw him at the Jap. Pavilion at the world's Fair. He left or forgot and left his camera with me too. I sent it to him prepaid. Gosh I should think that he would ask Yuri for the address. He sure can talk, but not much substance behind him. He may end up all right though. He is a pansy to me just now.. I haven't had any financial discussion with Mr, Wright yet. He said to stay around and see if I like it here and that they like me. It will be soon I guess. I borrow one of the fellows typewrite. -This isn't the Bosse's. The fellows dress very informally here. Shorts and something that looks like a shirt. hardly any one ~~who~~ wears socks around here. If I am going to stay here and not be able to learn more about designing his way but to work elsewhere, it wouldn't be worth staying. Well I'll take my time about making any decision. I may try working for Mr. Wright's contractor. Some experience in building.

A group of us went to see the circus the other night. We saw it in the capitol of Wisconsin. Guess what city the capitol is. Madison We had a swell time. These guys are all crazy. Nich said that there are a few more apricots still on the tree. Well if there aren't any too many don't bother to send any. You see it is best to send enough for the whole group. Mrs. Wright is a very good cook. She asked me if I knew how to cook any japanese food. I told her know.. If you have some recipes will you send them to me with minute instruction. It seems as though I may learn how to cook here as part of my job. If I am a cook, I

only have to cook one week out of every four or five weeks. You get the most time to do something else. I think I'll make a pretty good cook don't you. Only thing is that the number is so much to begin learning how to cook. If it was for four or five people, it wouldn't be so hard. Right now they want me to make Sukiyaki. I think that I can but I tell them no. There is too many people really to start in on.

Just think, If I stay with him, I will be in Arizona this winter. Just to study his designs on my own hook will be plenty good. Gosh everything is so logical, If everything don't turn out just right, I wonder what I will do. By Bosses want me to come back to New York. They wrote me and said that a lady bought one of the dwarf trees that I fixed up. The funny part of it was that she saw some in California at Domoto's and wanted to ship some out. Miss Cook wrote and said that she was chisling in on Nich's Business. I liked working for them, in a way. Their business is really just beginning. Anything is possible. I was getting \$25.00 a week straight, work or no work. I didn't save much. Board and room was \$10.00. Laundering was about a dollar a week. I usually went out with Shogo every evening to eat hot dogs around twelve o'clock. And we usually went to the Fair about once a week. Somewhere the money went. I really think the best bet will be to take Hasting's law course in S.F. I did tell you about Mr. Rubel, the beer man whose garden I made, who told me to get into some sort of business where there was a lot of talking. He told me that Landscaping was the right wrong business for me. He didn't say wrong, but that I would make more money where there was talking to do. He told me that I was a smart fellow. And I will be great??? man some day. Maybe he was feeling good that day. But I do get a lot of kick out of seeing people and talking to them. Well I can think it over. Mrs. Cook and Miss Cook gave me a Book on Science and Health. I think it is a Christian Science Book. They told me not to read it as a religious book but as a book of science. They were plenty swell to me while I was there. I liked them both because they reminded me of our family.

Well I think I will close now. I am going to write again soon. I will tell you more about the things that go on around here. There really isn't much order around the working things. I mean that it isn't well organized. The kitchen is just being reorganized to a better efficiency. Svetlana, Mr. Wright's daughter is taking charge. She has a lot of tact and a fine disposition, something that Mrs. Wright don't have much. I saw her come into the kitchen with long stride to make some sort of complaint on something. But she is a fine cook herself. Svetlana's Husband, Wes, takes charge outside. He is a licensed architect and engineer. Well untill the next time.

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P.S. tell other people to wait for their letters

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