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16 Union St.,
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Dear Choko: Sorry I'm so bad about writing, but things keep piling up & I haven't had very much free time — we've been having so many "stay awhile" visitors that I'm a bit weary & worn from taking care of kids — cooking for three or four men with big appetites — & the usual washing & ironing — I guess it's pretty bad to become just a housewife but I guess I might as well try to do a decent job yet as long as I can't do much else with the kids as young as they are.

I was awfully happy to get mama's letter — Today I got one from Kain — and it seems he isn't going to our nursing for various reasons ^{about} which he's probably written to you. He says he wants you all to come east for a couple of months & then go back to Calif. I guess my suggestion (which is really Kain's idea) is to have you relocate out here (New Rochelle, N.Y.) — you can stop in Chicago & then go up to Michigan & stay awhile & then come here — you might as well have the gov. pay the trip out as far as we are since it's what we'll have to do to work — & then pay the side trips yourself. If mama is worried about the possibility of Kain being drafted if he goes back to Calif. (that's very likely because a few kids we know had that happen to them) why not decide

to stay out here for 6 months or a year. Ken suggests you could go to some N.Y. college or university - & commute - ~~at~~ it takes only 35 min. by train - our second floor will be vacated either late this fall or early next spring & you could have it - (2 bedrooms - kitchen - bath - living room) - until it's empty you'd have to crowd yourselves into our front room but that can't be helped. Since Mr. Knott is at the nursery & would like the lease to be renewed after it expires in March I can't see much reason for hurrying back - esp. with the draft possibilities for Hair.

Mama said in her letter that she wasn't particularly anxious to return to Hayward.

Oh - tell papa & mama that Mr. & Mrs. Ishimaru came to see us about a month ago - they came in a beautiful Cadillac - working in New Jersey at the home of some very wealthy people (president of the Argo & Linit Starch Co) - they looked very well but said they wanted to go back to Calif. & be with their old friends - had dinner with us & I fed them 'udon' which they liked & ate a lot of.

The brown material for Ken's suit came sometime ago - thanks a lot & sometime soon I'll be making it up for him - also your photograph came the

Other day I must say its not a very good one - the light is very bad but I guess its the best you can expect in camp. Thanks a lot anyway.

Its been so rainy & humid that I'm not frown out just from this weather - the kids are growing fast and are full of energy - they're really very cute & attract so much attention that sometimes I feel its very bad for them.

The other day I bought a pair of shoes for Nida & had to pay \$6.95 for them! - I don't think that awful! Kanzo's shoes cost \$5.00. but that's how much I always pay for them - so it wasn't bad but 6.95 seemed quite a bit to me though Kan didn't care.

Kan is working at a better office now - for a very well known architect - he likes the job - the people & is going to get a raise next month.

Tohru's Kishi (Kan's sister) has gone back to Livingston & seems to be getting along alright.

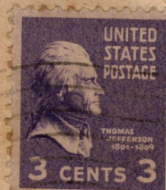
The kids are waking up from their naps now so I'd better close - please have ma & pa (your) decide soon to come out - you might as well see the eastern ~~is~~ fall (its really beautiful) - the business of deciding

When to go back to Celcy. can be planned after
you come last.

Write soon -

Love

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