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Dearest Yuri and Wak... ..

The days are long and dreary, and yet they seem to go by rapidly. I hope both of you are well and trying to keep occupied with making plans and ideas for relocation. It is not easy to have to do it alone, but I know that He wants you to go along as usual.

About four weeks ago it snowed for several days, and do you realize that we still have some of that snow on the grounds yet? You can imagine the biting cold here in Rochester. If this is mild compared to what it is going to be, I don't think I will be able to stand it. Tak and I have a friend about two blocks away, I guess you heard Tak speak of her, Kimi Taguchi from Washington, and she is always inviting us to her apartment, but since the cold weather has hit us, we spend most of our time home in our rooms. Today, the wind came up and blowing very forcefully, and it is very biting.

Hizie has written to me often and never does a letter go by that she doesn't mention you. She enjoys you so much, and I am glad to hear that the pictures are amusing to you too. Those picture may illustrate our daily living here, to you, but actually it is not so....We have had only a few of those occasions, and most of the time is actually working here in Rochester, so please do not get the idea that we are here just to have fun! But what little enjoyment we have here, we wish that you were here to enjoy them with us.

After Thanksgiving, I especially missed my family, and if I knew that it was not difficult for them to get to the phone, I would have called them up. It was nice that fortunately and accidentally, Tak and I both were able to get Thanksgiving day off...We had planned to go out to dinner, but Kimi Taguchi insisted that we go to her apartment for dinner; we felt okinodoku but did accept. We got up about 11:00 am, until then we lay in bed and talked about all the past Thanksgivings we enjoyed in Colusa and Hayward. We went to Taguchi's, Tak made hot rolls, and I made the salads and stuffed dates. Had our grand dinner about 3:00pm We were completely filled to our necks, and none of us were able to move to do anything. The dishes remained unwashed for quite sometime. Later the boys went bowling, Kim's sister and her friend went to the movies, Tak and Kim listened to the new records, and I got myself comfortable and read stories (out of magazines).

I hope you were able to have a joyous Thanksgiving too!

How are your little niece and nephew? No doubt little Mickey has grown quite a bit and enjoying her little brother. Is Kahn thinking of relocating? I thought perhaps he had found something interesting while he was out in the east.



Tak and I both applied for service in the Army, but several days ago both of us received words that Major Bronson of Fort Snelling had written to Washington to inquire about our situation and found it to be discouraging. We were quite disgusted when we heard about it, but of course there isn't much we can do about it.

Right now I am in a service where I find it quite difficult... But I do hope it will get easier!

Must get back to work in a few minutes so will close, hoping to hear from you soon, and all about the center too!

Remember me to Kahn and Sally,

Lovingly,

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