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Takahashi Trading Co.
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Dear Henry & Tommy...

I hope by now you have our form letter which tells of our first impressions of Japan. We sent it to our Board by way of Japanese mail and I guess the ship sunk...it has been over a month and we haven't received word that it has arrived yet!

We now are living in Masuda Machi about 2 miles from Jumonji machi where we lived for one month, Japanese style entirely. Now we are living in a kura which is very warm and more like a foreign type home. We plan to spend the winter here because it was too crowded in Jumonji where our senior missionary lives. Miss Smith is staying with her also.

Now we are having our Japanese classes each morning and other meetings during the evenings. There are two English Bible classes on Tues. and Friday that Ruth & I teach. Prayer meeting is on Wed. night - on Friday night, Sat. afternoon and evening, Sunday morning and evening there are children's and adult meetings. So you see it keeps us plenty busy and we don't have too much time for study or for writing letters. We do love the country here and the people seem so anxious that we teach them about Christ - many of them want to learn English but we just don't have the time. I mailed your letter in Tokyo as soon as I arrived in Japan. We found out on the boat that stamps in Japan weren't quite as high as I had thought. It only cost a few yen to mail your letter so you gave us way too much money. I hesitate in sending it in a letter so later on Ruth and I want to send you a gift - around Christmas time - to make up for it.

We are finding many fresh vegetables and fruits here but they are very high in price. However, it saves us from using our canned things. One of our Army friends gave us some dried yeast so Ruthie has been making bread during the past week. Sure tastes good! Our freight came through o.k. Everything arrived safe and sound. One small bottle of boric acid broke and someone broke into a box and stole about 20 cans of our corn beef hash - must have been done in Akita City. Our town is about 50 miles south-east from Akita. Considering the distance and the way people handle freight, I think we were very fortunate to have everything get here! Thanks for all your help in getting our things to the shipper. Later on we will send in an order for some things - now we ~~are~~ have plenty. When we do send in an order, will it be alright for you to bill our

Society in S.F. on 42 Waller St. - they can pay you and then they can send the bill to Chicago ~~and~~ where they will take it out of our check.

We know you must be busy, as usual but if you have a moment or two, ~~send~~ us a line. We would appreciate it. Use the APO but don't put our names on it. Send it directly to Miss Mildren Craig. It will go a lot faster than ordinary mail. Bye for now.

Yours, sincerely,

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