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Dear Bob,

Thanking you kindly for the French dictionaries, letters, subscription to the Life Magazine, etc. Have received them all from Akira and Jimmie without trouble. Gave the leather soled pair of shoes to Mr. Umemoto but have not received pay for them yet. He was very grateful. In your letter of Aug. 29, you mentioned of sending a pair of tennis shoes for Mr. Katoh of the Insurance Co. I have yet to receive them. Did you actually send them or didn't you?!

My apologies for my long silence! Will do my utmost to correspond as frequently as possible. To tell you the



truth, I really am busy at present
and am up to my neck in studies!!
Tutor comes twice weekly. (Tuesday + Friday nite -
- 7:30 to 10:00) We teach Mr. Katoh of the in-
-surance company every Wednesday nite (7:00 to 9:30).
Katoh-san of Nagoya comes about three
times a week and helps us out in "honbu".
He is a big help!! Being tutored and
in turn tutoring takes up three to four nites
of our studies a week - on top of all
that we have our everyday preparations
to do. In my head dizzy!!

By the way, Bob, I'm glad
that you chose Stanford as your future school
and I sincerely hope that you will enjoy
studying there. Please write, telling what



class that you got in, class activities, etc.
You are very fortunate indeed to have
"kibei" when you did because — at present —
"新体制" A drastic change has come over
Japan. We, gakuseis are really getting
restricted!! We are restricted from going
to the theaters on week-days. Prohibited from
entering beer-halls; pool rooms; mahjon;
etc. where girls do the waiting. In Nagoya,
a gakusei cannot even eat at a restaurant.
He is just not waited upon. The sale
of so-called luxury goods are banned —
rings; popular records; high priced "obis";
large cakes; etc. No more strawberry
short-cakes this winter!!! Just don't
know where it will end at!!



I had Katoksan subscribe your name to the "Asahi Shimbun" and to the Japan Advertiser for one year. Incidentally, the Japan Advertiser, which was up to now foreign owned, was forced to sell out to the "Tokyo Nichi Nichi". As for your phonograph records, I asked around but was told to tell you to buy them in America. In Japan, the variety is limited and the quality very poor. Play them a hundred times and the bottom shows.

A few weeks ago, Paul and I went to our fish "Yo-ei". Wow!! Somehow, one of us brought home a mother flea - baby fleas and flea eggs. Yow!! At the present, we are catching fleas in our



room at the rate of three a day. Am
I itchy!! The second day of "Ya-ai",
a funny incident happened to me. We
were practicing the "totuzuki", yes,
and did I charge!! Saw the enemy at
the bottom of the slope and down I charged—
"Yaaa!!" "Yaaa!!" "Yaa!!" "Tsukome—!!"
I was so "hairikitte" that it didn't occur
to me that the patch of tall grass that
separated the enemy from me was a
"tan-oo", so, mistakingly I leaped in—
"Waa!!"—full speed ahead and right into
a rice paddy filled with 18 inches of
water. I slipped!! I lost balance!!
I plunged!! Blub! Blub! All mud
from neck down. Golly, what a sight!



To top it off, the "kyohan" was right behind me and you should of seen him hold his stomach with laughter. — I didn't think it was so funny — !! All in all though, I enjoyed "Yasai" very much.

Say Bob — tell Mom — I do not want things that I do not ask for — meaning — canned abalones; oversize raincoats; cheap camera; canned peaches. (The raincoat was 2 sizes too — big — it was made of rubber so I could not have it alternated — I gave it to pop and bought a Japan-made one for myself.) — (Ask Mom why she didn't send the camera I asked for?? She sent a cheap camera and I DON'T LIKE IT !! I got a good notion to send it back!!) — On top of that, the films she sent are past date and are useless !! Tell Mom that if she is not



going to send the articles which I ask
for, then I would rather have her not
send anything.

How is everything at home??
Any changes - please let me know. Well -
as my letter is getting boresome and the
time getting late, I will bring it to
an end. My best regards to everybody!!
Wishing you the world of health and a
happy college life!!
From your brother -

Tom



↔ My Order ↔
Please send quickly !! —

- 1.- under-shorts
- 2.- White shirt - (size 15-32) Have only one white one at present
- 3.- Wool socks
- 4.- Wool slipover sweater. - Essential - Dire need !!
- 5.- Wool muffler - you promised to send.
- 6.- Wool yarn - lots (color is plain white)
- 7.- Black ski-pants (size 30-34) Please !!!!!!
- 8.- Psychology books - Hurry !!
- 9.- Book - Books - Books - Any-kind - Send !!
- 10.- Coffee - sugar - Milk
- 11.- Canned - spaghetti - Chili - con - carne - Soup.
- 12.- subscription to the L. A. Times.
- 13.- Sleeve - less Wool sweater. Wear under uniform.
- 14.- subscription to Reader's Digest

Thank you !! Don't Want
Anything Else !!

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