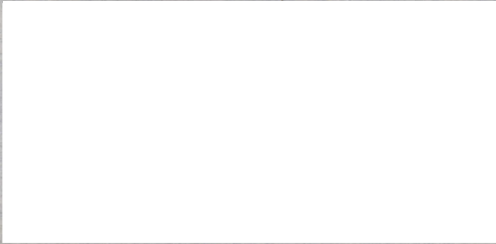
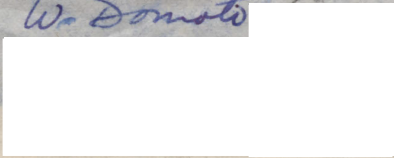
 Air Mail

Mrs. Richard Tsukada



*We Donato*



Thurs. decide to mail it. Please  
don't worry, it's all past now.  
So wish for hope is natural, but  
to accept a situation - Tuesday  
that's reality, it's LIFE!  $\frac{1}{2}$

Dear Yuri -

Well, I shall begin this letter and decide whether  
to mail it after. This will bring you up to date in much  
of my doings - mainly thinkings. Alas, I seem to do more  
of that than doing anything. First, (strange this always come  
first) about my home habitat: I'm the only tenant again  
just the landlady + me. Last Wed. night Mitzi suddenly  
announced that she's leaving and not staying here  
during the summer session. Then I gave Mrs. L. a shock  
of her life when she came into the kitchen while I was  
eating + said in a sarcastic light vein - "I suppose  
you're moving?" I said "Yes" + she was stumped. My  
reason - the building across the street is going up + I  
never intended to stay here when it did - as I told her  
the day I moved here. Also, the Mr. is now in Agnew,  
having been committed there now for about ~~2 weeks~~ <sup>10 days</sup> ~~come~~  
The I was greatly relieved when the climax come because  
I explained right then to Mrs. L. why I've been withdrawing  
from them all these months. As it happened, it was  
Hope, the grad. nurse student who was the one to whom  
he forced himself one Thursday morning. He was restless  
+ I heard him in his room while I was breakfasting + he

come in, I took one look at him & was shocked at his conditions - face & eyes & so I hurried through & Mrs. L. had him back in his room & I missed warning Hope because I didn't have my bedroom door open as I usually do - I left for work & heard that night he came out when Hope was there and tried to kiss her & she being a cool capable person was able to finally extricate herself & left the room. Guess Mrs. L. called the M.D. & the minister at the Friend's Church & they got him to Highland, she signed papers for commitment, & you know the rest. Hope that night told me what happened & funny, when Mrs. L. told me after one of her visits - him that he said, "I only ~~was~~ wanted to kiss Hope" & Mrs. L. practically swore that he didn't do such a thing - only thing he did was to hold Hope. I just didn't say anything. She said that's how mixed up he is - Well, I made no comment - only said, strange. I wondered if he'd ever recall what happened. I also feel much relieved now on account of the fact that I thought Mrs. L. was a little annoyed re his going to church, joining & becoming so religious - he was starting to see "Jesus", insisting she stop smoking. Well, I suggested to her one time when he offered to join the choir even though not a singer - doesn't know beans about music - that she

should tell the young minister at church about his condition because since Mr. L. got so much religion in him it would be come a time when the minister may be the only one who can lead him. So it was on that morning, Mr. L. resisted Mrs. L. & M.D.'s suggestion of hospitalization but the minister talked to him & drove him in. So, I feel Mrs. L. can't have any resentment against me for suggestion church way back. Now Mitzie is out & I don't have to worry about her. I couldn't tell anyone but when she was eating @ them & he unexpected upon meeting her on campus, & when Mitzie told me how often he'd meet her on the streets even though she no longer had her meals @ them, too often to be coincidence, I was a little worried because I thought she would be the victim. Mrs. L. suggested that I tell her about the hospitalization but I said while midst of finals, I'm not talking to her. So, Mrs. L. has told her only part of the story - that he's in a hospital, I told Mrs. L. that I'm moving when I get my vacation, which I hope will be latter part of August since I'm asking for 2 months - all I can get & it's foolish for me to pay rent during that time. I still don't know whether I'll get my vacation at that time, for that long. My boss will be back next Monday, my assistant notified me

Thurs - got a letter from Masuyoshi Today. Says, he's  
past the engineering entrance ex. and  
plus other awards a \$300 scholarship to  
UC (didn't say what scholarship, perhaps  
local) and very proud of his school  
"letter" for basketball. So that solves  
that initial cost. I think it would  
be difficult to enter Cal, & no financial  
aid, but a student can supplement his  
during the remaining 3 yrs. a little.

family aid

she's resigning next week. So never a dull moment.

Now, my vacation plans. For various reasons I can't mention it freely to others in family. 1) Son - well Masayoshi was hoping to get scholarship for engineering at U.C. & inasmuch as I haven't heard yet, I guess he didn't get it & I don't know how they're financially set up for his education. 2) Joichi - no need here 3) Tok, is so consumed with Obason - poor kid! I haven't heart to tell her of such. In fact I think she's sort of counting on me to relieve the tension during the summer. 4) I've considered telling or consulting  $\pm$  Kan but with your hints of his plight just now, ditto here. <sup>+ don't want S. to scatter re my plans</sup> 5) Wanted to write Kaech about idea, but here too I've known for some time that Masato wants to come to the States & I've been successful in finally getting Kaech to think of asking T for aid without me saying so directly & I have all reasons to think that she or Masato has written him about such plans but I haven't heard from either side. I've written K again asking what happened & if I can help here, no answer as yet. And what are my plans? To go to Japan for 2 months - fly Japan airline, return steamer. I don't know how K would like it but then again if I'm going to help M. it'll be well for me to meet him & see what sort of material he is.

It wouldn't be too bad, since Kaoru has a good job now  
at a bank. So, what do you think. Yes, it's a lot  
of money, perhaps <sup>start</sup> a buying home where I can relax  
true; buy a car - don't need it + I can go for about  
the price of getting one + operating cost. Intend to do  
sightseeing + visit K, of course, + Suda's + to parents  
home. I wouldn't know who to look up. Can't bring  
much, limit to 44 lbs or 66 lbs, air altho can get more.  
To Japan duty free via supplemental mailing by de-  
claring on visa. Why Japan? Well, I don't feel as  
strongly about this as I did some time ago, but there  
was a period, which I hope is all or mostly past, in  
which I had to face the reality which I knew would  
be the hardest for me to face, i.e., the fact that a  
normal family life is not cut out for me. That plus  
other conditions at Tok's made trips to her place very diffi-  
cult for me - + also why I wouldn't consider visit  
N. Y. past yrs, even though I couldn't very well - I guess  
that's why I didn't care whether I had a vacation, +  
when I finally needed it for physical reasons, found  
myself, a little. Funny thing, just before Easter  
thru Tok's friend in Livingston - a Mr. Kishi who  
used to work at the shed, <sup>do you remember - reminded me of Mr. Kishida</sup> no relation to either of  
Kishi family + now a go-shi in Orsei - Tok told



At one time, before this particular case came up, thought sure merry  
the guy if doesn't work out, call it quits, mutually; but  
in this case I don't have the heart to knock a guy down  
twice. No doubt this divorce was quite a blow to him &  
I don't think he fully understands why she ~~could~~ <sup>did</sup>. I  
believe I can see some reason why she did - however  
not a justification - that's not for me. He appears to be a good  
honest, generous, former fall fellow, who, at the moment,  
is quite ~~aware~~ <sup>conscious</sup> of his yrs, no enthusiasm, I do give him credit  
for keeping house & looking for himself.

to her

~~me~~ about some San Jose fellow a few yrs. older than myself. Has a small orchard - cherry, & berry patch, but works as expressman in San Jose for an American firm, who's been married a long time - pre-war - to a nurse at Agnew. She <sup>suddenly</sup> got a divorce from him about 1 1/2 yrs. ago & married an alcoholic pt. she met at Agnew, American. Well, the fellow wanted to remarry & would I consider. I agreed to meet him, he came up soon after Easter & I've gone down to his place - Milpitas & met his married sister who's husband is running the berry ranch on share basis - this fellow. Has another younger married bro. who is farming independently. I feel that I could "love" him if it gave such indication, as far as he's concerned. But, believe me, it sure is hard to not do "what comes naturally" or to succumb to physical desires, but, as I said, despite this desire, I can't reconcile to it. I'd soon become bored - and at this age, children wouldn't be the normal thing - so companionship is more imperative. There's no doubt I'd be able to do anything I want, have anything he can give me, but I need more than that. <sup>just</sup> As yet, the best date which was at his insistence, since that was the Sat I had an all day State Advisory Committee mtg. in S.F., was canceled because the berries come in & I guess it's his job to cor the berries at end of day to shipping

or seemingly, to show, just more that he's going  
This letter is for the sake of her divorce  
coming to, for the sake of her divorce

or freezing plant. I don't know what he's thinking about  
at present time and as I told Tok, I'll not take the  
entirement here. I might have a few more dates =  
him to find out more on what makes him tick, & I guess  
to bolster my ego - in knowing I am "desired". I suppose  
it is a solution - only one thing wrong <sup>not a right one!</sup> I don't think  
I would be happy even though he may be. & I wouldn't  
find any outlet as if there ~~was~~ were children. No  
this trip isn't an escape from him - thought of it  
before this came up; however, <sup>the idea</sup> ~~it~~ may have been a result  
of my wanting to do something to "compensate" for my lack.  
A poor substitute, I realize now but just analyzing my  
thoughts. I've been somewhat spoiled as far as mental stimuli  
go - in family, you must admit you all are mighty  
stimulating & at work, they are a few very enjoyable  
people who keep me from boredom. A new P.H. Nurse,  
a swell gal in lots of fun has pulled me to go see Peggy &  
Bess tomorrow night & one M.D. has given me a guest badge  
to go visit the AMA exhibits so we may take the apt. off.  
My problem ~~was~~ right now (& thus this letter, I guess)  
is should I try to apply for my passport tomorrow.  
Haven't told anyone at office, either, about my plans. Will  
say I want to move & some there know of my "home"  
conditions. Well, to bath - golly it's been hot!! Had  
to sleep nude couple of nights. <sup>Cooling tonight</sup> Good night! <sup>wak</sup>  
P.S. I still have to tell you about my work, don't I? Hope K & S's trouble better now.

(over)  
you may discuss all an admission part you want = Ken except I prefer about contemplated trip not get to 75 here.  
or tell

good thing its a musical tomorrow night. I'll  
be dead after afternoon at 4:30. I'll then  
Don't be surprised if we worn a red home from  
one of the m.d. the snakes one. Say, re churches,  
after I quit going to the Friends - because of the 15,  
I've gone to Unitarian Church. They're quite liberal  
and free thinkers. wat

Thurs. P.S. don't worry about your answer - it'll be nice  
to hear from you, true; but I'll just have to make up my mind.

April 21, 1954 letter -

"had trouble 2 my right arm."