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Dear Tom + Martha:

You probably think I'm dead for not having contacted you sooner, all I can say is I'm very, well, it's good to know you still remembered me because even though it's been like years ago.

I take it for granted you are quite aware of the economic conditions here from your newspapers. I 2,000 for a \$200 suit, 75c for a pair of shoes, 45c for 8 lbs of potatoes + so many you see you know of saccharine is just a sample of living conditions here.

The military a year and a half in the army + the experience of the air raids have left me none the worse for I am still strong of heart + limb? + still building my castle in Spain. Of course there are many things I would like to tell you + ask you but as I hate to take advantage of Mrs. Hurst's kind offer to send this message for me I shall write only those things which are important at the moment.

Ever since my arrival in Japan there were several things I regretted not having brought over such as sewing machines, small refrigerator, thermos bottle, electric phonograph + Zanussi Electric but at present we are confronted with the shortage of more essential items such as thick winter clothing + shoes. I can't say of hand but my account or dad's account stands with Eiko san, however there are a few items I would like to have sent. I have been told by Mrs. Hurst that Mrs. Hurst is leaving for Japan in the near future, if you can make some arrangement with her on the shipping I would be more than grateful. The most important thing is that ^{the undershirts} they are warm + strong; army goods would be ideal. You probably will not find the kind of undershirts I'm looking for in San Francisco as it does not get cold enough here. P. making house may solve the problem. Four of each item is requested, one for dad, two for my two fathers + one for myself. You might try in a medium heel shoe a mixture to prevent the atom bomb from Hasting going off. The measurements are: height 5'5" chest 34" waist 29". Not quite the 20lb wood type, but a lot of men folk were killed during the war and people in this country are getting use to substitutes (daiyo shoku 代用, daiyo sato, daiyo material (sufu), daiyo shoes + etc. I'm still hoping. Two undershirts my size + two a little smaller should do. The diagram is the size of my feet. All of the same size should do because I brought six shoes back and they are all gone.

