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Dear Mrs. Whitney -

After having dust storms for 3 continuous days and then 2 freezing days as follows, it looks much as if we're in for some rainy weather. I hope it does too - that is rain, good & hard. Mercy, this must be an unusually cold winter for Arizona & like all we've heard about Arizona being so warm in the winter is a lot of bunk! Tuesday & Wednesday, it was so cold they had to dismiss classes. It was 22° - & 24° on Wed - & ice that remained all day long on pools of water. You should have seen Dorothy washing on the line - the minute she hung them out to dry they turned stiffer than a board. Undoubtedly you're having cold weather in California too, according to what I've seen in the papers.

Have any of the groves been
damaged by frost? How are the
Easter lilies? Dad said he hopes
the gardener took care of the
lilies - your pride & joy.

405- Before I forget, I am sending
you one of the Income forms they
sent us several days ago. I wondered
if Mr. Whitney could advise me as
to how I should fill it out. Since
this is for 1942, Dad only worked
from Jan. to the 20th of May -
hence wouldn't be in the compulsory
tax paying bracket, would he?
I'd appreciate it if Mr. Whitney
could help me with it any time
he is able to. Thanks in advance.

I've been reading "Report from
Tokyo" & think it is typical of
conditions in Japan at the present.
The Ambassador speaks of the
Military Domination as something
that "shouldn't be", but personally

my belief is regardless of what happens,
Japan will always be ruled by ⁴⁶
military powers. I really believe
the Japanese people race is one of
the hardest to understand. It's the
same in Camp, coming from experience,
but we had the most incapable
black manager for 6 months. He
was really - lazy, thought only of
himself & his family & every one
disliked him from the bottom of
their hearts. Finally, he got "wise"
to himself & called a special meeting
at which time he offered to resign.
Well, the older issei folks had a
perfectly legitimate reason to tell
him his resignation was accepted,
but did they? - I should say not.
They asked him to stay on because
he knew the routine work there
in the office & all the time, they
thought otherwise. To make a long
story short, during the strike he
was ousted - but you can see
what I mean. In Japan, I'd think

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it would be much worse because
the Japanese are great worshippers of
Army & Navy heroes - & you know
how Japanese traditions are -
Of course I may be wrong - I don't
know. As soon as I finish the
book & I let the Mutars read it
I'll mail it back to you - & will
give you "our general opinion" of
it.

Tuesday afternoon, Socorro. I went
down to see Father Clement. He is
the hardest person to get in touch
with - I suppose he went to Kila
again & won't be back till Saturday.
We are anxious - very anxious to
start instructions, but I'm afraid
it's just going to be impossible
(if he still has to go to Kila) for a
while yet. I told you he had to
move everything out of the Chapel
in order that the Education Dep't.
could hold classes there, didn't I?
Because of that, he had no place
to stay in Camp #1 so went to #3

to stay. Since last week end, ⁴⁰⁸
they have given him permission
to use $\frac{1}{3}$ of the recreation hall as
a permanent chapel so he will have
a place to stay all through the
day - if he doesn't have to go to
Gila. I am going to remain after
mass Sunday to remind him again.
Father Clement does special work
for Mr. Head too, so his time is
well taken care of. I rather feel
I am accomplishing something
though as I have learned the
Apostles' Creed The Hail Mary - & The Three
Hail Marys. I hope very much
Mrs. Whitney our delay in getting
started hasn't been too much of a
disappointment to you.

Did you know plans were under
way to film "The Song of Bernadette".
I saw an article in the Examiner, is
the actress in mind to play the
role of Bernadette. What do you think
of it?

#09 I ordered some yarn from New York
(red wool) - & plan to make my-
self a Cardigan. It should come
any time now. My, it's been a long
time since I've knitted - I hope it
turns out all right.

Goodness, this letter has grown
long - Please give my regards
to Mr. Whitney & to George & Bradd
when next you write to them. We
think of them often.

With love,

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How is Prenciers? - We've been
rationed too, very seldom do we get
butter, & very little beef now-a-days.
We had eggs this morning, the first
time this month. I prefer vegetables
any way - & if it doesn't get too
cold, we'll have enough of them.