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Dearest Kenji -

Just got your air mail of Thursday 24th this AM 26th Saturday 9:45 when I got back from diaper washing. (I find that if I wash sheets often & soak them a while I needn't do much scrubbing - so I use about 4 sheets a week.)

Well what a busy time you have been having - & how nice that you enjoy a good time with the soldiers. Gee, did we come by those cartons of cigarettes so inexpensively? Mighty nice - but I'll treat them like I would if they were very costly - because Howard Imada & wife & baby are in camp visiting a week - Kaz Takayanagi for 3-4 days to raise money for his turkeys by borrowing - & I heard them say to Nori that \$3 is the carton price outside black market.

Pinkie talks all the time & is exceedingly noisy & mischievous. She moans & hollers so I can hardly write this.

She bit on her crayon so I thought she may have a piece left in her mouth & got bitten by her & I cried "ouch" & made off I was crying - so she put her arm around me & consoled me. Some kid, me.

I'll write this in a hurry & finish it - she's playing outside now with Papa, so she'll be OK for a few minutes. I gave the money back to the Kawabatas - \$50 - as soon as I finish this letter off to you, which closes the whole incident. Anything more they want to know they can learn thru WRA.

I haven't had neuritic cramps for a while - a week or so - and tho I'm heavier, being in the 7th month, I feel O.K. I still have a strange pain in my right side that is at times severe - but is due to strain of the baby & not appendicitis or anything like that - & hope both pains will leave after delivery.

It is a great relief to know you will come anytime you are summoned - it'll be by letter or wire. Mrs. Sato says she'll come over often & see to Pinkie if she lives with Papa. I'm thinking that one over. Papa is pretty busy himself, doing this & that - he goes to conversational English class 6:00 - 7:30 at our mess hall Mon & Fri evenings, etc. At last she said she'd keep P. at her house while I'm at the camp. She works Friday & guess she doesn't want to lose her pay after thinking it over.

But I guess it will work out if the Saiki family is still here because one of the girls will look after P. or do washing part time. She offered to last night. But if the Saiki family leaves, I wouldn't know. I mean Mr. S is chief cook in the mess hall with Yamagishi & Saiki clan

don't seem to be rushing out. However I can't expect them to stay very long since the kids have to go to school.

I'm so sorry you don't like your job - is it the work, the atmosphere, co-workers, the boss, or what - or all? Do they treat you decently - have they asked your nationality? Are they friendly? You've never said. I presume it is quite bad. But I am grateful the food is O.K.

Ted Solari is one of the original old SF restaurants & that crab salad you spoke of must be their well known Crab Louis or something. Joseph Henry Jackson (SF Chronicle) talks about it, & whenever good SF restaurants are mentioned they mention Solari's so the food must be O.K.

What are you planning to do when you get your vacation in July - was a week or 2 weeks? Is it with or without pay?

What a great sense of relief that we can save money now. I don't think I'm exp. extravagant either so we'll pull together on that & see if we can save a little month to month to get a washing machine and refrigerator some day when they are easily available.

If you want an appliance store you ought to go apply for an acct. now. Why wait for order which may or may not come thru & you may or may not accept, & if you do, don't know when, & if then, you don't know will make a difference - because if they release goods to people in the order of their application, we're losing out. Even with children I think I could help you & be useful at the store. It'll be fun. I'd enjoy it, I think.

Now about typewriter - I'll sell soon because ^{its} value may drop if we don't. If Sujijang does my hemorrhoid, delivery, etc for me I may give him the player - \$25⁰⁰ + tax + 1⁰⁰ cent, - so it'll still be a cheap baby. Is it O.K. honey?

Hope your cold is better. Gee, I'm glad the boys from Disble are being made happy thru your efforts - I hear Sam Mates? Adachis & taking them in, too - I told Stordae to bring food to the ones who can't get up. Gee, I'm sure worried about key you passed out. The men who have become soldiers aren't angels - & even angels are tempted. Please get it back. Hope Kantas don't give you any trouble - & that they find a place, & tell them to use kitchen for snacks & bkfst, etc. Give Sam my rayon stripes to bring back with her - in Kohri - brown & white narrow - for Papa's shirt. Love, Don

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