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Dearest Zuri,

It was ever so good to receive that nice Christmas letter from you. I was beginning to wonder if Dick had spirited you away from all your old friends, and was really quite perturbed about it. Margaret read my letter & I read hers; so between the two, we were able to catch up on news of you. Why! If you aren't the ambitious soul! I wish you'd relax and settle down to being a charming housewife instead. If you get so educated, we won't be able to speak your language any more. Golly! I'm so far removed from anything academic these days that I'm afraid I couldn't carry on an intelligent conversation about educational matters. I never was

much of a scholar any way.

Received your wedding picture—
finally! Golly! I've been waiting
for that for so long. And it's such
a nice one! You both look so
divinely happy—and of course, you
have every right to be. Every time
I look at the picture & see
that happy gleam in your
eyes, I wonder if I could ever
look like that. It must be
wonderful.

Ken dropped by to see me
at the hospital a few days before
Christmas. I feel so guilty not to
have visited them yet since
Fally's been out here. It is such
an effort to go out of the city
to visit. He seemed quite worried

about having to join the Army.
How about Dick? Is there any
chance of his having to go? They
certainly must be in terrible need
of men at the rate they're taking
them now.

Margaret + I went to see
Clara + Chitoshi at Christmas time.
We went Sat. night + came back
Tuesday after Christmas. I took a
week off from work + if I had
a little more money, would have
gone up to see you, too, but after
Christmas, as you well know, I
was flatter than flat. But I'm
going to try to save a little more
now + make short trips here and

there as long as I'm here. 15

Have you any intention of going back to California? And what about your brother Toichi? Yoshimi Shibata wrote me an Xmas card from Denver & said he was on his way back to California. I wonder how many others will be going back? I'd like very much to go, but until I'm sure of my job, I guess I can't. I've written to Stanford Hospital about it & Miss Eck tells me that the University has to approve it before I can get back on the staff.

Emi is back at work in Rochester since November. I'm sure surprised she got over that operation so soon,

but she is full³ of vim + vigor; so
I guess a "little thing" like that
couldn't keep her down. I don't know
whether her whole family got out to
Ohio or not — only her father, Hize, &
George were there the last time I
heard. Now that California is open
again, they may all go back,
since they have a home & business
there.

What did you do to celebrate
New Year's Eve? Crazy me, I was out
all night Sat, Sun, & Monday & had
to work each day too. I got
home just in time each morning
to change into uniform & go to work.
Isn't that awful! Ever since I
came to New York I don't think
I've had more than 5 or 6 hours sleep

on the average. And many times
it's only 2 or 3 hours & those three
nights it was none at all. Boy!
I was a pretty jittery, wobbly
chicken after those three sleepless
nights! I'm getting too old to take
it, I guess. Coo! It's awful to
speak of age nowadays, isn't it? Of
course, you still have a few months
to go before you reach the grand old
age of 30. Poor Margaret and ~~Lee~~
are there already and it isn't
very encouraging.

Margaret started working at Mt. Sinai
Hospital the Wednesday after Tom. She
doesn't seem to like the work particularly
well, but at least it's a job. We
still don't know what to do about
an apartment. I hate to take one
now if I'm going back to California

soon, and yet I don't know if I'll ever go back. So it's really a problem.

Clara, Margaret & I were talking about a 10 year Reunion for the Class of '35-U.C. Many of us are out this way & maybe we can make New York City the meeting place for a gala reunion. Ken Nishimoto & family are in Wash. D.C. too, & Mine Okubo & Noi Ikeda are here in N.Y. Biko Minami is in Chicago, William Wake is also in Wash. D.C. — so you see, with you, Clara, Margaret, I — there are quite a number close enough together to have a meeting. What do you think?

Gooh! I still don't have your wedding present. Isn't that awful! I must do that the next time I have

Saturday off, otherwise it will soon
be your Anniversary before I know it.

How is Wah? Please tell her
I said hello + Happy New Year!
Tell her to come down to N.Y.C
sometime + I'll show her the
town. I know quite a bit about
it now — especially the eating
places! You know me!

Well, write again soon +
visit then,
Love,

Jack.

Kindest regards to Dick, and
hello to Cyrene if you see her.