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Dear Tommie,

I received a long letter from Henri yesterday with the keys too. He told me about the same things you've been telling me that he said. I hope he writes to his other friends too. Nowadays, & always, friends are important and is really the only thing to make life happier. It's easy to slip into a state of putting letter writing off, but I think the extra effort is worth it someday. We can't live all alone forever. Friends - good friends, are really wonderful.

I wrote yesterday in great haste as soon as I got your letter, not to come out here. From all practical angles, I still think it unwise, however I do want to see you & for you to attend the exercises and for you to see Minneapolis, the University & to meet some of my friends. If you feel that those things outweigh the more practical ones, do, by all means, come up here, but you will have to decide that yourself. I would love to have you come, & nothing would please me more. I wanted to wire you tonight about it, but felt that it won't be explanatory enough, and in case

you decide to come up here, you can
wire me back. You would have to leave
on Tuesday, 20th, to reach here Thursday
morning. You can leave Saturday or
Sunday. There are some people you
know here - Peggy Inouye, + others at
the Fort and then there are others + you
might meet + talk with Missou Shinoda.
However you decide is alright with me.
Just let me know.

I'm trying to study for finals now.
I gave a seminar today in Plant Physiology
(Spectroscopy). I'm the only undergrad in there.
It was a terrifying experience to say the
least but I'm glad it's over.

Johnny is leaving for base tomorrow.
I don't know if he's been talking to Ken about
our family - I hope papa won't make too
bad an impression on him, even though Ken
+ I aren't more than friends. One can never
tell about those things. When he phoned
last night, he asked if he could meet
papa while he is here. So today I
wrote to papa about him. This is going
to have to work both ways. He must be
nice to Ken and make a good impression
or at least a fair one. To me, it's very
important. Sunday at open house he
took pictures of us and a ~~couple~~ couple of

them with the book of us together. When they
come out, I'll send it to you, though you've
probably have seen some pictures of him
already in Johnny's album.

Don't know when I'm going to get
my packing done - I have so much.
Want to send most of it on my rail
ticket since freight takes so long.
Then I'll have to come back here after the
N.Y. trip to get it on my S.F. ticket.
That will be paid for by W.R.A. Over the
150# limit (books etc.) I'll have
W.R.A. send by freight since I'm not
in a hurry to get those anyway.

I still have stuff in Denver too.
Maybe I can write to the Denver W.R.A.
and ask that they be sent to S.F. I
can try anyway.

If you don't come up here this time,
I'll stop by Topaz for a short while on
my way to the coast & see you.

Please reply as soon as possible.

Love,

Martha