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Dear Vi -

Thank you so much for your letter. It's so good to hear from someone who is so understanding. I hope you are feeling like your good self again. Your letter sounded that way.

Mama is picking up each day. In fact she's been feeling so good since yesterday, she wants me to ask the Dr. if he would recommend her exercising some, but we know better. Her ~~ice~~<sup>head</sup> is still on an ice bag continuously and still feels hot on the left side.



She's not as depressed as she was about two weeks ago. She's quite the reverse. Her eyes are quite bright again and callers are surprised at her cheerfulness. Her appetite is better and food tastes good. It's only a matter of time and I'm figuring it may be until December before she can get out of bed. Yet I may be underestimating her ability to recover.

So you see her health is going to determine my going out to join Tom's. He left the project promising he would come for me when the winter semester ends; hoping by then Mama would be back to normal. If I cannot leave her then, we could be married then. Seems strange for me to be writing about my plans in such a matter of fact way, but it isn't a dream for I hear from him almost daily since he arrived at Ann Arbor. He has met Babe Fujii, (Hisa Ishii's sister) there at the Faculty House. She's been there for several months already. Tom's keeps mentioning "Freedom is really wonderful. There is no use fearing conditions 'outside', there is no discrimination. If conditions permit better



leave camp as early as possible." Today he writes of office jobs of every kind imaginable, available at the University, that the only serious problem is housing for married people.

I am so glad for him that he was able to go to such a place, because he was so anxious to learn the American ways. It's strange that for one who enjoyed all the opportunities and privileges in Japan, is still able to recognize the finer qualities that make up America. He's very sincere about it, otherwise he couldn't have withstood the heckling he received at the hands of pro-Japanese groups in camp.

especially when they began to notice how he was changing: His actions, attitude, his companions, his beliefs. I really didn't associate with him with such intentions, or that the outcome would be as it has been. I was only feeling quite pleased and triumphant at noticing the changes in him, but he had been very persistent in a cautious sort of way. His parents and brother are wonderful to us. Somehow, since our engagement, the closeness to his family seems to make up <sup>for</sup> our loneliness caused by Midou's aloofness and John's unhappiness.



If you wish to write John - you may write to 48-2-B., or if you want to write anything confidential, you may write send it c/o of us. We could forward it to him either when he comes here or take it to his office. A recent visitor from Boston met John and made this statement to one of my co-workers. "John and his wife apparently are not doing so well, I've never seen such a change come over him - and he was such a grand person when I knew him back home."

Perhaps he may open up more freely to Big Sis than he would to any one else. Nothing is really private or confidential in these camps and I can well imagine his silent suffering. He feels responsible for the folk. That's why he is not planning to leave. I've suggested his leaving first with Midori, but he apparently has not given it very serious consideration - or he may have. But he is so silent about his intentions, and we are so fearful of probing him with too many questions - it's really been difficult.

Martha is enjoying her life in



St. Mary's. Is a Cadet Nurse and quite pleased with everything. Her day begins at 6:00 A.M. and ends 6:00 P.M. Her evening is crammed with homework - lights out at 10:00. Every minute of Sunday seems as precious as gold.

Please go ahead with photo-static copy of my picture. I have a hunch I could get faster work done thru' you than writing Ikus. ~~I'll enclose a check for \$10.00 -~~  
3 copies - same size as yours.  
1 Leather or imitation leather frame for Tomis ~~and two metal frames.~~  
~~If this isn't enough, please let me know and I will reimburse you for the deficit.~~ Thanks for everything. As ever,  
Amy

P.S.

Guess I won't send a check  
this time because if you  
could tell me the exact  
amount involved - pictures,  
frame and mailing charge  
plus tax, too, I can forward  
you the check without having  
deficits or charge on hand.  
This is simpler isn't it?

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