

558 W. Loma Alta Dr.
Altadena, California
April 18, 1942

Dear Violet;

How is the keeper of the House of Nakamura? And how is Dad's Victory Garden coming? After all this rain, surely all his carefully planted seeds should germinate 100%. And after this rainy spell, how I wish you could come up here to Altadena once, for we are just at the foot of this range of mountains. Really, it reminds of us so much of those grand outings our bunch used to enjoy together. The early morning mist that hangs over the summits, the clear, brisk air all during the day, the soft purple haze and changing shadows that creep along the undulating sides of these hills at sundown; really, I just know you'd throw your chest out, and heave a sigh just as you usually do up in the mountains.

So much for chamber of commerce talks. But we are only going to be able to enjoy all this for just a week or possibly a month at the longest. If only we knew that conditions would be permanent, then most of the worries of this suffering world would be over.

We're all so glad that those picture scrolls have met the fancy and approval of Mrs. Brewitt. I guess it takes just such a social upheaval to bring to light worthy or unworthy heirlooms and objects of art. I suppose these honorable scrolls are at last enjoying the light of day and the deserving glances of the human eye. Really, it flatters us to think that anything that was in our possession should be so appreciated.

We've just heard again from Papa yesterday. In his letter he says that hearings have begun in the camp and he is anxious if he could be released to rejoin us, of course. He doesn't realize all the letters you folk have sent out in his and Mr. N's behalf for we have been afraid to write too much in detail knowing that all correspondence is censored. We were also afraid to say too much during our visits for there was a guard and an interpreter standing there and feared such talk might reflect upon his hearing later.

It seems according to his letter that unless such testimonial letters or such matter is notarized, they have little weight to authorities, so it has come to this, that we must write all our kind friends to go through the same process plus the trouble of having the letter notarized. If you could direct the letter to

Board of Hearing
U. S. Detention Camp
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

in regard to Saburo Morooka

then mail this notarized letter to us in Altadena, if you will, we will include it with all the other letters from the rest of our American friends in one envelope and forward it to Santa Fe.

We're reluctant in asking so much of friends who have been so good to us in the past and done so much for us, but it seems when one is faced with such distressing problems we find ourselves turning to such as you again and again.

Papa was called into the office by one of the staff Korean interpreters a day or so ago and was told about Mr. Burcham writing to a Presbyterian minister in Santa Fe requesting him to substitute for him as witness at the hearing of Papa and Mr. N. This minister apparently had gotten in touch with the camp officials explaining the situation that he knew very little if nothing of Mr. Burcham and less of the background of the men concerned. So we are asking Dr. Poling and Miss Smith to write notarized letters of reference of Mr. B's professional and social status in Long Beach, copies to be forwarded to the Bd. Of Hearing and to the minister. Papa, it's ~~just~~ like him not to let us know his name or address, so I've written Mr. B. asking him for his address in Santa Fe. Dr. P. And Miss Smith both are going to have to go to the trouble of asking Mr. B. for the same information.

The three of us are going to write a detailed letter to both the Bd. of Hearing and to this minister of Papa's background, his beliefs and convictions as we know him.

If our Big Sister should have any suggestions to offer, please know that we are open to them. I'm explaining things in detail to you in case Dr. Poling should approach you with some questions.

Papa has asked us to look after Mr. N's affairs too, but we have no way of knowing what sort of instructions he may want to make to Aiko, so have ~~getten in~~ written Aiko in this regard.

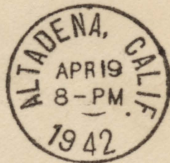
Thanking you for everything, I shall sign off with our regards to Dad.

Gratefully yours,

Amy

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