

c/o W.R.A.
226 W. Jackson.

10/11/48

Dear Mr Hirokane. & Mr. Fujii

I trust that both you
and Mr. Fujii had the good
fortune of reaching home
minus any unpleasant incidents.
I certainly hope that the
heavy load of shoyu did
not inconvenience you too
much.

To date I have been
more than busy trying to
find suitable employment
but for the present without
success. There are plenty of
work, but are not suitable
either in sense of lack of
wages or qualifications.
skilled work paying 80¢-90¢/hr

per hour are plentiful but having no such training I do not qualify.

So far I have been successful only so far as having meeting interviews are concerned. Have met Presidents, vice-pr., directors etc. of 3 large banks as well as Insurance companies. In each instance without exception the so-called "sin" over which I have no control becomes deciding factor for fear of public reaction should I be employed.

Accounting jobs may be had around \$150- but I fear that is not common.

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surata with the high cost of a living as prevails in dirty Chicago.

Nisei are paying about \$8 to \$10- for cobby hole type rooms in dilapidated dwellings. Something comparable to say a cross between Seattle's skidroad hotels and "red light" district houses.

Those renting house of similar description runs into about \$100 to \$125 per month. Naturally they are large affairs. About 9 on 10 room homes. Nisei workers rents these and pay for cost jointly.

For a family man with

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income less than \$200- and two or three children, this is no place. Rent on 6-7 room-houses in suburbs would cost around \$60 or \$70 per month. Aside from such rental the town is really filthy. Right now there is a polio epidemic and I believe you can see the reason why.

However, on the other hand for any family where the children has grown to the extent where there is no necessity of constant watch over them, Chicago is the place to come. Plenty of jobs on hand to permit both members of

The Family to work and joint living expenses naturally would cut expenses down.

This would also hold true where more than two can work. I personally also feel there is a future for Japanese in the business world here. Groceries and dye works in this town are really filthy.

Now to get down to business. So far as I have explained I have been busy with ^{job} interviews. However, I had a chance to drop in at POW shops.

There was an excellent opportunity to buy winter underwear, available however only in mill lots, for November

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and December shipment 14lb
material @ 12.75 sizes to
include

38	40	44	44	46
$\frac{2}{3}$	1	$1\frac{2}{3}$	$1\frac{2}{3}$	1

As we could not use 44 on 46
I did not purchase them.

although I thought I
should wire you and see if
Tinwell would agree to take
the extra sizes, but I did
not have the opportunity
to do so. as they wanted
the order filled before
4:30 PM. that day. I sent
wire today on this matter,
but what do you advise
I should do in such case.

Buying condition is really
tough just like Ishiyama
described.

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Met. Takiguchi today and discovered he had made no effort to buy merchandise for Miniooka, He says he is having difficulty filling the order and just can't get around to ours. I asked him to hold on our orders until I tell him to go ahead. That is the reason I wired today inquiring whether allowance has been approved so I may be able to stay a few days longer in Chicago and concentrate on buying essentials. If I am to buy I must also have some fund on hand. At least \$500 us

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deposit money. Takiguchi showed me a wire he received advising telegraphic transfer of \$5,000. which he mentioned is the second like sum. Mr. Toguria is still here as well as Boston delegates trying hard to buy a few merchandise. They also carry similar or larger cash credit.

Please advise immediately what I am to do as my personal fund is getting low and unless replenished will not be able to assist in attempts in purchase. I believe the Board must be fully informed

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of the market situation
AND the necessity to
buy as much as possible
now. Poston and Gila are
buying at all cost.

Poston, Gila, and Jerome
are still going to maintain
their own buyers. AND OF COURSE
we must remember that
Takiguchi represents Tule Lake
Ishiyama " UYAMING
MOREY " BUNSCHE
and with Inzunzen probably
also sending their own buyers
out it would leave us
cold and probably with little
or no merchandise

If you desire I continue
please secure boards "OK"

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not only on my allowance
but on merchandise to
be secured list. Sources
to be Chicago + New York
and with myself to return
to camp not later than
October 31st. Coach fare
from Chicago to New York
is \$34 - Round trip.

PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY
BY WIRE IF POSSIBLE

Yours truly
Rogers

P.S. IF FUNDS WIRED ADVISE
WHICH BANK AND WHEN

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40 WRA-
226 W. JACKSON
Chicago. Ill



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Messrs. T. HIROKANE
Y. FUJII

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Hunt, Idaho

I forgot to tell you when in
Chicago to stop at the
"Morrison"

NOTICE

IF NOT DELIVERED IN
5 DAYS, RETURN TO

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