

London W5
July 14, 1956

Dear Tommie,

Thank you for your letter of July 2nd. We also appreciate Pinkie's poem although it was rather morbid in theme.

Business must be as hectic as ever from the sound of your letter and I hope it isn't getting you down. Even after re-reading your letter several times, I couldn't decide whether Helen's husband is joining your business or not. I don't know how wise it is to get too many relatives into one firm unless you are absolutely sure that the personalities won't clash, but you have met him and from what you say, he seems to be easy to get along with. Do let us know what the final decision is because we are both very interested. I am naturally interested in the business but mainly concerned with your personal welfare and want to help wherever I can. We have made no definite decisions until we get back and discuss things with you. We have just about four months left over here, and I know that the next few months will go very fast.

It sounds as though you are busier than ever and I hope you will get the chance to move into your house. That will certainly be a big job, and it's too bad that we aren't there to help. I hope you will find someone to do the housework for you, especially if the house is so large. Pinkie should be a big help, and the training would be good for her. We certainly didn't get the proper training in housekeeping.

July 16th

Sorry, I didn't get a chance to finish this on ~~Friday~~ Saturday so here I am again. The friends we visited in Holland are here, on their way back home, and we have been pretty busy. We are planning to take them to Southampton when they sail on the 29th. Janette used to be a Knott before she got married (of Knottsberry Farm). We should be having more friends coming this summer, but so far we haven't heard from the others. There aren't too many weekends left and we are trying to do all the sightseeing we can. So far, the weather has been very poor and we hope it will improve.

Is Katsuhiko there yet? How long can he stay? Did you see his mother when you were over there? Does she still look a lot like mama?

I've been going to the doctor quite regularly but he can't find anything wrong so far. We are both very unhappy about not having a family and if a good specialist in San Francisco can't help us, we might try to adopt one. Ever since coming over here, I haven't felt very fit and tire very easily. I'm hoping that getting back to some kind of regular work will perk me up. Will seems to be quite healthy so I'm glad of that.

Please take care of yourself, and write whenever you can. All our love to Henri, Pinkie and Norman.

Love,

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