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Feb 15 -

Dear Tommie.

Rec'd your letter & don't  
remember whether I ans. it or not.  
But here goes -

I seen Du Fabu last week and he  
said he rec'd word from you to  
move. I told him if I could find  
a place for you to live he would  
have to move till after school was  
out. Then I met him 2 days later  
& he said he rec'd word from the  
W. P. A. that you had been given  
your eviction notice and that he  
should look for another house. He  
told me he had wired you to the  
effect that you could have the  
house any time you wanted it  
(providing you reimbursed him to  
some extent the money he put  
out to fix up the house) He has  
applied for a place to live in Presidio



and being they have made so many changes lately there - and so many have been sent over seas that have been sitting on their fannies he should be able to get a house soon.

I found a place for I see & her husband in the 1200 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave but she need ~~no~~ bed-room furniture. She is bringing her mattresses & blankets etc. but I'll have to get a bed-bureau & chairs & chest of drawers, but I still think its a good place, a big room (front room) bath right next it & kitchen privileges \$20.00 per month. Even if she has to buy some furniture to go in it, she's betty off than paying "40<sup>00</sup> + 50<sup>00</sup>" in some of these places.

Last week we had <sup>1/4</sup> George Yamaguchi here to visit us one evening, and last night we had 3 of his buddies sleep here & have breakfast this morning



when they left they were <sup>3</sup> sure  
happy American Japanese boys. They  
were very lovely boys.

Well I'm sure darling I guess  
that's about all the news I can  
think of right now so guess I'll  
close as I have a lot of letters  
to write.

all our love always to all  
of you. I'm - Mom. Gene  
Babe.



Search -

Was thinking about veg. gardens + wondered if we could have broccoli, asparagus + tomatoes, string beans + tomatoes, lettuce, spinach, China nappa, loose radish. Purple is a widely known seed company + they put out a packet at 10¢ of a vegetable (Chinese) that Takijin call Celtuce — 1/2 celery + 1/2 lettuce — tho actually it isn't a hybrid + always was Chinese — but the leaves can be eaten early + later the stalks — both fresh + cooked.

Last night — 21<sup>st</sup> — Johnny Hoshijama came over + stayed till about 11:00 — bought me 1 roll <sup>Ames</sup> film — + several time tables to Papa. Rev. Kawamita came + got signatures to petition the church board to reopen the Union church for Japanese — at present it's for negroes, tho the Sturge Memorial Bldg is closed + reserved for J. with its contents of J owned stuff.

The railroad schedules also have the prices for tickets + pullman so he's studying it — Papa.

Johnny said probably Ken would be going overseas before Johnny got back to Snelling. He'll go to Alabama for basic + then Johnny goes overseas too — via S.F. He said Dad is engaged to ex-Oakland ex-Black 10 Sachi Yoshizawa — ex-pupil of Helen's + good friend of the Yamada girls — all to Helen.

Martha said since I'd been there, several more had said they wanted a place in Berk. to buy. So he'd referred them the same Yoshii house on Tyler St. to all of them. So Berk. reception of J being good has really impressed those who came to return.

Martha wrote on Sat Feb 17, which I received + said she arare was really good + the 21- girls thought so too. She said she + Ken had gone to a school concert + will leave in 3-4 weeks for overseas. Also that Papa better leave on the 20<sup>th</sup> to reach on the 22<sup>nd</sup> so he won't have to sit around while she takes finals. As for house in Berk, she won't do anything further about it until after she has a good talk with Papa, also decide she she wants to go to see the houses herself prior to purchase, if they both agree on purchase. You needn't worry too much on that score tho — just let it ride. Let them decide, as you said.

Kawasaki is starting another course — reg. is Sat AM + I'd like to go. It's week in AM the classes will be — I just found out that they'd already finished another class bet the two I started since + didn't finish! The same goes fast. See if I learn to tailn, I'll have to practice it so I can make your sport suit — loafers + slacks. Also things for myself henceforth. I'll be an accomplished — + any art or skill may someday come in handy — one never knows when.

Re: Ira + Beauford Freeborn of Clinton Oklahoma who are coming to SFad who are looking for a place to stay — you won't have to accept them at Aquello unless you feel like — you don't have to commit yourself. After all



the Freeborns have something to say re: it besides you + Marion. Enclosed an  
mail from Marion tells you about \$20 unfurn. front bedroom 1200 block  
10<sup>th</sup> ave so let them go there — we can't rent much cheaper or as  
cheap. We won't have to. There are plenty BFL + others (OK) besides  
the Freeborns who will come — + you don't know them. You may let it  
ride until they arrive + you need both of them if OK but I don't know  
husband either — they may turn out super-swell folks or a big headache.  
As you may not take to Ibra — she's an old county-type lady who  
is very impressed by city ways + knows she is hicky so will obey but  
have every precaution you give her — fairly not dumb — but not impressively  
intelligent.

Papa got a letter from Martha saying to leave Tokyo 20<sup>th</sup>  
arriving 22<sup>nd</sup> AM so he won't have to sit around while she takes finals —  
don't give her time to study. She'll have hotel reservation for evening  
22 + 23<sup>rd</sup>. That way he has 1 more day to visit the East.  
Johnny told him about train change in Iowa etc so he's a  
little more sure of himself now than before + seems anxious to  
get going. He'd better apply for pass at leave office, re.  
I'll tell him to go today.

Last night was Mr. Yurichi's memorial service at 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Bukkyo Kai + everyone who went was given a giant orange  
+ 1 carton of sambei — those circular cartons. Wow  
what a fancy gesture on the part of a man who owed  
little or nothing on death but debts + what checks of  
Ales' he had cashed. Haven't had a letter from  
anyone but just the card from you from Ogden 3AM  
+ hope another arrives today with the mailman in the  
afternoon.

Hear Emi Okazaki — next oldest to Mari is at  
Int'l Institute working as before — (she worked with Mari  
before evacuation) and the Ichigawa family (Scott St)  
are already back here — (Ayame is married to a fellow  
of teacher at Am Arbor, Mich) mother father + Hanayo —  
the sister who worked civil service — the boy Kiyoshi is in the  
Army 3 weeks ago. Can't think of who else is back here but  
plenty young people want to go — Am sending you Tokyo  
Times. Swanky brand Ave district. Liebes + Co want  
workers! wow — what a break for us here from now on.  
By the way have you investigated portrait photography studios for  
possible work? Love Mom.



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wine	.90
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