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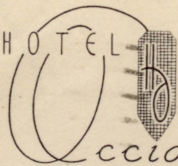


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Mrs Yvonne Tomoto
Merced Assembly Center
Merced, Calif.

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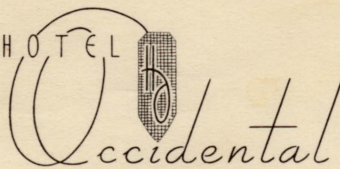
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Santa Rosa
April 28, 1942.

My dear Miss Domoto:-

Thank you for your letter. I had been wondering where you were and what you were doing. Someone from Alameda County said they had seen you at the office, so had concluded that you were back there. It is probably as well for it would have been only temporary.

As for the conference, you probably would have enjoyed it since you have not attended many. One session of the Child Welfare League of American on Day Care for Children of mothers in defense work brought forth interesting discussion. Representatives from Utah, Washington, San Diego, Vallejo, Los Angeles and San Francisco had much to add from their experience. I had taken a friend, a probation officer from the State of Mendoza, Argentina to the meeting, she did not consider that we had problems in this country. Problems, on that point, only, I meant. She said that they had only had probation work in her country for three years and that they had much to do. (This typewriter is not working right and is affecting my disposition) Mr Darnick from the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization was a good speaker, however was unable to answer some urgent questions. 63 percent of state revenue comes from automobile taxes, so by next year we wonder where we will get funds for operation.

With your fine capabilities, you will undoubtedly be placed in some employment but this waiting period is hard, I am sure. If you do write me again, when you have the opportunity, I would be so interested in knowing about your brothers nursery and what he, his family and your father have done. You had said that your father wanted you to be to-gether.

This week, I am working in this county, on boarding homes for aged and children. It seems impossible, in the peace and quite of the rural areas, to realize what is happening to so many, many people in the way of disruption of their normal way of life. I worked in San Francisco Sunday, only. What admiration I have for the reserve, the organization and orderliness of the Japanese. The tragedy, it seemed to me, in taking information was that people with professional training had been unable to use it.

Your handwriting is so small, distinctive, it pleases me much.

I'm holding a very good thought for you. Do write, please.

sincerely,

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June 9, 1942

My dear Miss Demoto:

This may be a very messy letter, for I am writing on a different typewriter with an unusual keyboard. However, my penmanship is so illegible that even this will be better.

While I was working at San Jose on the evacuation, I met Mrs Brown of the Social Security Agency and she told me that you were in Merced and that she hoped that the camp manager would avail himself of your services. She asked Mr Snow to write to him, outlining the services which you might be able to offer. I hope he has realized what you have to offer and that you are now employed in a capacity which your ability fits you for. Do let me hear from you, will you, as to your reaction to the Camp and the management.

Yesterday, enroute to Humboldt County, Miss Todd gave me a letter to read from a girl at Merced, a former secretary at Ukiah-Mendocino County Welfare Department. Her reactions were most interesting. I meant to obtain her name and send it to you but neglected to. Miss Todd said she was a charming person so you might like to know her—will send you her name later.

Apparently, shopping is a bit difficult, other than through Montgomery and Wards, or Sears. Is there anything I could purchase for you now? I would be very happy to try and do anything I can for you. Do you have magazines, or are there some you would like that I can send you? Please, do not hesitate to write me, anything that I can do for you.

This week, I am vacationing in Humboldt, with my friends the Fishers who really make me feel this is my home. When I worked in this county, I spent every week end that I was in town, with them. As we drove north, it seemed that the hillsides had grown brown very early, then when we got here, found that they had had so much rain that the gardens are having to be replanted. The wild flowers along the highway were especially lovely in their perfusion and variety.

To-morrow, inspite of the fact that tires are to be saved, I am to drive into Eureka to see old friends. Have one old man, age 80, who looks forward to seeing me each year and for whom I would make the trip if for no other reason. Some eight years ago, he applied for OAS but at the time we could not prove his age so I gave him a job as caretaker and gardener at the office

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for which has always been grateful.

As I mentioned, I worked at the San Jose evacuation. Such fine people worked with us and the JACL had the organization well in hand. Each social worker had one Japanese assigned to heror him to interpret if necessary, which of course was advantageous to everyone. One young chap, who was just finishing his law course at Santa Clara worked with me. Unfortunately he was to leave on Friday and the Commencement exercises were held on the following Saturday. He so hopes he will be allowed to remain in California and be permitted to go to Los Angeles or San Francisco in September to take the bar examination.

Miss Demote, I subscribe to Time magazine, would you be interested in having me send my copy to you? Are there any other magazines you would be interested in seeing, now and then?

Are your family with you there, are you and your prother working and have you heard how long you are to remain there?

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*Sincerely
Melvred Allen*