

Dearest Mom

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PLEASE DON'T THINK THIS LAPSE IN LETTER-
WRITING MEANT I HAD FORGOTTEN YOU.
No Mom AND AS ~~THE~~ TIME
GOES BY, I'LL BE FEELING CLOSER TO
YOU THROUGH THE MUTUAL EXPERIENCES
I'LL COME TO KNOW.

AND THE NEXT TIME I SEE YOU
I KNOW THERE'LL BE A MORE INTIMATE-
LY-UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
US THAN EVER BEFORE.

IT'S SO WONDERFUL SEEING AND BEING
WITH BU EVERY DAY. IT'S SOMETHING SO
NEW TO ME — THE COMPANIONSHIP OF JUST
ONE PERSON. IT'S SOOTHING AND RELAXING.

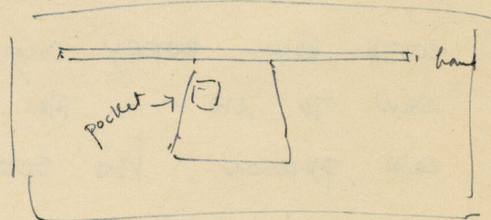
HE'S BEEN SHOWING ME AROUND, INTRO-
DUCING ME TO HIS FRIENDS, ETC.

WE HAD OUR BLOOD TEST; WE
HAVE A ROOM; WE'RE STARTING TO BUY
"START-OFF NECESSITIES." IT'S SO MUCH FUN
STARTING FROM SCRATCH.

NEITHER OF US HAVE A JOB YET,
BUT WE'LL BUCKLE DOWN SOON AS WE'RE
MARRIED.

WHICH REMINDS ME, PLEASE, PLEASE
AND 1 APRON
SEND ME MY TWO UNIFORMS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU SHOULD
SEE ANY MORE LIKE THOSE AT GLADYS
FOWLERS, COULD YOU GET 2 OR 3? ~~#~~
I PUT IN A FEW APPLICATIONS ^{FOR WAITRESS JOBS} AND
SHOULD BE HEARING FROM THEM REAL
SOON.

IF YOU EVER HAVE TIME COULD
YOU MAKE SOME PLAIN WHITE ^{REGULAR} WAITRESS -
~~REGULAR~~ ^{APRON?} ~~UNIFORM?~~ (I SHOULDN'T BE
ASKING YOU, BUT JUST IF YOU HAVE TIME)
IF I GET THE MATERIAL, I'LL SEW IT
UP BY HAND. HERE.



COULD YOU ALSO SEND ACCUMULATED
NEWS PICTS. THERE'S LOTS OF SAN PEDRO
PEOPLE HERE.

OH!!! LAST SUNDAY, MO AND TAO
INVITED US TO DINNER AT THEIR PLACE.
GHEE, IT WAS WONDERFUL SEEING MO
AGAIN. SHE'S LOOKING SWELL!!! AND AS

LIVELY AS EVER. AND GOSH CHAM...
GUESS WHAT!! HER HUSBAND, TAD IS
FROM MORIOKA - IWATE KEN! ISN'T
THAT SOMETHIN?? DO YOU THINK POP
KNEW HIM?

HE'S A REALLY, REALLY GOOD
GUY!!! SO DARN LIKEABLE. HE'S SO
GENEROUS AND PLEASANT AND NICE!!!
AND SO MODEST.

HIS ETCHINGS ARE VERY GOOD,
SOMETHING LIKE SEISHIN.

AND CHAM — GUESS WHO ELSE
I SAW OUT ~~TH~~ HERE? MR. RYOGAWA'S
SON, YOSHIO. HE SAID HE'S BEEN OUT
HERE 4 YEARS. WE SAW HIM AT
SUETHIRO'S, (MITSU'S PLACE).

WE ALSO VISITED BONES, YURI,
AND BARRY JERRY LEE; AND FRANCES
AND AL KAWAMURA.

EVERYONE'S BEEN SO GOOD TO
US. BILL HAS LOTS OF HAOLE FRIENDS
AND THEY'RE TOPS!!!

Now. COULD YOU ^{START} WRITING ALL YOUR
LETTERS ON THIS KIND OF PAPER TOO?
THEN IT'LL BE EASIER TO KEEP — AND
EASIER TO REFER TO. AND — WOULD
YOU CLIP OUT ANY RECIPES, ARTICLES
ON COOKING, CLEANING, ETC.

Oh! CONFIDENTIALLY, HOW DO YOU
MAKE:

- ① BREADED VEAL CUTLETS
- ② MISO-SHIRU (WHAT ARE ALL THE
VEGETABLES THAT GO IN?)
- ③ TSUKEMONO (DO YOU JUST USE OLD RICE?
ANY WATER? RAISED?)
- ④ SASHIMI (WHAT KIND OF FISH? HOW
DO YOU CUT IT?)
- ⑤ ~~MAYONNAISE~~ ^{PIE CRUST}
- ⑥ O-TSU-YU

Also — HOW DO YOU MAKE POT
ROAST? HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR
CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE? HOW DO
YOU SWEETEN SWEET POTATOE? (WITH
BROWN SUGAR? CAROL? OR WHAT?) — AND HOW?
AND WHAT ALL DO YOU USE FOR A
GOOD SPAGHETTI SAUCE?

Oh! I ALMOST FORGOT TO MENTION
IT. I MET BILL'S DAD. HE'S JUST AS
YOU SAID HE WOULD BE. . . . LIKE ANY
OTHER ISSEI, TERRIFICALLY ATTACHED TO HIS
SON, BELIEVING IN FILIAL PIETY, CONSERVATIVE,
POSSESSING EXPENSIVE TASTES, REPUTATION-CONSCIOUS,

CONVENTIONAL AND FILLED WITH PRIDE.

I KNOW I'VE HAVE TO CHANGE COMPLETELY
TO HARMONIZE W THEIR LIFE OR STEEL AN
PERSONAL THOTS AND IDEALS OF THE PAST.
I'VE DO MY BEST BUT IT WON'T BE EASY.
I CAN'T CHANGE OVER-NITE

Bill AND I ARE VERY DIFFERENT
IN MANY WAYS; OUR WAYS OF THINKING
DIFFERS MUCH BUT WHEN YOU LOVE A
~~PERSON~~^{MAN} YOU DON'T FEEL IT A SACRIFICE
TO BEND TO HIS WAYS. YOU WANT TO DO
IT TO PLEASE HIM.

AND I'M GLAD WE'RE DIFFERENT . . . AND
I'M GLAD THERE'LL BE "OBSTACLES". IT'LL
MAKE A MORE MAJORE PERSON OF ME . . .
AND MORE UNDERSTANDING OF OTHERS.

I CAN SORT OF SEE NOW WHAT
YOU'VE GONE THROUGH. I DON'T THINK YOU
AND POP WERE SO MUCH ALIKE, BUT
FOR HIM — YOU DID WHATEVER YOU ~~INTEND~~^{WISHED}
HE WISHED^{DONE} EVEN TO THE WAY OF
RAISING US. BUT I GUESS KIDS DON'T AL-
WAYS GROW UP AS THE PARENTS WOULD WISH.
~~But~~ ~~again~~ I HOPE YOU'RE NOT TOO
DISAPPOINTED OR HURT . . . FOR ~~CHILDREN~~^{EVERY LIFE}
THAT COMES INTO THIS WORLD, BELONGS NOT
JUST TO THE PARENTS — BUT TO THE WORLD . . .
TO HUMANITY — AND TO GOD.

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I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN OUR
WEDDING WILL BE. PROBABLY NEXT
WEEK. TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO SEE
THE REVEREND. WILL LET YOU KNOW
EVERYTHING.

THANK MOM, FOR GETTING MY
CLOTHES FOR ME. I KNOW I SHOULD
HAVE BEEN A LOT MORE CLOTHES-
CONSCIOUS TO BELONG TO A FELLOW
LIKE BIL. GRADUALLY, I'M SURE
I WILL BE.

THANK TOO, MOM, FOR BEING
THE MOTHER YOU WERE TO US
AND THE KIND OF WIFE YOU WERE
TO POP. HE MUST HAVE BEEN WONDER-
FUL TO HAVE BEEN SO LOVED BY YOU.

Love, Mary