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February 9, 1942

Dear Dad,

Life is becoming more complicated everyday, but that doesn't mean we are down and out. The sun manages to shine brightly every day, although this new daylight saving time idea of pushing the clock ahead one hour effective from today, sort of had us down this morning when we had to get up to go to work.

You and the rest of the group have probably arrived just today, and are still far from getting settled. I trust your trip wasn't too strenuous, and that you found many ways to take care of the long hours. We were thinking of you all of the way, and though the separation is just temporary in nature, we do miss you very, very much. It still seems quite like a dream, that you are actually away from us all. Physically, you may be far away, but you are always in our hearts and mind, so you are not far, really. Everything we do now at home..is based on whether you would like it or not, so we are behaving, and carrying on to the best of our abilities.

Everyone is being kind and considerate, and they are very sorry for the way things broke for all of us, through a fault not our own. We are very confident you will soon be home again, as Mr. Palmer has told me your second hearing will come up very soon. You passed the first one, and you were cleared so it won't be long now. Keep your chin up, as we are doing at home, and we will not worry about you, because everything will come out right.

Let's see, I must tell you about what all of us are doing. The store business is just about taken care of, and Mother has already started working on those neckties for Mr. Yabuki; Aiji is looking around for work, and has had several offers without deciding as to what he will take; I have taken out unemployment insurance which will carry me over for approximately 6 mos. in the event Pacific Trading Company does not open; Emmy still has her job at Motor Vehicles; Marshall registers for the Draft this 13th or 14th; Tets has gone back to U.C.L.A. to finish his freshman year; Yoh-chan is busy with her school and piano lessons, and is behaving very well; Alice is busy taking care of your grandson Toddy...and he is growing bigger everyday...he actually talks "baby talk" and gurgles although he's just 6 weeks old. That takes care of all of us, and we're just one big happy family.....with the one exception...and that's as you know, is the fact that you're not with us. We know you are in good hands, so we are not worrying---as you always take good care of your health, and ~~that~~ you are always cheerful and in the best of spirits.

We were extremely put out, when they decided to move all of you,

DETAINED ALIEN  
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P.S. Charlotte was married Jan. 31, in Honolulu, Arthur was sent to Little Rock, Arkansas, Kazuo Ohama reported to the Army today and will probably be sent to the Interior. Give my regards to Taka-chan, Oji-san and the rest.

because we couldn't go to visit you any more, and that Emmy, Tets, Alice and Todd haven't seen you once since you were detained by the Authorities. They were all set to visit you Sunday, the 8th, and so they were very much upset, and send their regrets to you, for failing you at the last moment, although they had good intentions. I am sure you wanted to see all of your children before you let for Montana, but that's one of those things in life.....no one can help it.

Mrs. Takei and Sumi-chan have moved into the back of their store, and so far they seem to be able to take care of themselves, but as conditions are....they may be forced to take drastic steps, and do the same thing we did...forget they had a business. She is thinking of recalling William from the East, if things go from bad to worse.

As far as the family is concerned Papa, we will handle everything, and you need not worry. We're all grown up now, and can stand on our two feet, and so we think you are very fortunate, because so many of our friends have worries because their children are small and of no help to the ones left to carry on.

We tried to see you before you left Los Angeles, Thursday, but of course, we couldn't, though we tried our best. We were figuring if it were possible to see you, we would take you a pair of gloves, since we think you lost yours....meaning the ones you did have once upon a time. We are sorry if you were inconvenienced. That reminds me, please send us a list of things you need....and as for some things you might want outside of necessities, please find out if it is permitted, and we will send them to you. May we send you things to eat, to pass your leisure time away, magazines, newspapers, etc.? Please tell us without reservations, and we will do out utmost to send them immediately upon receipt of your letter.

We are awaiting your letter or wire telling us what camp you are located in, to facilitate your receiving our letters.

I trust this finds you well, and that you are settled by the time this reaches you. Please give our regards to all of our friends there....and if it is possible I do hope you are visiting them, so as to reassure them their families are carrying on as they would wish them to.

Please write ever so often....and wire us if you need any money, and tell us how you wish things sent, by wire or parcel post or express.

Everyone send their warmest regards, and we send our love to you.

Your daughter. Grace