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Sachi Seko
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Dear Sachi:

What a delightful surprise it was to turn to your column in the 7/23 Pacific Citizen and discover that you had devoted it entirely to my new book! I can't tell you what a joy it was to read your warm and perceptive response to Desert Exile. I'm glad the book held some "special reward" for you as you so graciously wrote, and I appreciated your kind words as well your understanding. It was a wonderful article and I'm sending a copy to my editor. It meant much coming from a fellow writer whose work I have long admired.

In fact, I've often thought of writing to you in response to one of your articles. Many have touched me and I still have the one entitled, "The Patriarch" about your grandfather. I'm sure you have a book inside you too.

I felt very vulnerable, turning myself inside out for the world, but realize that is exactly what you have been doing in your columns, and it is your own humanity and wit that makes your writing so appealing and meaningful. I guess you've learned, as I have, that when you give openly of yourself you get much back in return.

I feel that I already know you from your columns and now you know me from my book. I hope someday we can meet. Let me know if you ever get to Berkeley, and maybe someday one of my invitations to speak will come from SLC. I also have some friends at the Utah Bistorical Quarterly which published an excerpt from D.E. in 1980.

In the meantime, I'll continue to follow you through your columns which I feel are among the PC's best offerings.

All the best,

Yoshiko Uchida

P.S. Thanks also for your good words re Journey to Topaz. Unfortunately it is now OP, but its sequel, Journey Home, is still in print and also is out now in paperback. I'm trying to find a publisher to reissue Jto T, but it seems doubtful.... Your address just arrived from PC, so I'll get this to the PO.

August 4, 1982

Dear Yoshiko,

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful letter. It was my pleasure to review your "Desert Exile." My only regret was its brevity, the restriction of PC space.

Now that we know each other through written words, which is probably the truest of all knowing, I look forward to meeting you in the flesh. I hope that you do receive an invitation to speak in Salt Lake City. If that wish is realized, my husband and I would be honored to offer you our modest hospitality. We have a private guest area downstairs and a friendly dog that goes with it. My husband will probably be inspired to cook you one of his fantastic Chinese dinners. He will also fill you with fudge and pound cake. And I would listen and observe and compose a column about you.

In the meantime, I have your beautiful books to enjoy over and over. Thank you for sharing your interior journeys.

As ever,

Sachi

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I'm disapp'd we won't be seeing a byline in PC any more. It's a great loss for us all, but now I'll be waiting 2 books!
I mentioned it to Jo Sillito who writes Sunstone Mag. & Q. J. SE. When he interviews me - the mention - promise v I'll sit to SAC someday. Best wishes to you; Yoshiko.

October 18, 1982

Dear Yoshiko,

Thanks very much for your kind note on my departure from the PC. All the more reason for you to come for a visit. I won't have to be worrying about doing a column.

Nicholas is ready for company anytime. Ernie has been rapidly expanding his culinary experiments. Would you believe Lindy's cheese cake with 2 1/2 lbs. of cream cheese? Last night, it was a cake from someone else's family cookbook and a pan of Virginia fudge. Tonight, he has popped an apple pie into the oven. The apples are from our tree. You're invited to come and taste.

I've been suffering from vertigo (dizziness) for about a month. It isn't something to boast about, because most likely it'll confirm the notion that I am just a dizzy dame. It came with my cold and the doctors say it should disappear as my cold improves.

I really hope you make it to Salt Lake soon. I need some advice on establishing a disciplined pattern for writing longer pieces than I've done for the PC. And no should know better than you.

Again, thanks much for the note.

Sincerely,

Sachi

April 2, 1983

Dear Sachi and Ernie:

I can't begin to thank you for all you did to make my visit in SLC such a pleasant one. I came home feeling totally refreshed in mind and body and spirit!

It's not often that I have the luxury of a beautiful private suite - complete with a watch dog sleeping at my door on Marimekko sheets, and a thoughtful hostess who leaves fresh flowers on my dresser, fresh fruit beside my bed and gives me clean towels every hour!

And not having to cook for two whole days was my idea of that #1 Mormon heaven. The Japanese saba dinner was delicious, and Ernie, your fantastic Chinese dinner and the delectable cheese cake and fudge were truly memorable gourmet events. I've shared some fudge with friends and am trying to ration myself to one piece a day, but it's a terrible strain on my will power. I think I will have to extend it to two pieces.

It was good of you to invite John and Linda and I know they enjoyed the evening. I was also happy to meet Mary and your other son, Alan. What a charmer he is! You must have done something right to produce such a nice "only child." Seeing Wanda Robertson so unexpectedly at the last minute was an added joy.

I know you both spent much time and effort preparing for my visit, and I truly appreciated your thoughtful and gracious hospitality. Ernie, it was good of you to take time off from your work, and good of you both to take me to the airport to share my "airport neurosis."

I hope the ophthalmologist found everything OK, Sachi, and I really hope you'll soon be rid of all those aggravating conditions. As you know, I can well sympathize. By the way, did you read Norman Cousins' book? Maybe you need more laughter therapy! Listen, you've got to stop that compulsive cleaning and do a little writing each day. It just occurred to me, I could probably do a great children's book about a child whose grandfather repatriates, altho I'm not sure I could bear to do another "evacuation" book. I'd have to get inside your skin and try to figure out that bright, wise, defiant child who knew she was a hostage 30 years before the rest of us. If you find any of your old columns relating to your childhood, will you send me copies? I discovered I'd kept 5 of them and wish I'd kept them all!

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Computation of Social Security Self-Employment Tax

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Name of self-employed person (as shown on social security card)

Social security number of self-employed person ▶

Part I Computation of Net Earnings from FARM Self-Employment

Regular Method

- 1 Net profit or (loss) from:
 - a Schedule F (Form 1040)
 - b Farm partnerships
- 2 Net earnings from farm self-employment (add lines 1a and 1b)

1a		
1b		
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Farm Optional Method

- 3 If gross profits from farming are:
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- 4 Enter here and on line 12a, the amount on line 2, or line 3 if you elect the farm optional method

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Part II Computation of Net Earnings from NONFARM Self-Employment

SE

Regular Method

- 5 Net profit or (loss) from:
 - a Schedule C (Form 1040)
 - b Partnerships, joint ventures, etc. (other than farming)
 - c Service as a minister, member of a religious order, or a Christian Science practitioner. (Include rental value of parsonage or rental allowance furnished.) If you filed Form 4361 and have not revoked that exemption, check here and enter zero on this line
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 - e Other (specify) ▶
- 6 Total (add lines 5a through 5e)
- 7 Enter adjustments if any (attach statement, see instructions)
- 8 Adjusted net earnings or (loss) from nonfarm self-employment (line 6, as adjusted by line 7). Enter here and on line 12b. (Note: If the amount on line 8 is less than \$1,600, you may wish to use the nonfarm optional method instead. See instructions.)

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Nonfarm Optional Method (Use only if your earnings from nonfarm self-employment are less than \$1,600 and less than two-thirds of your gross nonfarm profits.)

- 9 a Maximum amount reportable under both optional methods combined (farm and nonfarm)
- b Enter amount from line 3. (If you have no amount on line 3, enter zero.)
- c Balance (subtract line 9b from line 9a)
- 10 Enter two-thirds of gross nonfarm profits or \$1,600, whichever is smaller
- 11 Enter here and on line 12b, the amount on line 9c or line 10, whichever is smaller

9a	\$1,600	00
9b		
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- b Unreported tips subject to FICA tax from Form 4137, line 9 or to RRTA
- c Add lines 15a and 15b
- 16 Balance (subtract line 15c from line 14)
- 17 Self-employment income—line 13 or line 16, whichever is smaller
- 18 Self-employment tax. (If line 17 is \$29,700, enter \$2,762.10; if less, multiply the amount on line 17 by .093.) Enter here and on Form 1040, line 48

12a		
12b		
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14	\$29,700	00
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15c		
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Maybe going through your old columns will be a good way to get you started on your memoirs or your grandfather's story or something... Doesn't the view from your window at least make you want to do a haiku or two??

I'm looking now at the photos of your beautiful house and the magnificent snow-covered mountains and remembering the sight of those deer. They will always be wonderful reminders of my visit to SLG. Now, if only I could remember what you looked like,

Thanks again for everything! Stay well!

Affectionately,

Dear Nicholas:

It was great meeting you, even if you tried to knock me over and walk all over me when we first met!

Thanks for sharing your Lower Kingdom with me, and let me know when you learn how to read. I might send you one of my books. I know your mother thinks children's books are only for children, but some of the brighter adults are capable of enjoying them, so I think you would too!

Happy deer chasing!

Love from Tristy Kakutani's
Aunt

P.S. I have a photo of my dream next to Tristy's. You'd probably be great friends if you could meet! He's a Sheltie only 1/2 your size, but, like you, sweet & lovable!

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Part II Computation of Net Earnings from NONFARM Self-Employment

SE

Regular Method

5 Net profit or (loss) from:

- a Schedule C (Form 1040)
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6 Total (add lines 5a through 5e)

7 Enter adjustments if any (attach statement, see instructions)

8 Adjusted net earnings or (loss) from nonfarm self-employment (line 6, as adjusted by line 7). Enter here and on line 12b. (Note: If the amount on line 8 is less than \$1,600, you may wish to use the nonfarm optional method instead. See instructions.)

Nonfarm Optional Method (Use only if your earnings from nonfarm self-employment are less than \$1,600 and less than two-thirds of your gross nonfarm profits.)

- 9 a Maximum amount reportable under both optional methods combined (farm and nonfarm)
- b Enter amount from line 3. (If you have no amount on line 3, enter zero.)
- c Balance (subtract line 9b from line 9a)

10 Enter two-thirds of gross nonfarm profits or \$1,600, whichever is smaller

11 Enter here and on line 12b, the amount on line 9c or line 10, whichever is smaller

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9a	\$1,600	00
9b		
9c		
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Part III Computation of Social Security Self-Employment Tax

12 Net earnings or (loss):

- a From farming (from line 4)
- b From nonfarm (from line 8, or line 11 if you elect to use the Nonfarm Optional Method)

13 Total net earnings or (loss) from self-employment reported on lines 12a and 12b. (If line 13 is less than \$400, you are not subject to self-employment tax. Do not fill in rest of schedule)

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c Add lines 15a and 15b

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April 7, 1983

Dear Yo,

Thanks very much for your gracious letter. Since we didn't hear of any planes falling out of the sky, we presumed you arrived home safely. What a worry wart you are, about the funniest things. Ernie said perhaps you would have felt better if we had another car follow us to the airport, in case ours broke down. That's what they do for the president of IBM.

Your visit was all too brief. We hope you'll be able to return to Utah and spend more time with us. Having guests is no bother with the separate area downstairs. As my mother used to say, when a place is used insects have no opportunity to encroach. Since I dislike traveling, having visitors is like a vacation for me. And Ernie thrives on company, being the social creature of the family. Aside from Nicholas, that is.

You couldn't have picked a better week for your trip. On Easter Sunday, we had two feet of snow in our yard and Nicholas was running belly deep in it. And then on Monday, the winds came hurtling through. The road to Ogden and Weber College was closed. They sent the kids home from school and closed Hill Field. There were many power outages and considerable destruction. Trucks had fallen over on their sides. The wind was not as severe in Salt Lake, but students couldn't walk on the University of Utah campus so they closed that. Alan had to wait until noon before Parley's Canyon was open to Park City.

The ophthalmologist checked my eyes twice because of my concern over the flashings I had. He couldn't find anything. But the flashing occurred again on Easter. He told me to return if it recurred another two or three times. It keeps me edgy. He also commented on my screwball eyes, the kind that don't really require glasses. One eye is farsighted and the other is nearsighted so they compensate. That's another reason I hate going to doctors. Each one invariably comments on some freak aspect of my body. He told me my folded eyelid could be corrected surgically, if I wanted. I retorted that I actually needed a new spirit more than a new appearance. He said he'd read up on spirits.

My friend came by Tuesday to pick up her manuscript. I had typed out your suggestions and she asked that I relay her appreciation. She was going to write you, but I told her it wasn't necessary. That's all you need, more correspondence. Michi Weglyn told me that takes up most of her time.

Speaking of Michi, she called on Saturday. I told her you recommended "Infamy" to your audience at Weber. She was very flattered and properly responsive. Michi said you must have been very ladylike and reserved. She got that impression from reading "Exile." I told her that your reserve

had largely dissolved by the time you left. Michi said I have that effect on people, whatever that means.

Alan spent most of the day with me yesterday. He decided he deserved a day off after working most nights and on Easter Sunday. He said he and Mary Dickson enjoyed you very much. That's a compliment since he doesn't say things he doesn't mean. He tells Ernie that most of the IBM guests are bores. We did a little shopping, had lunch and came home so he could take a nap. Then, he finally washed the Camaro that has been sitting filthy in the carport. Alan borrowed it when it was sparkling clean and had promised to return it in the same condition. Ernie was appalled that it was still dirty when you arrived. Alan stayed for dinner, as usual. Nicholas was happy to see him since Alan took him for a run at Skyline High. He really requires violent exercise, which he doesn't get during the winter. When the weather is clement, Ernie and I take him down to the high school in the car. It's very dangerous since Nicholas goes berserk in the car. I read your note to him and he listened with his head cocked in full attention.

We haven't had snaps (prints) made of your poses with Nicholas. But will this weekend. I refused to go into stores before Easter. Every Mormon parent was probably in there with his or her dozen screaming kids. And I thought it was terrible that you should swipe that snap Ernie took of you and Wanda Robertson.

Thanks very much for the Blum's mints and for "The Sea of Gold." I hope to begin reading it tonight. Just finished, "Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant." I read only about a half dozen books of fiction during the year. Forget writing another evacuation book. Aren't you getting a bit tired of that topic?"

Ernie sends his best. We both missed you after you left.

As ever,

Michi Sachi

April 18, 1983

Dear Mrs. Uchida,

The enclosed clipping appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune this morning.

Enclosed also are promised copies of snaps. There are two sets of you with Nicholas, one for your sister, the animal lover. Am mailing John the other copy of print with you.

Spring came for a day yesterday, but winter returned this afternoon. Rain here and snow in Park City.

The house is a mess since I finally decided to go through the stacks of PC's and collect my columns. Talked to Michi yesterday and she suggested I separate them by years and then by topic. She said her book is almost ready. Says it is, "avant-garde."

Lawson Inada is scheduled to come to Delta High School, April 27-May 1. There is an outside chance he may stay with us for one night. Michi said Lawson is not interested at all in food so for me to fix him a pot of coffee and to stick an apple in the frig. I never heard of such a thing. Sounds awful, doesn't it?

Your "Sea of Gold," has been lent to a friend of mine. She's giving a talk on literary culture for the Mormon women. That's one way of getting into The Church.

Ernie sends his best.

As ever,

Sachi

April 24, 1983

Dear Sachi:

It was great getting two letters from you! Many thanks for the snapshots with the cooperative member of your family. It was thoughtful of you to send extra prints for Kay. She'll love seeing Nicholas, as I've already told her about him.

Also thanks, (I think), for the clipping. What a horrible article! Everything in quotes was absolutely inaccurate and I hope you don't think I say things like, "we knew not why." Well, you know what I said since you've read Des. Ex. I shouldn't be surprised any more to be misquoted since even the Commonwealth Club did it to me, even tho they taped what I'd said. No wonder we all get high blood pressure!

I'm glad you're getting to work on your P.C. columns. While you're at it, you should make copies of all of them and put them in a binder for Alan and your future grandchildren. Newsprint deteriorates so quickly.

I hope this means you're feeling better these days. I ordered LeShan's "How to Meditate" for you, but since it's a paperback, the bookstore will only include it in one of their bulk orders, so it may be a while. I'll send it when it comes. I think learning a relaxation technique would do you more good than Aloe Vera (sp?). We'll get you healthy yet!

Please tell Ernie I gave some of his fudge to my friends, the Sammets, who are expert dessert and candy eaters, and I wish he could have seen and heard them when they sampled a few pieces. They said it was absolutely THE BEST fudge they'd ever eaten. Thanks to Ernie, I've been able to make many of my friends happy.

Didn't you know from reading about my childhood that I've been a LOL-worrier since I was six years old??? (But I think I have some redeeming qualities!) If you thought I was nervous about getting to your SLC airport, (I automatically think every airport is as hard to get to as the SFO with those horrible traffic tie-ups on the Bay Bridge!) you should see me now, with only 11 days till I leave for Hawaii. You wouldn't believe the number of letters I've had to write to arrange for everything including getting my books there in time.

The galleys for my new children's book arrived in the midst of all this madness and I just hope I didn't miss any errors in the proofs. Incidentally, I knew I'd misspelled MormOn the minute I looked at the carbon - (I must have tho't I was typing another business letter to make a carbon!) I should proofread my letters before I mail them. The book jacket proof just came too, and I'm relieved to see that it looks pretty good. Kinuko Craft did the art.

We've had more cold rain and I'm anxious to get to some balmy Hawaiian weather. I don't like travelling either, but once you're there it's so much fun. You should at least try coming to Berkeley I won't cook for you, but Solano Ave. is teeming with restaurants!

Greetings to the Chef who lives with you and a few scratches

*Mary to
- Joe
Mrs. Ulluda
Tell Alan I enjoyed meeting her
on the flanks of Nichol's*

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d Service with a foreign government or international organization	5d		
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May 11, 1983

Dear Yo,

Your gift book, "How to Meditate," arrived on Saturday so I tried calling you. When there was no answer, I assumed you had gone to spend the night with Harry. Then, I tried again on Sunday. Finally, it occurred to me that you were in Hawaii. If the "breath counting," that you suggested doesn't work to fix my mind, it should help my lungs. Thank you so much for being so concerned. I haven't done much reading since last Friday when I took my glasses in to have the prescription changed.

Lawson decided to fly out Saturday night, after his Delta workshop, so didn't stay with us. He informed me by letter that he'll be back sometime in late summer. And that I'll get a bonus of two for one. He'll have Frank Chin with him. When I told Michi about this, she laughed and said it didn't sound like much of a deal.

Michi also told me that my conversation on Sunday with her was probably being taped. Someone entered her apartment and stole some important information. She suspects being the target of espionage. And I don't think she is exaggerating because of the nature of her forthcoming book.

It is snowing today. A heavy fall that has covered the driveway completely. Nicholas is going in and out. He looks like a snow dog. And smells like a wet rug.

I hope you got a nice tan in Hawaii. The sun is bad for your skin, but it helps the image of health. Ernie sends his best.

As ever, *Sachi*

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Dear Sachi and Ernie:

Good grief! You've had nothing but calamities ever since I left SLC! First 80 mph gales tearing down your billboards and now flooding in the streets! What next?

Seriously...I've been worried about you people! In fact, I worry every time I see the news on TV, but recalling the hillside on which you're situated, I assume the water is going by, not through, your house! Hope all's well where Alan is too.

Sorry I missed your call. I was having a glorious time in ^{Hawaii} Hawaii - being wined and dined and festooned with dozens of leis! What a life! I could have stayed forever in that balmy climate. Caught a terrible cold in Milo, however, and am still coughing. Hope your health is better, Sachi. Are you meditating???

All the best,

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November 22, 1983

Dear Yo,

Your postcard arrived yesterday. It makes me absolutely envious to know that you are suffering from positive stress. That's such an improvement over the housewife's woes that I endure monotonously. The only thing I get to autograph is my name in the dust as I scrub out the kitchen cupboards and drawers. And after two days of labor, I'm finally down to the silver drawer. After that, if we can get all the books down in the library for dusting, I can call it quits for the year. Then, it'll be time to start the same vicious cycle over again.

All the leaves haven't fallen but they are now under snow. The first heavy snowfall of the year arrived on Sunday and we've been having flurries ever since. Ernie says it should melt eventually and I can finish doing leaves. It does drive me crazy, knowing they're under the snow and some still on trees and bushes.

I lost almost two years with bad health, so I've had a lot of catching up to do the past two months when my energy returned somewhat. After this cleaning siege, I hope to let things go and start doing a few mental things, like writing. I have a habit of being compulsive about all the wrong things. And I think Ernie likes it this way. After I saw what a mess he made in the kitchen, I may not let him use it anymore. All he wants to make is junk food. Quantities of it.

We've been enjoying your pears. If we knew you were going to send us another gift, we wouldn't have let you stay with us. Did you forget that you brought us Blum's mints and your book when you came? There is such a thing as an excess of gratitude, but we truly appreciate the thought. And even more the fact that although you've forgotten what we look like (except Nicholas) you remember our names.

Happy 62nd birthday on Thursday. Actually, your 62 is very young. You should knock ten years (at least) off for not having had a husband and another ten years for never having had any kids.

This is one of the few years we're having a private Thanksgiving. I was so absorbed with collecting leaves that I didn't realize the holiday was almost here, so didn't extend my usual invitations. I think Alan is looking forward to having leftovers to cart home. He almost wept last year when I saved him half a cup of my special dressing. One day I want to try having a Thanksgiving dinner in a restaurant. It takes most of the night to clean up the mess.

Best from Ernie. And of course, from Nicholas, too.

As ever,

Sachi

Dec. 26, 1983

Swär Sachi, Ernie, Nicholas & Cuisinart:

It was good to hear from you and I thank Nicholas for being the only one generous enough to send me his portrait. I got excited when I 1st opened the envelope, thinking N's mother had finally relented and was letting me see what she looked like, but no such luck.

I hope you all had a good C'mas gorging on Ernie's goodies. I finally relaxed a bit and enjoyed a good Christmas week with my friends.

You are seeing the results of the gift to myself - an SCM Ultrasonic III which I love. I can hardly wait to get back to some creative writing, but it doesn't look possible for some time yet. My next chore is working on my taxes. Ugh! And I am also saddled with the job of feeding the Mgr's 2 cats and taking care of their needs. I have decided I definitely do not like cats!

My new book made it on the "best books of the year" lists of the School Libe. Journal and People Mag. (of all places!) It was a nice surprise.

My belated holiday greetings to all of you and of course, Alan. Have a good '84 .

All the best,

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