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Dearest Mom

By the time ~~you~~ receive this letter reaches you, you will have already received Bill's 2 letters and Bill's Dad's telegram.

I know I should have written when Bill did, but somehow after reading your letter to us I . . . just . . . couldn't write; at least not the kind of letter you would wish to receive.

I think you understand what I mean. I couldn't write an apologetic letter and mean it sincerely. ~~And~~ And it also wouldn't have been well for me to write under the emotional strain your letter aroused.

Bill and I read it together. Bill immediately began writing. I couldn't do it.

He showed me what he wrote. It was so touching and humble, I cried. He wrote exactly as he felt within He felt so badly about your being hurt, blaming everything on himself. Glee (mom, what other person could react like that? Most fellows or girls would have been affected in the opposite way — of being

TERRIBLY IRKED . . . AND ANGERED . . . (AS I
WAS). YOU'VE GOT A SON-IN-LAW TO ADMIRE
(A RARE, WONDERFUL GUY, (HOM) . . . AND
ONE WHO THINKS A GREAT DEAL OF YOU.

As a daughter, I know I haven't
shown the kind of concern and affection
that most girls show ^{towards} ~~their~~ their mother,
but some day . . . in some way . . . I hope . . .
that what I do feel ^{for you} inside will come
to the surface for your eyes "to see" and
your heart "to feel". I can't convey
it in words.

I know I should have notified
you of our ~~marriage~~ ^{wedding} plans . . . BUT BE-
LIEVE ME (HOM), OUR PLANS ~~CHANGED~~ ^{MATERIALIZED} AND
CAME-TO-BEING FROM EACH DAY'S PROGRESS
WHICH WAS ~~STILL~~ MORE OR LESS SPONTANEOUS
UNEXPECTED, ~~AND~~ NOT-TOO-SORE, AND
CHANGING.

WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED NOW
EXACTLY A WEEK. IT'S BEEN THE HAPPIEST
SEVEN DAYS I'VE EVER EXPERIENCED
A KIND OF SECURITY, WARMTH, AND JOY
I NEVER EVEN DREAMED OF. AND (HOM),
ALTHOUGH SUCH A STATEMENT AS I JUST
MADE, MAY HAVE BROUGHT YOU A TINGE OF
PAIN & ~~BECAUSE~~ ~~MY~~ ~~AFFECTION~~ (FOR AFTER
ALL, YOU HAVE GIVEN AND SHARED SO MUCH

OF THE CONSTITUENTS OF HAPPINESS) I
KNOW YOU AREN'T OFFENDED. DEEP INSIDE,
I KNOW YOU'RE HAPPY AND PLEASED
FOR MY SAKE ~~AND~~ BECAUSE I'M
HAPPY.

AND ^{AT TIMES} ALTHOUGH I MAY HAVE PERVED,
HURT, OR ^{SEEMINGLY} DISREGARDED YOU, AND REGARDLESS
OF WHAT WE MAY SAY TO EACH OTHER
~~ORALLY~~ OR THRU LETTERS, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WE'LL
~~mutually~~ ~~both~~ I FEEL ~~THE~~ ^A ~~ACTUAL~~ DEEPER, UNDERSTANDING,
SENSITIVE, GROWING, STRENGTHENING BOND OF
MOTHER-DAUGHTER LOVE. . . . THAT NOTHING CAN
TEAR AWAY.

—HOW OFTEN I SHALL BE ABLE TO
WRITE TO YOU, I CAN'T SAY. I KNOW
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.

WE'LL NEVER BE FAR APART
EXCEPT IN MATERIAL DISTANCE.

SLOWLY I'M LEARNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A WIFE. EACH DAY IS BECOMING MORE MEANINGFUL. AND IT'S ALL SO MUCH FUN FUN BECAUSE "DOING IT FOR BU" IS THE STIMULUS. LIVING WITH HIM AND BEING LOVED BY HIM IS "ENJOYMENT" IN ^{THE} MOST BEAUTIFUL SENSE OF THE WORD.

AND I'M GRATEFUL ^{HAVING SEEN LOVE - IN - ACTION;} ~~YOUR MOTHER~~
THE KIND OF LOVE YOU GAVE TO "POP".

Remembering always, Mary

P.S.

AND NOW TO TELL YOU OF THOSE WHO
HELPED ME SINCE MY ARRIVAL TO NEW YORK.
WHEN YOU HAVE TIME I HOPE YOU'LL WRITE
TO THEM AND THANK THEM.

MARY SUGAMURA
FUMI SUGAMURA
SUMI HIRAMOTO
TACHI WAICHI
ALICE OMURA

LET ME STAY AT THEIR
PLACE UNTIL WE WERE
MARRIED

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Mrs. MITSU TSUJI ^{CORIGWAL NEW YORK}
^{GIRL}
(CHATTESBORO WIFE)
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N.Y.C.

HAS BEEN GOOD TO BILL
AND ME IN COUNTLESS
LITTLE WAYS, HELPED
ME IN JOB-HUNTING,
TOOK ME TO SHOPPING LOCATION,
GAVE ADVICE AND TIPS ON PER-
SONAL PROBLEMS, ETC... AND
CONTINUALLY SHOWERING US WITH
KINDNESS... UNCONSCIOUSLY + UNSELFISHLY.

YURI TAONO
246 - W. 22nd St
N.Y.C.

LOANED ME THE VERY
BLOUSE SHE WORE ON
HER WEDDING... FOR OUR
WEDDING.

AND GOSH MOM, SHE + BONES HAVE
TREATED US ^{TO} DINNERS, HOME-COOKED
MEALS, AND EVEN PRACTICALLY "GAVE"
US THE USE OF HER APARTMENT.

MO MIYA
135 - W. 28th St.
N.Y.C.

ACTION AS MATRON OF HONOR
AT THE WEDDING. INVITED US
TO HER HOME FOR SUPPER, ETC.

REV. AKAMATSU
(GOOD FRIEND OF BILL'S)
323 - W. 108th St.
N.Y.C.

A WONDERFUL, WONDER-
FUL PERSON. AN ISSEI;
SOMETHING LIKE REV.
KITAGAWA. OFFICIATED
AT THE CEREMONY... AND HAS BEEN
MORE THAN HELPFUL + KIND TO US.