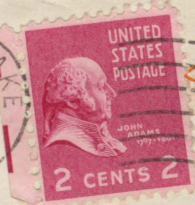


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Dear Yuri.

With many apologies for my usual reluctance to grab the pen. As answered in my brief wire to you, I prefer the simpler announcement in that it would be more in keeping with the present times. The more formal type would more or less mean an ceremony with all the extras which are no doubt nice but to me not at all necessary to a successful start in a marriage career. Many times I've felt that if the parents would only give the young couples, the money that is used for showing off their sons or daughters to aid them in getting a home established there would be less hardships during the first period of adjustment.

Mr. Kishi, told me about the plans as they had progressed until Pa's death, and I firmly believe that it had his approval. Mr. Kishi regretted very much last fall that the thing would have to be postponed with your possible relocation and maybe dropping the entire question of marriage for a time. I am glad that things are turning out as originally hoped for, some faster some slower.

as for Dick and my report impressions of him, I think he is very sincere, and thoughtful also think he has had enough knocking around to realize that marriage is not something taken

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on today and cast off tomorrow if it did not suit,
However it will require your moral pushing to keep
him going. I may be mistaken on this, I hope so.

All married couples like to give advise to
the newlyweds or those about to be. I guess I'm
no exception. With just this thought. In these
unsettled times and not knowing Dick's status as
far as army is concerned don't get any children
until the thing is settled. You young enough yet to
wait a year or two. I've seen too many and heard
of others whose husbands have been inducted soon
after or before marriage with a child on the way or
here and then the fatal day. It's just too tough for the
wife, altho I know that you could take it if
the time ever came that you would have to.

Hope you can read this scratching. I'm getting
off this morning before going to work as night time
has too many disruptions for writing.

Mother in law will be coming home from
the hospital today. She has been there since a few
days after the 4th of July, with some ~~stomach~~ ^{intestinal}
trouble. It has never been diagnosed yet. (everything
from Valley Fever, to appendicitis, & even Panfagas)
She was so bad that several plasma & blood
transfusions had to be given and Mr. Okamoto
had to come out on special permit as his regular
one had not come thru yet. Lucky for us that
Alice was able to get Pearl to come and Special

3. for her. Pearl came with the idea that it would only be a week and stayed longer than a month. Sammy came up to Chicago from St. Louis 2 weeks ago Sunday for a wedding so she stayed over a week and both returned to St. Louis last Sunday.

Douglass hasn't started to walk yet, but it will be only a matter of a short time now. and then Alice will have more than her hands full. Marilyn is always getting into trouble. altho in the last few days she seems to be getting a little more reasonable and understanding.

Pa & Ma Okamoto are taking the apartment next to us. He is going to work at Schramm's too. so I hope that this will make it a little easier for Alice when her ma is better. It has its advantages and troubles too. but that is life.

Had a letter from Son's yesterday saying that she is taking her family to N. J. I hope that it is a good move for her. It is quite a long trip to make.

It is a bare possibility that I might be able to make a trip for your wedding, but don't count on it. It will depend upon my vacation period and on how mother-in-law is after she gets back as it is quite a job for her to take care of the youngsters as I have so little time to help. Closing with love and all best wishes Yuri Mich.