

Thursday night  
18<sup>th</sup>

Dearest Alvin

In reply to your letter of 7<sup>th</sup> rec'd this \$11 - nice long letter & lpgs - my what a lot to be going on! When - what a work-out for you cleaning up after people leave. I'm so glad you haven't lost work's that you started back there on Monday. Do they feed you well - or what - what do you eat?

God, more people go there - including such unexpected people as my uncle.

Yes, your figuring of pay \$ Tokyo baby is quite accurate & I agree with you but since I can't go for medical reasons, Nell has to endure the heat. Mrs. Sato will see me thru. That is definite. So we must plan to pay her well. As well as we can. And <sup>we'll</sup> see if you needn't quit work except maybe 1 week or so to come get me, if Martha isn't with me then, or whatever will work out best.

How funny your description of the bedlam the house must have been in when all those people were there! But I guess it isn't funny to be in the midst of it. Don't see how you managed so well. How lucky Leo Murakami found you in the Park - & how lucky we had so many at home they know where you went.

I'm glad we are so fortunate we are the ones who can accommodate others instead of being the ones who have to ask for a room to stay in. I guess we have to expect scenes such as the one you had off + on from now on, due to housing shortage, returnees (evacuees), & troop discharges back to Hawaii, nice (mainland) discharges who come to SF, etc etc.

Regards your OW & job - if you put it that way, maybe you ought to take it. It



all depends on how you look at it.  
 I don't know where Gisan gets that citizenship idea. (Naturalization privilege for those who want to take advantage of it, after the war - if they are eligible.)  
 But if enough people you know are reasonably sure of it, you might go ahead.  
 Have you gone to O.W.I. to talk to Shorkakon who knows or knows of, your father & with whom your sister spoke one day while at Popay - tho I don't know details because she never told me.  
 According to my previous letter & Mr. Buchanan (Lloyd) (who called at our door this am.) he wrote to Shorkakon about you for O.W.I. job & asked what I'd heard from you re. it. You've never said.

I guess I'll ask him & wife down to our mess one of these days & eat lunch.

Many are anxious to go to Stanford to teach & the Leave office asked to see my letter from them as source of information - nicei can't get deferment so easily any more & I.A.'s are rapidly being made into 1-A (even with

Mr.  
 project  
 atty.



VE day, I guess) but as I immediately wrote you as well as Helen, I finally found it. I looked many times. You see, Helen never told me she'd put it back or return it — had she done so, I'd have remembered. And she would have, too, & would be able to tell me instead of worrying & looking through her things too — as it was, all I knew was I took it out & told her she could have it since I wouldn't take it nor would be interested in the future. So I thought she kept it as I invited her to do. I'm sorry but that's a lesson for both of us — to mention acts of mutual interest & concerning each other. We never mention verbally fixed memory.

Papa says henceforth if anyone leaves "Orei" or offers, to accept it graciously, as you'd do the same in \$ situation. Papa says he always leaves money at Denver, so you can take it — tho he says of course Obasan goes to trouble to cook what he likes or thinks he likes, etc, & probably at Arguello you couldn't fuss too much over him, hand or foot, he says.

Re: Karabata's things — I thought I had subsequently made it clear that WRA would pack, crate, send, etc & Karabata (elder) made arrangements to pay for that service fee. (no longer free, <sup>service</sup> fee) to vacuums free to travel) he doesn't wish to go for 3 elec. irons & 1 ~~set~~ <sup>set</sup> aluminum pots & pans & 1 trunk (marked Hayakawa) in person.



Yes, I can see why you wouldn't want to crate, etc, but you see, you needn't all you need do if you go there, would be to get key from Mrs. Luiz across the street, unlock door, segregate 3 irons, 1 trunk, 1 set heavy aluminum kitchen ware for WRA — so they won't storage everything as Yuji Kawabata's stuff (younger brother who is segregated).

If you can't go on ordinary days how about Saturday or Sunday & go see Kaikais, with Helen while you're on that side of the Bay. Phone Mrs. Luiz before you leave S.F. so you won't go on a wild goose chase there, as you can't get in without the key which Mrs. Luiz had had all these years. Keep track how much & take phone call costs. Ask her definitely if she can locate key after all these years, & that you are going not to remove anything but to segregate stuff for him so govt men can ship <sup>some</sup> & also storage rest.

But phone WRA to ask if they're already gone; if so, if they found 3 irons, 1 trunk labeled Sayakawa & a box of 1 set of <sup>heavy</sup> aluminum kitchen pots & pans set including coffee maker or something — anyway all heavy aluminum set which is together in one box. If they found it, they'll ask: Ask 'em how soon to ship out after packing — guess you have to get <sup>phone</sup> connection to warehouse to learn such information as: — have they <sup>WRA</sup> found it, etc.

Now about railway express — I'll send \$500 a piece <sup>in</sup> for the name of Helen, no, Papa. Will also take back table, crated. WRA furnishes crates. They come to measure cratable goods. I will put linens & bedding in duffle bags as you say.

I won't know if I have enough <sup>proper</sup> ~~duffle~~ or

in location of property indicated — iron & alu. were left w/ door; cloth thrown on box measured.



Papa  
 you need bring some of my  
 you come. I'll  
 me some of the  
 take back this.

not until I start packing. But Helen was given a length of rusty wire which fastens boxes just fine, if Adyquese will do it up. I am asking him to do the work.

Mrs. Sato will look after Pinkie even if she must quit work at Shop. before I deliver, if she must.

Papa wants to go back soon & may do so in 10 days or 2 weeks. He says he wants to know what he can do - work or what - after he goes back. Illness is bad for him because he talks & brags & criticizes so much to anyone who'll listen or is forced to listen.

Even if he goes it's OK bec. I'm fine and P is ok and <sup>I'm</sup> full time with tailoring & teaching at the end of this month, & I can take constant care of P alone & get ready for the next one - June & part of July until I get too uncomfortable. Mrs. Sato is here & will wash <sup>laundry</sup> soaps as I find I can't, or even earlier, & in general, take care of me & P. Then if Martha can come, & Mrs. Sato helps too, that's swell. Then maybe she will want to take P. to S.F. & take care of her there, or stay in Japan til I'm ready - but that would be very hot & dusty. So I may let them go back ahead - and I'll go back when I've had hemorrhoid surgery. If I'm perfectly OK & baby is getting healthy, start on life & good conditions, gaining steadily, etc, then I'll go back as soon as it's advisable. I'm going for examination (pre-natal day) tomorrow AM. I think I'll reserve a set day for hemorrhoid already - so I won't have to wait my time.



They say you wait your turn for  
 tonsils or hemorrhoid etc surgery.  
 So please send cigarettes or any  
 kind cigars for Dr. Goto who'll  
 do good job + assure operation  
 if I use that precious bribe. I know cigars  
 are easy to get even here in Japan + are  
 sold freely, so try to get me cigarettes! Then  
 he'll do it - <sup>before</sup> before operation works good  
 on doctors as well as prei.

Yes, it's encouraging to hear that  
 the Co's got a place so convenient to  
 work + Hill St. shopping section. Maybe  
 housing is easing up?

Now about corn chips - if you  
 can get some please do - try hard - +  
 some cheese tongs or whatever for Pinkie.  
 I'd be so grateful. Please!

What about the agencies - for  
 refrigerators, radios, etc, etc? Did you  
 go to Richard Bell? Tell them you were selling them  
 before the war. If you make it a point  
 to go to one contact at least, esp.  
 on Wed thurs. Fri<sup>AM</sup> + 2<sup>PM</sup> Sat AM, you can  
 get yourself established soon.

Frank Yamazaki bought a car + a  
 home in Berkeley 2 mo. ago + took his family  
 back. Did you hear?

In June flocks will go back. June 1st  
 is commencement, + the truck with crates  
 is unloading in every block everyday. The

Kekunishi's  
 wife knows  
 where the  
 loves nest food  
 fill near  
 Hill or Calif.  
 West side.



Amateurs are nearly jacked now. They don't talk except to say they want to get ready while Bob is still here & that nobody can stay if the place closes, etc.

I get about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  qt. milk everyday some of which P drinks so I certainly don't lack milk. Monday AM I go to Delta again to stock up on juices & see what fruit they may have, vegetables, & so on. I'm giving a dinner on a Tuesday or on a Friday which are fish days - & having chicken sashimi for Mrs. Sayagusa & Mr & Mrs Sato. Papa has whiskey which I've like a little to go with sashimi, & Obasan doesn't drink but will eat.

I'll put in dry onion, green onion, celery, tofu, whatever else I may get. Young Karabata will give me vegetables from mess hall - he's a cook. I'll get something from Delta, too, maybe. I'll do it in Papa's room. Hate to smell up ours. Doesn't that sound good? I'll ask Mary Ogi (Murata) to make ice cream. I bought her 1 pkg Fondorerry ice cream mix last week when I went to Delta - gave it to her. 15!

I bought last week - tomatoes, 1 bag pop corn, 4<sup>th</sup> asparagus, small animal picture  
↑ made it last 3 days for P by rationing.



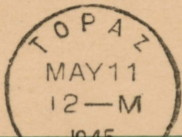
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look for P which lasted 2 minutes, futilely searched for plastic bathroom cup for P his unbreakable no success - bought 2 green peppers, ate 1 strawberry ice cream cone, also 1 sundae. Lucky it was a day (Fri) they had ice cream. Probably not this time, because weekend will sell it all out. I can only go Monday Fri. or Sat. School kids go Sat. AM, I'm going to the clinic (pre-natal) tomorrow so I'll go Monday - while I still can go - & try to get Welflo nipples - they were all out last time. I bought gummed tape 49¢ roll also for cartons - because I didn't know til Sat. AM I was having to stay the summer, thought we were going home so I was so happy I didn't get anything hardly, that I had on the shopping list to prepare for summer. Too I might go again - armed with my ration book. Gee, I could kick myself because I let some expire - April 29 ones - so I have to use the ones good til June 31st - but I'll use 'em while using's good. Couldn't find bar laundry soap at all. Wanted to buy ginger ale or pop to keep at home but no go. I'll see what I can find this time besides food.

I guess it's OK if Papa leaves for parent relocation back home, isn't it? I suppose I'll be OK - I can leave P with Yuki Joabe Juaihan or somewhere - Mrs. Sati's - while I go to clinic bi-weekly & toward end, weekly. I'll tell you result of tomorrow's hosp. visit. P's last typhoid was yesterday - Wed - & I weighed 117 & P 2 1/2 # & my blood pressure was 104/68 which is good. The baby kicks! More than P ever did. What a kid! Love, Louise

Be all these with immunization shots for good.





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