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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

Your letter arrived yesterday, and I was really very sorry to hear Mr. Whitney is not well. I trust that this little finds him much better. And you, Mrs. Whitney, I know how terribly busy & tired you must be. I only wish there was something I could do to help you out. When you are too tired, please do not attempt to write to us. Louise & I understand.

Yes, I received the Rosary book a good many days ago. How terribly stupid of me for not mentioning it. I certainly have learned a great deal just going through the Rosary book. The illustrations are beautifully done. With a little study & reading each night, I don't think the instructions Father Clement will give us will be too difficult.

Speaking of Father Clement, Sunday morning I got up at 7:15 A.M. & told Louise I had the strangest dream about Father. He was dressed in his usual manner - black shirt - high white collar - but he was unshaven & his clothes were so dusty & dirty. Well -

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Louise said I probably dreamt about
him because the night before we talked
about "— whether Father remembered to
bring some instruction books from P.A. or
not". Sunday, we left the house to
attend Mass at 8:45. We practically ran
all the way— (about 3/4 of a mile as it was
cold, & then, we thought we'd be late for
Mass.) When we reached the Chapel, we
were told Father had not returned from
Los Angeles as he said he would Saturday.
They didn't know whether he had an
accident, or had car trouble, or just what
was the matter. Brother Paul was at Mass,
& when he came from Parker & was more than
surprised to hear Father had not
returned to Boston. (Father went to Los Angeles
alone). Well— I had the queerest feeling
ever— I just couldn't get it out of my
mind— the dream & all, & I wondered if
something had happened to Father & as
people often say, "He came to visit me."
We waited almost an hour at the
Church— & finally word came that
Father had machine trouble & a
flat tire in a small town called

Rice. I was certainly relieved. We didn't have mass tho', as it would have been late had we waited for his return.

Yes, I have read, & heard via the radio about the disturbance at ³⁴⁸ Manzanar. I certainly am more than disgusted with all the — Japs. All this trouble only makes it harder for us, & if the public feels it's a good thing, all of us were rounded up & sent into Camps, they certainly have all the rights in the world to — now. Personally, I don't think it's a matter of Pro Axis element so much, (that is in any of the Camp troubles so far,) but everyone is restless, especially, the boys. They know they'll be confined to Camps for a long time yet, unless you have plenty of money to start out for the middle west & start all over. There is no future in Camps. Being American citizens, & not being able to live as citizens, they have got to a stage where they just don't give a "hang" — one way or the other. It's a pathetic — tragic attitude to have, & I think everything is done without thinking & planning.

for the future. In those of us who
live quietly - fuss of course at times
because it isn't too convenient to live in
Camp, it's a black mark against us
too. I guess it's true, the innocent must
always suffer with the guilty. Some
day, there'll be a day of reckoning, I
hope.

³⁴⁹ I can imagine how hard it is to
live on the outside. Everything has
been rationed so much, I suppose it is
hard to get things. Here at Boston, we
have been getting all the better we
want, we get eggs about 3 times a
week, plenty of meat - all the lettuce
we can eat - plus, celery - Italian squash,
Cabbage - root vegetables etc. I realize
more than ever I'm a fool for fussing
about inconveniences. Aren't you able
to buy any canned goods at all?
How about Coffee? You always used
to say, they can ration anything they
want, but spare the coffee. Can you
get all you can use? Prissy must
be a nuisance - would you rather
we take her off your hands?
She'll have to get used to going
without raw meat - & a lot of other

things, I'm afraid.

Our "hi ba chi" is going full strength. It makes a lot of difference too. Generally, the temperature inside & out varies about 6 degrees. Believe it or not, there is a difference of about 14-16 degrees now. I have a system in the morning. I get up, stir the embers around in the bucket - (about 6 A.M.) - put in a lot of charcoal & then get in bed again. When I finally get up - (at 7:15) - the room is quite warm.

It shan't be too long until we get our pipes - & then, our stove, rather heater, will be ready for installation. It seems now, others besides engineers can install them, but before we can light them, the engineer in charge must give you an official okay. If that is the case, Gimmie will be our handy man.

Little Rayne is having trouble with his eyes. Alma said she was taking him to the doctor to-day, & she hoped it wasn't what they call "desert sore eye". Other than that, Rayne is getting along nicely. I only pray that he isn't coming down

with some communicable disease.

He hasn't had any of them yet.

There are a number of cases of scarlet fever in camp - I only hope we don't have an epidemic. There is also one infantile paralysis case.

One can't be too cautious in camp.

³⁵ I am happy to hear George will be home shortly. He will be a comfort to all of you. Please give George, Braddo our regards - & tell Mr. Whitney to take care of himself.

With love,

Fleming