

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

October 6, 1951

Dear Dorothy,

I've enclosed H.W.'s bill and a memo to the Comptroller's Office for you to sign. It perhaps should be retyped on regular U. of P. intramural letter paper. I assume she wants social security and withholding tax deducted. I'd suggest it be from the U. of P. funds. This leaves us with \$88.74 at Penn and 194.81 at the Am. Phil.

Glad to hear you're feeling OK again. Let that be a lesson to you, my friend, and don't overwork yourself in the future. Your class sounds very good — not only from your comments but from those of Sid Goldstein. He's very enthusiastic about the whole thing.

Things are as usual here. I'm in the midst of going over the edited m.s. of "The Refugee Intellectual" and preparing a new course in Social Change. In connection with the latter I'm finding Thomas - Volkhart very helpful. Marion is making progress — feels fine — and joins me in sending affectionate greetings. Cordially,

Wen.

Kent-Thomas

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May 9, 1952

Professor Donald P. Kent
Department of Sociology
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Professor Kent:

Mr. Webb of our College Department has written me at some length concerning a manuscript which you and Dorothy Thomas of the University of Pennsylvania are at present engaged on. From what Mr. Webb tells me in his letter, this manuscript is quite obviously one to which we would give most serious attention with a view to publication.

I am writing you this note to ask if when the first completed draft of the manuscript is ready you ^{would} care to send it to me. I can assure you that it would receive most careful and prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

Cecil Scott

Cecil Scott
Associate Editor

CS/m

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May 21, 1952

Dear Dorothy,

Congratulations on becoming a home owner! Bob and Sid both tell me it's quite a place. Is it the one on Van Pelt Street that we looked at last summer? That was a nice place - had loads of possibilities. We have been looking around for housing again - even considering buying since rentals are so scarce. However, so far we haven't seen anything within our price range that meets our requirements.

Enclosed is a letter I received the other day. The Macmillan man here on a visit told me that he thought the diary ought have a pretty good sale - sociologists, psychologists, political scientists, and the general reader. He suggested two things: 1. do not edit out the human interest stuff that the general reader likes; 2. make it as brief as possible. Macmillan feels that the weakness with most diaries is the repetition and the excessive detail and length. They advise, "Cut until you think you have it as brief as possible, and then cut this in half." Be that as it may, I wrote them that you were the senior editor and boss of the team. I told them that as far as I knew you had not made any definite commitments regarding publication and we'd let them have a look at our first full draft. Their invitation to submit is probably routine

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but it's worth a try. Their man was very enthusiastic about it when I described the general nature.

We're coming down in the early part of June.

See you soon.

Regards,

Don

P.S. Did you hear that Jimmy Sakoda got the job. The department head was impressed with him in his personal interview and he came highly recommended.

See the macmillan letter for me so that I'll know whom to remind of their invitation to submit the ms.

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STORRS, CONNECTICUT

November 19, 1952

Professor Dorothy Thomas
Department of Sociology
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

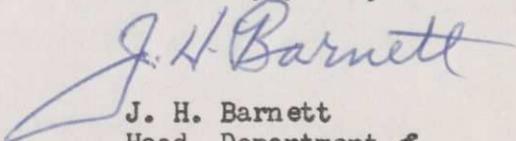
Dear Professor Thomas:

Sometime within the next six months I shall have to make an official recommendation to the University administration here on tenure for Dr. Donald P. Kent. Since you have known Dr. Kent for some years and are engaged in some common professional work, I would be grateful for your candid evaluation of him as a sociologist. I would particularly like to have your opinion of the book by Dr. Kent which is now in press, "The Refugee Intellectual, 1933-1941". I would also be interested in your opinion of Dr. Kent's professional originality and competence in connection with the work he is doing with you on the Kukuchi diaries.

At this institution we try to grant tenure only to those people who have already indicated considerable professional achievement and who in addition show signs of considerable promise in their professional careers. What is your opinion of Dr. Kent in this respect?

I will be very grateful for a candid statement from you and will treat it as an entirely confidential statement.

Sincerely yours,



J. H. Barnett
Head, Department of
Sociology and Anthropology

JHB/fmm

Kent

November 24, 1952

Professor J. H. Barnett
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Professor Barnett:

As you have noted in your letter, I have been associated with Dr. Donald Kent ever since I came to Pennsylvania in 1948. I have very high regard, indeed, for his originality and competence. I have not read the final version of his book which is being published by the Columbia University Press, but I was on his dissertation committee and felt at that time that it was a superior piece of work.

As you know, also, he worked with me on the case history material that I used in my recent book, The Salvage, and it was on the basis of his facility in handling materials of this sort that I asked him to take over the work on the Kikuchi diaries. I am greatly pleased by the progress he is making on this job and hope that we will have the diaries in form to submit to a publisher sometime next spring.

In my opinion, Dr. Kent has both the personal and the intellectual qualifications to become an outstanding sociologist and I would assume that he would be an extraordinarily good bet for a position with tenure.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas
Professor of Sociology

DST/hz

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

June 4, 1953

Dear Dorothy,

It was good to hear from you. Some time back Sid had told me you were down with a virus of some sort and I was afraid you might still be feeling low. For weeks I have been intending to write but you know how these things get put off.

I have to stay around here for commencement exercises on June 14th (attendance mandatory). I'll be coming down soon after. Marion's folks have moved to Ocean City and we plan to spend most of the summer there. This is close enough to Philie that Barbara and I can get together ~~XXX~~ often. I must confess to having done little on the Diary since Xmas. Most of my time has been spent on a university committee trying to work out an integrated course in sociology and anthropology. However, I have kept the summer entirely open for the diary so we ought be able to wind it up. Barbara has written me and we'll make arrangements to get together. Let me know when Charlie is coming on - hope it's after the middle of June so that we can all get together.

I've seen Sid a couple of times on his visits to Connecticut and he's kept me posted on your projects. Don't work too hard, Pal. Take care of yourself.

Must get to some blue books. My best to you, Dorothy. See you soon.

Ever,

Don

Kent

January 5, 1954

Dr. Donald P. Kent
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Don:

Sorry I missed you during the vacation. This is just a hasty note to ask whether you would please send The Evacuation People (WRA publication) to me by return mail, special delivery.

With cordial regards to you and to both
Marions for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

DST/hz

UNIVERSITY INTRAMURAL CORRESPONDENCE

March 6 -

Dear Don,

Re the enclosed, is there any chance you could come down here to see Yoseloff with me?

Because of Bill's illness, Barbara won't be able to do much of anything - and I'm snowed under, as usual.

I interpret the letter to mean they'll go ahead if we can cut the ms.

Best to Marian -

Sincerely,
Dorothy

March 31st

Dear Dorothy,

Following your suggestion we sent both the original and the edited diaries by railway express. Since our railroads are only slightly faster than the famed pony express, don't expect them for several days. However, if they fail to show after a reasonable time, let us know so the search may begin.

The edited version runs to ~~400~~¹⁰⁰² pages of which 84 are notes, introduction and glossary. Tanforan runs to 189 pages, Gila to 357, and Chicago in its revised form 370. To meet Yordoff's suggestion the total, including notes, would have to be cut to 400 pages. Judging by my conversation with him, this size is a "suggested" one — if you thought it necessary to be longer he would not object. He does feel that the average reader won't go for a personal document that exceeds normal book size.

After seeing Yordoff I spent six weeks (late summer + early fall) working on the diary. At that time I felt that Tanforan could be further reduced (and improved) by deletions that would bring it to approximately 140 pages. Gila could be cut without doing violence to the style and content by 50 pages. My notes + proposed cuts

are indicated in the returned copy. Some whole pages I think can be taken out — like indicated there without pulling them since the eventual editor may not agree.

Chicago is still the main difficulty. I do not think it should be completely eliminated since it is integral to the evacuation - relocation - resettlement theme which the diary illuminates.

In the fall I reread the original diary of the Chicago section to see if the difficulty stemmed from an initial poor cutting job. I don't think that's the root of the difficulty. The problem lies in the fact that the Chicago diary is very different from the earlier sections. It is not only longer but also more diffuse. The themes of personal adjustment, career plans, daily occupations, the study, family interaction and problems, camp developments, and the usual concerns of an intelligent person living during wartime combine to make for less unity and concentration. My guess is that this can only be handled by a great deal of annotation and limited diary entries. Some few themes might be eliminated altogether.

Needless to say I quite relinquish the diary and any claim for work done so that another editor can take over freely + without regard for our abridgements.

As you know, a large part of the editing and
annotating done was Barbara's good work, and I can
not, of course, speaking for her.

Hope by now you have recovered from the virus.
Marion joins in sending our best.

Cordially,
Wan

Kent

April 21, 1954

Professor Donald Kent
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Don,

It was certainly good to see you and the family and to get some progress report on the Kikuchi diary. It seems that your annotations are going quite well, but, on thinking the matter over, I am not sure that the process of cutting is the proper one. As you remember, we had an alternative plan which called for the inclusion of large chunks of Charley's own organization of his diary material. I am afraid that you are losing the flavor of what he has done by this overmeticulous cutting. I would like to have Barbara take another whack at the cutting, working with me rather closely, and she is willing to give some time to this in the near future. I, therefore, suggest that you devote yourself to the preparation of the introduction and send your marked copy down here for Barbara to work over some more as soon as you possibly can.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

DST/hz

Kent

April 21, 1954

Professor Donald Kent
University of Connecticut
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Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

DST/hz

DONALD P. KENT
STORRS
CONNECTICUT

June 4, 1954

Dear Dorothy,

I've delayed sending the balance of the diary since we'll be coming down ~~shortly~~ on the 15th or 16th. I'll bring it along and we can go over it together. We plan to spend the greater part of the summer at Marion's parents' home so I'll be able to commute to Phila.

Hastily,
Don

DONALD P. KENT
STORRS
CONNECTICUT

June 11, 1954

Dear Dorothy.

Since it looks now as if I shall not get to Phila. until the 21st or 22nd, I'm sending you a batch of the diary. I've combined Barbara's cuts with mine — on the whole we're pretty closely agree — on both copies, and I'm sending you Barbara's. The material includes all but the last few hundred pages which I haven't yet picked up from Barbara.

To me Chicago is still the least satisfying. Tanforn + Gila read well and have considerable value. Chicago doesn't quite come off though I think the last editing by B + me improved it. We have tried to keep 5 themes running in Chicago.

1. Problems of Nisei readjustment (social life)
2. The Nisei "world" (brief)
3. Housing & employment
4. K's family development
5. C.K.'s personal development

The difficulty is giving a picture of Charlie's work. One gets the impression from the diary that Charlie wandered around chatting with people, wrangling favors for his sisters, attending numerous parties, and worrying. This, of course, does not do justice to Charlie and his work for the study. We go back to the original diary and added some material from it but even this will not help too much. I think that this will have to be done through notes and in the brief introduction to the Chicago section. We have included several of his interviews to give the reader an idea of his work but these, too, only partly convey it.

Will see you in a few weeks & more than.

Best regards,
Don

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Kent

June 11, 1954

Professor Donald Kent
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Don,

Barbara and I are going to look over the material you sent tonight so that by the time you arrive here I will be able to give you some of my ideas.

I was greatly pleased with Arnold Green's defense of your book. I had spoken to Alpert about what I considered his very unfair review, but I did not feel that I was in any position to write anything about it. I have never answered an unfavorable review of any of my own works and, on the whole, I think it is better to let the matter rest, but I find it rather hard to understand why Alpert was so bitter about the whole thing.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

DST/hz

Dear D & B,

I am following your suggestion, Barbara, to send along the notes in "my own lousy typing" rather than waiting for our secretary to have some free time. She should have some within the next few weeks so if you return the notes to me with your emendations, I'll get them typed.

Charlie writes me that he has no pictures but will check with other family members. Pictures would help.

I have tried to locate a map showing locations of all WRA centers, but so far haven't been successful. I've copied one from the Final Report which shows the spots the Kibuchis visited.

I think we should use lower case
for assembly & relocation centers following
Thomas, Ten Brook, et al.

If you think we should cite more
references in the notes, let me know. I have a few
I haven't used since I thought them unnecessary.
Our task was to illuminate the diary, not
describe or analyze the whole program. However,
we haven't cited Bloom & Reimer, Godzins, Haring,
Barton, Embree, Benedict et al who have
written about it.

I haven't used your note on the
Kibei in Tanforan, Barb, though I think it
good. If you prefer it to mine, use yours. If
you use yours add to it to indicate the
approximate number in 1940 (14,000).

Since my old car is not running too well I'm not anxious to make a trip down unless it is absolutely necessary. If we can handle corrections by mail I would prefer it.

Best regards,
Dan

P.S. Glossary will be sent in soon. My "linguistic authority" (Haldun Ota Kloten) has been away. There are spots in the diary where meanings need be inserted.

Answer to Dorothy's questions attached:

1. We will use italics throughout for titles. Much of it has been typed using caps so that we will have to indicate corrections in margins.
2. The incident in note 27 doesn't occur in that day's entries (May 8, 1942). Charlied recalled this much later when he was reminiscing about pre-evacuation days. The reminiscence was cut but I thought the incident too good not to be used and this seemed a logical place for it.
3. Quotations ~~XXXX~~ and references from Spoilage and Salvage have been cited where retained.
4. Final Report enclosed.
5. Jack's theme copied correctly - just doesn't ~~rhyme~~ rhyme.
6. Should read "their" rather than "there". Corrected in diary.
7. The question mark appears in the unedited diary, but was inserted by someone other than Charlie. 630 persons seems a lot to count in one room. Someone questioned the figure. I would guess that it was originally 63. 630 seems a high figure for the number who would send for an absentee ballot. Shall we knock out the question mark or leave it in to indicate there may be an error here? I favor leaving it as is.
8. At several places in the original diary Charlie uses initials rather than names. This is one. The entries give no clue as to his name. I don't think it matters particularly. It is appanant that TM is ~~an evacuee~~ evacuee.
9. Pop is not quoted directly in this entry. CK writes that he ~~is~~ (CK) is to wire Thomas.
10. I think an occassional summary is good - particularly at points where camp life changes. Here (July 31st) the camp has settled down finally. The length of time required for this "settling down" (about two months) bears out the observations of some WRA community analysts. However, I

don't feel strongly about the days entries and am willing for it to be cut. If it is included I think it should all be left ~~in~~ in.

11. I would suggest that we use an appendix with full citations and abbreviate those often referred to in the notes. See note 7.

Re other changes in Tanforan diary.

I think the quarrel on June 9th ought remain in. It nicely illustrates a whole series of observations made by the Cornell group and fits in well with some of Parson's observations on family life.

I cut the item on clothing on July 24th. The clothing issue was a long and confused one. Entries were made day after day about it and could not possibly be included. First the government would announce one policy, then another. In between government announcements were countless rumors, started by evacuees - all recorded. The one item on July 24th doesn't make much sense unless other items are included. Eventually they did receive a clothing allowance and they did not pool their salaries as Charlie feared they would have to at this date. The only point in keeping the whole clothing story would be to illustrate camp confusion and I think this is conveyed by other administrative procedures described.

Chicago Notes

1. The Chicago hostel sponsored by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The Kikuchis were to stay here until they could find permanent housing.
2. Resettlers faced a series of problems. Finding housing was a major one in all sections and especially in Chicago where a particularly acute housing shortage existed. Finding employment was of course a prime need. Overcoming or adjusting to racial discrimination and anti-evacuee sentiment was an intruding concern of most resettlers. The adjustment to a new environment, reintegration into American life, and reestablishment of personal independence were complicated by fear, misinformation, and cultural differences that resulted from the isolation in camp. Many groups assisted the resettlers. In January of 1943 the WRA opened in Chicago the first of several field offices. "These offices...could handle contact work with employers. They could provide a check on public attitudes toward the evacuated people and work toward improving them, they could furnish a variety of services which the incoming evacuees would need in becoming settled in their new localities." (WRA A STORY OF HUMAN CONSERVATION, p. 132.) The Friends played an active part in finding housing, employment, and otherwise facilitating adjustment. The JACL staff in Chicago played a similar role in addition to its efforts to improve Japanese American public relations. The Salvation Army and other religious groups shared in this work. C K describes and evaluates the work and contributions of these groups at length. While his major conclusions

APS

July 30, 1954

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Miss Julia Noonan
American Philosophical Society
104 South Fifth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Noonan:

Will you kindly pay the enclosed bill for \$25.81
to Mrs. Helen White from the balance still available on our
Penrose Fund Grant.

With cordial regards,
Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

DST/hz
Enclosure

Don Kent

October 14, 1954

Miss Julia Noonan
American Philosophical Society
104 South Fifth Street
Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Noonan:

According to my records, we still have approximately \$170.00 as an unexpended balance in the Penrose Fund Grant No. 1298. I now have a bill for typing and materials, amounting to \$190.80 from

Mr. Charles Marker
Room 620
133 South 36th Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Will you kindly send him a check for the exact balance in our grant, and let me know what it amounts to so that we can reimburse him for the difference.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

DST/hz

Kent

October 15, 1954

Dr. Donald Kent
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Don,

Miss Noonan had the treasurer of the American Philosophical check through all of our accounts, including the last payment to Mrs. White which was \$25.81. We have already used up all except \$99.21. The Philosophical Society is, therefore, sending a check to Charlie Marker for \$99.21. This means that Charlie must still get \$91.59 for the work he has done up to October 11. Actually, I am afraid that the bill will be somewhat larger since I think he continued for a day or so after that. There is no possible way in which we can absorb this sum in any of our budgets here. You might explore the possibility of getting some advance from the publisher.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

DST/hz
Enclosure

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

Oct. 25, 1954

Dear Dorothy,

It was a blow to learn that my records of our account with the Amer. Phil. were so far off. That's life! I've written Marker explaining the plight and asked him to bear with us. I'm exploring possibilities of aid here but things do not look promising. We have practically no university research funds and the little we have are channeled into the physical sciences. Your suggestion to try the publishers is a good one which I'll follow up if nothing can be done here at the university. I will see that Marker is paid, but I wish he would stop typing. I have written him twice to hold up and he writes back he trusts me. I'm writing him again to lay off, but will you also flay him before the bill gets so big that I have to start writing numbers to pay him.

Regards,
Wm

Kent

December 2, 1954

Dr. Donald Kent
Department of Rural Sociology
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Don,

I do not know what you have been able to dig up for the bill that is due Charley Marker. If you have not been able to get anything, I think I had better pay this, for I do not want Charley to come out in the red. So please let me know what is still due, and also what progress you are making on the introduction.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

DST/hz

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

December 12, 1954

Dear Dorothy,

So far I haven't had any luck getting funds here. Our university research funds are very small and go almost entirely to the physical sciences. My request is still "being considered", but I'm not hopeful. I am willing to pay Charley (since I feel that individuals should also be willing to subsidize their own research) however, at the moment I am in an awkward financial position. I am about to buy a house - settlement next Friday - and until I have made settlement and paid for a few repairs I won't know just where I stand financially. In his letters to me Charley kept emphasizing that there was no hurry with the bill. If you think we have kept him waiting beyond a reasonable time and you are in a position to pay him, will you do so and trust me to reimburse you later? The last bill I had from him is enclosed, but he has typed considerably after this.

I have been corresponding with Field, the editor of Macmillan; and an associate editor, Cloudman, was in to see me. My plan was to let them have a look at the Introduction, Tanforan, and Gila. Barbara and I have been over Tanforan and I've incorporated her suggestions in the annotations. I haven't gotten her notes on Gila yet, but expect them shortly. These sections will be enough for them to determine whether or not they are interested in publishing it. If they are, it is likely that they would give an advance to cover typing.

A colleague is currently looking over the introduction. I would like your criticism of it if you have time to read it.

The Burnights are coming down at Xmas and will probably look in on you. The Marions join me in sending our best.

Sincerely,

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Kent

December 22, 1954

Professor Donald Kent
Department of Rural Sociology
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Don,

I am sending a check for \$150.00 to Charlie Marker, which is approximately what we owe him at present. I will deliver the carbon copy of what is left to Barbara and will send along the original to you when you are ready for it.

In regard to your introduction, of course I want to see it before you send it to the publisher. We have not taken up the question of what sort of contract you should draw up with the publisher. My tentative suggestion is that Charlie Kikuchi should get 40 percent of the royalties; you should get 40 percent, and Barbara should get 20 percent. The whole manuscript must be approved by me before publication since I am responsible both to the American Philosophical Society and to the University of California. I will write the foreword. You can make an informal agreement with me to reimburse me from the first royalties you get if you cannot get an advance. This matter does not have to be taken up with the publisher unless they are willing to give some money in advance.

I hope you will pursue the matter of getting some typing done at Connecticut, for it is perfectly apparent to me that you are going to have the whole thing retyped once more.

Have you seen the book that just came out by tenBroek and others at the University of California called Prejudice, War and the Constitution? It is a very good analysis indeed of the constitutional aspects of evacuation and I think you will want to look at it.

I hope to see the Burnights when they come down and send my best regards to you and Marion.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

DST/hz

June 28, 1955

Dear Dorothy,

Thanks for the note. Sorry the reaction wasn't favorable, but I want you to be critical. It will facilitate revision if you and Barbara will make marginal notes indicating specific criticisms or suggestions at specific spots, and then return the material to me.

Since we are pitching the diary to the general intelligent reader rather than to the specialist we want it to be readable, and I've tried to avoid the labored tedium that characterizes the writing in our field. However, we don't want it to read like a soap opera, and we must certainly alter it if it does. I reread it and didn't get that impression aside from the fact that Charlie's life is in itself "soap operish", nor did I get that criticism from the few persons here who have read it. However, you may be right. If you will place a check besides the spots of "purple writing", I'll try to tone 'em down.

The failure to give you credit was an error on my part. I gave our secretary typed notes with credit-by-lines inserted in pencil. She assumed that the pencil notes were my references (a logical assumption for other pencil notes were) and left them out. As I indicated to you when you were here, she had just completed them and I had not proofread them or checked numbers against numbers in the diary.

Some ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ repetition in the notes I think will be necessary, Dorothy. Since the reader's interest is in CK's life rather than historical events, he will be likely to forget some things if not reminded several times. You know the evacuation so well that notes are not needed and duplicates irritating. This just isn't so for the general reader.

Items like the free zone, internment camps, military areas I and II, etc. are new to most persons, and we cannot expect that one footnote is going to handle it. When CK describes it in detail and we have noted it, I think we can forget it - not otherwise. An illustration of this: the CAS (Community Activities and Service Division) is mentioned in ^{early Gila} Tanforan and noted. ^{note} In Gila it occurs twice more. As well as Barbara knows the material - far better than we can expect the general reader - on each mention after the note, she raises the question as to what the CAS is. And rightly so.

Your suggestion to include a sketch of events up to August 1955 is one which I originally thought desirable but abandoned when you made the point some time ago that no life is ever complete until death and an evaluation (if any) of the individual's work is made. Since we have to stop short of this, Charlie's entrance into the army seems a good break. While I think your first thought is better, I am willing to add the sketch up to the present if you want it. If it is added, I would suggest that it go as a postscript rather than as part of the introduction. Interest in the diary is partly sustained by the desire to find out what happens. Announcing that "the butler did it" is not artful.

I quite agree that it must be completed by autumn. For this reason I declined summer employment and decided to stay in Connecticut where working conditions are better. We must call quits in the fall. It will be up to you to decide whether it is worth trying to publish, should be scrapped, or turned over to someone else for another try. I will try to turn out a product you can approve, but will be completely agreeable to any decision you make.

'Twas good to see you last week. Sorry your stay could not have been longer. My best to the PennGang.

Cordially,

Don

P.S. Had a nice letter from the Hankins - they are going abroad this summer.

Kent

October 21, 1955

C

Dr. Donald Kent
Department of Sociology
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

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Dear Don,

P

I turned your letter from Macmillan over to Barbara. She has also had some contact with the University Press here. In regard to the Macmillan situation, can you find out how much authority the man who has approached you has. If he is merely a textbook salesman, I do not believe you will get much action from him and I would hate to see the manuscript tied up for a long time without getting a direct line to those who could act upon it.

Y

I intended sending you, some time ago, a letter that I received from Charlie just before he left for Hollywood. Unfortunately, I put it in the bottom of my briefcase and it got somewhat mussed, but I am enclosing it anyway. Please return it to me when you have read it. As you will see, he has some fairly serious objections and he must, of course, be satisfied before we can go ahead with the plan for publication.

Give my best regards to the family.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

DST/hz
Enclosure

November 11, 1955

Dear Barbara:

At last I have been able to go over your introduction carefully; my apologies for the delay. My reactions are mixed--some parts I think are a big improvement over my draft; other parts I object to. I understand that such difficulties are common in any collaborative enterprise and can only be worked out by repeated revisions and compromises. I'll take another crack at reworking it after I get your and Dorothy's reactions.

I have three chief reservations:

1) I do not think that enough space is given to describing the evacuation, detention, and resettlement. The Kikuchi family experiences only become meaningful against this backdrop. I think this is better covered in my draft. I agree that it is well to weave the Kikuchi family affairs and the evacuation together when possible, but we cannot make the error or assuming that d'affairs Kikuchi are a substitute for an explanation of the evacuation. This must to some extent be separate and come first.

covered by DST

One of the chief values of the diary is of course that some aspects of Japanese experiences 1941-45 are spotlighted. Any spotlight "illumes" best where the total picture is already known. And this presentation of the larger picture must come in the introduction since it is integral to an understanding of the diary.

2) I think we would be making a serious mistake to summarize in the introduction the diary to the extent you have done. Is it necessary to indicate more than the general course of life of Japanese American--i.e. evacuation, detention, resettlement--and indicate that the Kikuchis ran this course? The material pp. 11-16 seem to me to be too detailed. It's as if the author of a mystery story announced in the preface who done it. Much of the interest in the diary (as manifest by ~~secretaries~~ and a few others whom I have asked to read parts) is maintained by wondering what happens next. Will Jack get Delores? Will the girls get into the public schools? Will the draft catch Charlie? The story of the public school battle (as much of the diary) becomes dull reading if you already know the outcome. Knowing the outcome doesn't make it more valuable as a document and detracts from its readability.

depends on audience - is this for popular consumption or not?

3) Questions of style are always debatable and matters of preference rather than absolute, but I feel the style is at times too informal.

The following are minor points I would raise. p.1-line 4. This is not quite correct. Charlie began his diary on April 30 (at least this is the first entry I have). In the rush of evacuation he skipped a few days in March which are filled in with letters. Actually we have used letters on days when we could have used diary partly because the letters give a better picture.

- p.1-2P. I think Mr. K's length of service should be indicated.

Did he take a course in barbering? Some barbers at this time practiced on friends to learn and then just opened shop.

yes p.1-last line. Lillian Ota Dotson who read my draft, suggested that the term "middle class" would be better than "upper middle"--partly because the class structure of Japan

and America are different, ^{and} partly because other data we have indicate that her status abroad may have been somewhat exaggerated in America. (A common phenomena among immigrant groups) e.g. sons of upper middle class families usually do not serve in the U.S. Navy as did Mrs. K's brother, suggest that barber marry their sister, etc. In looking over my notes I do not find Charlie using "upper middle", he said his parents were from the "middle class" but his mother had a higher status than his father. In ^AAdamic he uses "upper class."

p.2 - 2P. Did Mrs. K's brother try to persuade her that Nakajiro had a promising future? I have no record of it.

Yes p.2 - 3P. In line with Charlie's letter to Dorothy, I think we can omit the date discrepancy and use the 1916 date. When I interviewed Charlie, he told me of the discrepancy; but if he explained the reason for it at that time, I failed to record it in my notes.

The item re separation prior to his birth and his birth in San Francisco also came from my interview with him. Charlie's letter contradicts this, and we should, of course, change these items. I cannot understand how I could have this information in my notes if he hadn't said it, but that's of minor importance.

Yes I think we should retain the part on his name. He was given a Japanese name and the family knew it. This is borne out by the Adamic account, my interview notes, and the fact that at one point in the diary he cautions his family against revealing it. His aversion to his Japanese name is of significance and should be mentioned.

Yes should of course correct them, which will involve getting Jack's correct name.

Yes p. 3 - 2P. does not ^{accusations} "recriminations" usually imply charges and counter charges?

Yes p. 3 - last sentence - apropos Charlie's comment. I was not trying to play detective in the sense of throwing doubt on Charlie's legitimacy. We have an obligation "to play detective" in the sense of bringing forth any material that might explain Mr. K's rough treatment of Charlie, his first and most cherished (in Japanese culture) son, and his much different treatment of the other children. In the diary Charlie mentions that his father had mellowed by the time Bette and Emiko were born. However, this doesn't explain the better treatment accorded Mariko, Alice and Jack who were born close to Charlie any more than does drinking. In the interview I asked Charlie the reason for the different treatment and he volunteered the information that his father though him illegitimate and went on to say how jealous his father was of his mother. I think it becomes clear in the diary and in the introduction that Mr. K's views were poorly founded. However, since Charlie indicates in his letter to Dorothy that such thoughts were not entertained by his father, we have no alternative but to drop this statement. The reason for Mr. K's hostility toward Charlie need not be explained, though I'm sure the reader will raise the same question.

Yes p.4 - 1st P. In line with Charlie's suggestion we can omit the name of the home, and add his phrase that children from broken homes were there.

n.c. p.4 - 2nd P. While we do not want to be soap operish, we can err in understatement. The word "resentment" is too mild and would open us to criticism. One doesn't forget a language used for years merely out or resentment.

p. 9 - 1st P. I think his and Jack's efforts to organize a strike, which Charlie told me in the interview, forshadows the spirit of "not taking things lying down", and ought to be included.

N.C.

p. 9 -2n P. We shall strike out the reference to his working in the clubs. This too came from the interview. I am bothered by the number of discrepancies between the interview and Charlie's letter. For most part they are of such nature that they cannot be explained by mere error in note taking. Either I have manufactured his life out of whole cloth, or Charlie's memory was or is in error, or Charlie on second thought is cleaning up the past. Most of his changes do the latter. At the time of the interview, I remember not knowing what the clubs were and had to inquire. While these changes can easily be made in the introduction without detracting from the value of the diary (and we shall, of course, make them) if the diary itself is to be cleaned up its value as a personal document will be considerably lessened though not its value as a description of camp life.

I think it should be in some form - postscript preferred by everybody.

p.9. -3rd P. I don't think we should indicate here that he eventually received a degree in social work. This can come in a post script or on the book jacket blurb, but it is unwise to put it here.

p.10 The quote here came from an account of his life evidently written for Dorothy. It was included in the material Charlie gave Dorothy.

I disagree strongly CK seems quite fascinated

p.12 - 14th line. I don't think its quite correct to say that in camp CK got his first close look at Japanese culture. Caudill, et al have pointed out that Nisei regularly underestimate their contact with Japanese culture. It is common to find second generation immigrants minimizing old country influence. I think that Charlie does this; but even if he does not, we should let him make the point rather than our doing so. We cannot let ourselves be engineered into the position of critically examining every statement made in the diary, but neither can we take the position of unquestioningly accepting everything at face value.

We can state that Charlie had less contact with Japanese than most other Nisei, and indicate the extent of this contact. The first six years of his life (and perhaps the most formative with respect to basic attitudes and values) were in a traditional Issei family. He also visited his home regularly from 1934 on and lived for much of the 1934-41 period with other Nisei in the Japanese section of S.F. He also worked off and on for Japanese. We must convey to the reader that his Japanese contacts were much less than customary, but we would not be correct in assuming that his development was quite uninfluenced by Japanese cultural patterns.

p.12 -3rd P. Is this correct? Evacuees were being moved into Relocation Centers within 3 months after the evacuation. Did the government believe they could construct them much more rapidly than this? I'll check Final Report on this again.

p.13 Manzanar is close to L.A. I would assume that this was the preferred camp, but do not have a reference for it. Does Dorothy agree that it was?

I talked with DST about this

p.13 -3rd P. It is not quite correct to say that the camp period was not a particularly happy one for the Kikuchis. Mrs. K., like many Issei, enjoyed much of it as did the young children. But more important--I think it better for the diary to reveal feelings than for us to do so in the introduction.

p.13. Most of the people from Turlock and Tulare may have been less Americanized than the Kikuchis, but I think this too, should come from the diary. I do not think we should interpret the data. Partly because we cannot with any sureness and partly because it would take us far from our original intent. I gather from five campus Nisei that Ameri-

My God - this from Don!

Find the reference

canization is a pet Nisei theme and must be recognized as a bit of protest rather than objective fact. Nisei sometimes label things they dislike as Japanese and use the cloak of Americanism to justify (rightly or wrongly) their personal acts. While deciding just what is "American" is complex, it is apparent that many actions so labeled by Charlie have nothing whatsoever to do with America vs. Japan. We are certain to get into all kinds of difficulty (even if we could agree among ourselves) if we try to interpret the diary. We cannot estimate from our data either how American Mr. & Mrs. K. were or how Japanese the Tulare group. The diary makes a good case for the Americanization of CK and the girls, but I think we should let the diary itself make this point.

An arguable point

p. 14. I think the course of events should be developed by the diary rather than introduction., giving the general course and inducting that this is the record from the inside kept by a very perceptive, intelligent, and active participant is enough.

DST 5 introduction

p.14 2nd P. The registration is too compressed. I've had uniformed laymen read it and the picture gotten is not clear. Would it not be better to let the whole registration be explained when it comes up in the diary? I think our guiding rule should be to tell no more in the introduction than is necessary for an understanding of the diary. Detail should be handled in notes. If the registration is discussed in the introduction, we must expand it.

p.15. "about one half had college ed."--I don't think this is correct. Approximately 36,000 resettled. The 1950 census reports that of Japanese 14 years and older only 2445 had 4 years of college and another 4970 had 1 to 3 years. The number was smaller in 1940.

p.15 The Eastern Defense Command had restrictions, but these were for fewer than on the West Coast. I doubt if these restrictions were the reason for so few resettlers coming East. The cost, distance from camp and former homes were more important factors.

p.16. I think most of this is better left to the diary. At this point the reader will not know who Dolores Injogo is, etc. aside from taking the edge off the diary.

As for Charlie's comments not covered above, L. I think we should retain the material we have used from Adamic. The value of the diary is greatly increased by having an autobiographical account of his early years. Psychologists to whom I have talked indicate that the diary will be useful to them chiefly because this childhood data enables one to use a developmental approach in reading it. The same is true sociologically. It isn't enough to give a reference to Adamic even though any researcher using the diary will unquestionably read Adamic too. The events which seem to us particularly crucial to Charlie's development need be spelled out and preferably in his own words.

Charlie misunderstands the reason for the quotes. Our prime objective is not to show that the evacuation was ridiculous. No one case could show that. The chief usefulness of personal documents is suggesting hypotheses rather than proving them. For this reason background material (both of Charlie and the evacuation) become important.

2. With respect to confusion of birth dates. I would suggest we use the 1916 date and skip the fact that he had at times used 1917. The two dates add nothing but confusion to the diary.

re OK for Adamic & interpret!

His present
status seems to
be pertinent
material re
Charlie to be
included
somewhere

3. I agree with Charlie that his marriage and present occupation doesn't belong in the introduction. Some time back Dorothy remarked to me that no life is ever completed until death and an evaluation is made. One has to stop somewhere and I think the induction into the army is a good place to stop. I thought this was Dorothy's view also.

4. Re exclusion of sex history. While Charlie's explanation in his letter that ^{it} would have been ungentlemanly to mention names may be included in the introduction, I do not think we should drop the other reasons we have given. Both the diary and letters support the belief that the girls read his journal. It is logical that he would not record personal behavior running counter to his teaching. His gentlemanly sense did not prevent his writing of other's exploits and naming names--vide the entries about Endo, Blackie, Eileen. I think we must by all means retain his notice posted in his journal.

Let me have your reactions and I'll try again on the introduction.

Cordially,

Don

Donald P. Kent
~~Assistant Professor of Sociology~~

P/S. I'm having an extra copy made and sent to Dorothy for her suggestions.

Our sec. typing from my handwriting added the formal touches on her own.

Kent

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

11/16/55

Dear Dorothy,

Enclosed is Charlie's letter together with a copy of one I've written Barbara in which I've commented on Charlie's points. I think we can easily make most of the changes he suggests except for cutting the early autobiographical material. He apparently misunderstands the reasons for its inclusion.

To answer your query about the Macmillan Chap who wrote me — he's not a book salesman but one of their trade editors. The salesman for this district originally called the Macmillan Office attention to it. They sent around a "field editor" from the text book section who looked at it and thought the trade book section might be interested. This started the correspondence — a few years ago — with Scott. When we finally get it into shape I think we have a moral obligation to show it first to Macmillan.

Best regards,
Wan

Box 1864

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Dr. Palmer

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

November 26, 1955

Dear Dorothy,

My reluctance to come down doesn't stem from an inability "to face up", as you put it, but from my feeling that writing isn't done by a committee. I feel that had you and Barbara taken my introduction and indicated criticisms by page and line, as I did with Barbara's, it could have been handled by mail. However, I shall make the trip. The weekend of December 16th is OK with me. I think I can find someone to cover a Friday class, and I will drive down Thursday evening. We can work Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning.

I am not in favor of having Charlie in on the conference. Partly because the more cooks we have brewing this bit the less likely we are to accomplish anything. But more important - the introduction is a matter for Barbara and me to bang out. We are ~~THE~~ ~~XXXXXXXX~~ the ones who assume responsibility for it, and we must write it. I am not overlooking the fact that Charlie is one of the subjects, and we must have his OK for matters of fact concerning him. However, decisions as to what goes in and where must be our own. Authority and responsibility go hand in hand, and it is Barbara and I who sign the introduction.

Sincerely,

Don

Write Don
Charlie

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

STORRS, CONNECTICUT

February 20, 1956

Professor Dorothy Thomas
Population & Redistribution
& Economic Growth
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Dorothy:

I feel as you do, that we should send the Diary on to the publishers as is. I think it likely that before the type is cast the publishers will want some changes as we probably will also, but at this point I think we should get the reaction of a publisher.

I think your opening section is very good. It is concise but gives all that the reader would need to know. I have two queries that come to mind as I read it. On page six you speak of the rescinding of the exclusion order following a Supreme Court decision. This gives the impression that it resulted from the court decision. Is that correct? I did not get that impression either from the Spoilage or the tenBroek work.

On page seven you mention that the Issei progressed to ownership of land despite laws prohibiting it, ought we not include in parenthesis after ownership the phrase "through vesting title in Nisei offspring," lest the reader get the impression that they were violating laws.

I have some minor preferences on phrasing in the second section which I shall pass on to Barbara. I still feel that we give too much of Charlie's life after the evacuation in the introduction. I think this developed better in the Diary itself however, I am willing to go along with it as it is. It seems to me that it reads well and contains the material needed for an understanding of the Diary.

My best to you,

Cordially yours,

Don

Donald P. Kent
Assistant Professor
of Sociology

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

STORRS, CONNECTICUT

February 21, 1956

Mrs. William Fitts
503 South 48th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara:

Enclosed is the introduction with a few minor suggested changes (about which I do not feel strongly) together with a copy of a letter I sent Dorothy. By and large, it turned out better than I had hoped. I suspect that each one of us individually writes better than this shows, but as a collective product it isn't as bad as I had anticipated.

I still feel that the course of CK's life during the period covered in the Diary should not be re-counted in the introduction. I can't see that it adds anything and I think it may well detract. However, I am quite willing to let it go if you and Dorothy are agreed.

I'll send along the glossary in a few days. This, incidentally, will include only Japanese words. I think it was agreed at the "Philadelphia Conference" that it would be appropriate to include terms other than Japanese which might be unfamiliar to the reader. This will necessitate my going through the Diary again which I won't be able to do for the next several weeks so I shall send on the abridged glossary which may serve for the time being.

Whenever you and Dorothy feel that it is O. K. to send to a publisher let me know and I will drop MacMillan a line telling them it is on the way.

Give my love to my girl friends, best regards to you and Bill.

Cordially,



Donald P. Kent
Assistant Professor
of Sociology

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Enclosure



THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

April 13, 1956

Mrs. William T. Fitts, Jr.
503 South 48th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara:

The Gods seemed to conspire against us, after talking to you on the telephone the other evening I came down with a virus and am just now getting back to the office. The manuscript should be sent to Mr. Cecil Scott, Editor, The Macmillan Company, Sixty-Fifth Avenue New York 11, New York.

I have had a note from Dorothy explaining that Charlie was going to try Cerf rather than California as I had mis-read it. Her handwriting is as bad as mine. She also sent your letter which I shall use as a model. I will get off a letter to Macmillan preparing the way. Here's wishing good luck to us all.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Don

Donald P. Kent
Assistant Professor
of Sociology

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

January 13, 1958

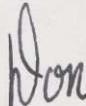
Professor Dorothy S. Thomas
University of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Sociology
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Dorothy:

I had hoped to see you over the Christmas vacation but did not get a chance to get to Philadelphia. I was anxious to hear of your India trip and also to discuss the next step to take with the Diary. You have probably heard that Random House thought it was more suited to a University Press. Shall we send it directly to the University of Pennsylvania Press, or do you want to talk to Yosoloff before it is sent along?

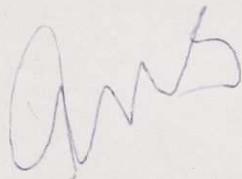
Marion joins with me in wishing you the best of everything for the coming year.

Cordially,



Donald P. Kent, Director
Institute of Gerontology

DPK:s



UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA PRESS

3436 Walnut Street



Philadelphia 4, Pa.

THOMAS YOSELOFF, DIRECTOR

March 3, 1958

Dr. Dorothy Thomas
W 95 Dietrich Hall
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

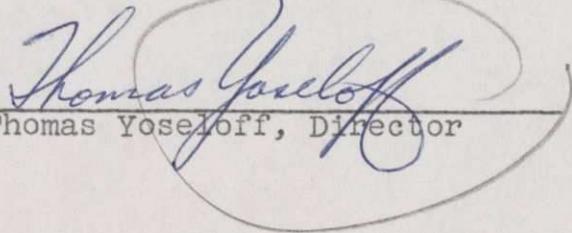
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If you have the time, I should be very glad to see you and to discuss it further with you.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,
for UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA PRESS

TY:EG


Thomas Yoseloff, Director

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under
Kent-Kikuchi*

CELEBRITY BOND

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

March 12, 1958

Professor Dorothy Thomas
Population Redistribution and Economic Growth
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Dorothy:

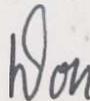
Yoseloff's letter sounds encouraging. I would judge they would publish the Diary if we cut it.

I will be coming down for the meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society on the 19th and 20th. Would it be possible for you and me to see Yoseloff on Friday, April 18? Any time after noon on the 18th would be O.K. with me. I am so committed here that I don't think I can get away before then.

I think the Diary can be cut but it will require some careful thought in order that neither the flavor nor its insights are lost.

Warmest regards.

Cordially yours,



Donald P. Kent, Director
Institute of Gerontology

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3436 Walnut Street



Philadelphia 4, Pa.

THOMAS YOSELOFF, DIRECTOR

March 3, 1958

Dr. Dorothy Thomas
W 95 Dietrich Hall
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

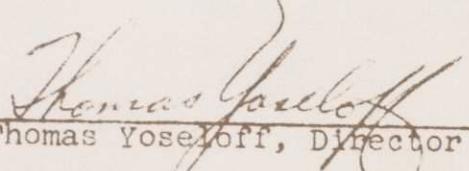
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If you have the time, I should be very glad to see you and to discuss it further with you.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,
for UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA PRESS

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Thomas Yoseloff, Director

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 4

March 18, 1958

MEMORANDUM TO: Don, Charlie, and Barbara

FROM: Dorothy S. Thomas

Barbara and I had a very satisfactory talk with Mr. Yoseloff of the University of Pennsylvania Press last week. I had hoped to arrange an interview when Don comes down for the Eastern Sociological meetings, but since Mr. Yoseloff will be in Europe during most of April, this was not possible.

Mr. Yoseloff made the following points:

- (1) The Editorial Committee felt that the Diary in its present form was much too long and that it should be radically cut. In its final form, including Introduction, etc. it should not exceed 120,000 words.
- (2) The Press is definitely favorable to publication, provided the cutting does not spoil the style and continuity of the Diary. Mr. Yoseloff said that, while he could not guarantee the outcome, he felt that the chances were 90 percent favorable.
- (3) The complete manuscript should be in the hands of the Press by the middle of the summer, say August 1st.
- (4) We agreed that there should be a fair amount of editorial writing. Perhaps each section should have a fairly substantial introduction, covering much of the factual basis (and perhaps thus avoiding the necessity of extensive annotation) and rendering the narrative less repetitious.
- (5) The audience for which the Diary is intended should definitely be a scholarly one, and no attempt should be made to "jazz it up" for popular consumption. Mr. Yoseloff felt that we wouldn't know how to do this in any case, and that it is impossible to predict whether or not the book will "sell".
- (6) Mr. Yoseloff wants a letter from Charlie, indicating his willingness to have the Diary published. I thought this was sort of silly, but anyway such a letter should be written to Mr. Thomas Yoseloff, Director, University of Pennsylvania Press, 3436 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 4, Pa. Please send a copy of this to me, also.
- (7) Mr. Yoseloff will be glad to see Don (and Charlie, too, at the same time) in New York, after May 1st, to discuss any points that may have arisen about the cutting. His New York address is 11 East 36th Street, telephone Murray Hill 6-9050. He is normally there every day except Friday, which he spends in Philadelphia.

Memorandum to Don, Charlie, and Barbara

March 18, 1958

We did not discuss royalties. I assume they have a regular sort of contract, which would be signed when the manuscript is accepted. My own books have been subsidized publications, and I have never gotten any royalties at all, except on The Child in America in collaboration with W.I. If the Press gives royalties, I suggest that we simply make a three-way split among you. If this is not satisfactory, let me know. If it is, you should indicate it to me in writing when you are ready to submit the manuscript.

Barbara is now reading the whole first draft through "for sense". I shall try to do the same before Don arrives for the Eastern Sociological on Friday, April 18th. Would it be feasible for Charlie to come down for that weekend (bringing the family, if possible) and we could have a conference on the many points that will be raised?

DST:hsh

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 4

*Population Redistribution
and Economic Growth*

March 31, 1958

Professor Donald P. Kent, Director
Institute of Gerontology
The University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

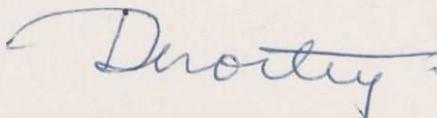
Dear Don:

Thanks for your letter of March 25th.

Please let me know exactly when you plan
to arrive and how much time you can spend
conferring with us, so that I can inform
Charlie.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,



Dorothy Swaine Thomas

DST:hsh

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

March 25, 1958

Professor Dorothy S. Thomas
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Dorothy:

Your memorandum sounds encouraging. My reactions to the points you make are these:

1. Cutting the Diary and still retaining its flavor and value can be done but will be difficult and will require careful thought so that it is not a hit or miss thing. Deletions must be made according to some plan. Getting it down to 120,000 words will be difficult.
2. Publication with the University Press I think is preferable for I agree that we should aim at a scholarly audience.
3. Use of editorial introductions is probably the only way that we can eliminate much of the material and still have the Diary intelligible.
4. Getting it ready by August 1, I think, will be very difficult. I have committed myself to running a large Conference for the State which takes most of my time until early Summer. I have also committed myself for a summer school session at Storrs. It will be the end of August before I can put large blocks of time into it, and I have discovered from past work that it is better to put large blocks of time in and do the job at one sitting rather than spending an hour or so a day over the period of many months.
5. I will be down on the 18th and we can have a confab. I can also go to New York to see Yoseloff if it seems advisable.

Cordially yours,



Donald P. Kent, Director
Institute of Gerontology

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tell her he can't make
it because is committed,
however, seems very interested,
he could make it around
11. How about that? I
am going to have coffee
with him, & what should
I say.

Dorothy Thomas

He is not sure he can make
at 11 But he is very interested

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 4

April 8, 1958

Professor Donald Kent
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

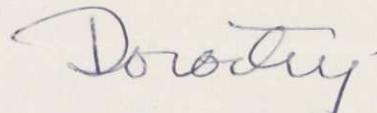
Dear Don:

Things are getting somewhat complicated about our proposed meeting on the 18th. In the first place, Charlie finds it impossible to come due to family complications. In the second place, I have been called to a special Census meeting in Washington. I will return by the early afternoon of Saturday, the 19th. I suggest, however, that, if Barbara is going to be here on the 18th, you and she try to get together for a meeting anyhow. The simplest thing would be for you to write Barbara and try to make your arrangements with her directly. Her address is: 503 South 48th Street.

I will be available anytime Saturday afternoon or evening and also Sunday afternoon if you consider this desirable.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,



Dorothy Swaine Thomas

DST:hsh

Copy to Mrs. Barbara Fitts

Yoseloff

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

September 3, 1958

Dear Dorothy:

Now that my August Institute is over, I can begin to concentrate on more interesting things.

I agree with you that the first step in readying the Diary for publication is a joint conference with Yosoloff. Will you take the initiative in setting this up? I'll fit my schedule to meet a time convenient to you and him.

'Twas good visiting with you for a short time when you were at Storrs. The following week Sid Goldstein was over briefly and we had a chance to chat at least for a short time. He, of course, joins in sending you warmest regards.

Cordially,

Don

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November 19, 1958

Mr. Thomas Yoseloff
11 East 36th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Yoseloff:

This will confirm the appointment that Don Kent of the University of Connecticut and I have made to see you in your New York office at 11:30 on Wednesday, November 26th.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Research Professor of Sociology

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cc: Don Kent

Storrs, Conn.
January 15, 1959

Dear Dorothy and Barbara:

Yesterday I had a conference with Yoseloff in New York. Our delay has not been due to procrastination but to the fact that first I was ill and upon my recovery Yoseloff was ill and is still working only part time.

Yoseloff again reiterated the points made by Dorothy in her memorandum to us on March 18. He was enthusiastic about the Diary and thought that there was little question about the University of Pennsylvania's publishing it if we succeed in cutting it to about 120,000 words. This will necessitate cutting it just about in half of its present form.

I asked him if he had specific suggestions as to how it could be cut and he seemed to feel that much of the repetition could be eliminated and perhaps certain sections completely left out in the Chicago material. The general impression - one which I think all of us share - is that the Tanforan section is very good, the Gila section is a bit drawn out and the Chicago section becomes very dull.

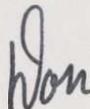
I indicated to him that we would go along with this and make the deletions to bring it to the size he suggested. I also told him that my commitments at the University would prevent my completing this in the matter of a few months. His feeling is that time is not an important factor here since the timeliness of the diary in a sense has already passed. Were this 1945 or 1946 there would be some urgency but he said that at this time the important thing is to bring out an interesting diary rather than bring it out quickly.

As a working procedure I would suggest that you, Barbara, mail me the diary in its present form (insuring it heavily) so that we can have it retyped from the mangled copy which I have in my possession.

I'll work on the Diary on weekends and as I get a section finished forward it to you for review.

Yoseloff's reaction was sufficiently favorable that I think we should definitely go ahead with it.

Cordially,



Donald P. Kent

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas ✓
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Mrs. Barbara Fitts
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Philadelphia, Pa.

239 East 78th Street
New York City
May 7, 1999

Dr. Donald Kent
Department of Sociology
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Conn.

Dear Don:

It's been months since I last talked to you about progress on the Diary. How is it coming along? It is my feeling that the entire Chicago section could be cut out as one way to reduce the material to possible book length. I assume that Dorothy has already considered this some time ago. I last talked to her very briefly early this year. Since then, it has been my thought that actually the explanatory annotations could be reduced to a minimum since the potential reader now would already have much more knowledge of the group due to a number of publications on the subject since 1945. However, you would know more about this than I. If there is anything I can do to help out, just drop me a line. Or if you are planning a trip into the city, we could get together.

Yuriko and Susan are working hard in "Flower Drum Song" and they are fine. Lawrence is almost four and ready for pre-school in the Fall.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE

January 20, 1959

Mr. Charles Kikuchi
239 E. 78th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Charlie:

I am enclosing a letter from Don Kent. I hope he is not just giving us the run-around again. Please return this letter for my files.

If Yuriko and her friend want to come to Philadelphia the trip should, if possible, be made on Sunday the 8th or the 15th of February. I assume that they could take a late train on Saturday after the show and bring Susan and that possibly you could come earlier. In any case let me know what your plans are. Mary Fitts is coming on the 22nd and will be here for about two weeks while her little girl is having an operation, so the house will be pretty full from about that time on up until March.

Give my best to the whole family. As ever

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Research Professor of Sociology

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enclosure

3437 Woodland Avenue

January 20, 1959

Professor Donald P. Kent
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Conn.

Dear Don:

Thanks for your letter of January 15th. I will see to
it that the Diary gets mailed out to you.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Research Professor of Sociology

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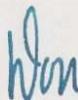
February 19, 1959

Dear Dorothy:

The Diary arrived O.K. Many thanks
for sending it on.

Enclosed is a clipping from the Sunday
supplement. So far your fame has spread!

Cordially,



Donald P. Kent

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
Sociology Department
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March 4, 1959

Dr. Donald P. Kent
The University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

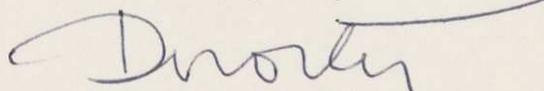
Dear Don:

Thanks so much for sending me the clipping
from the Hartford paper.

In going over my papers I came across another
batch of your notes relative to the Kikuchi Diary. I am
sending part of these first class with this letter and the
other which seems to be just dittograph material, etc.,
by book rate mail.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,



Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Research Professor of Sociology

DST-few

August 10, 1959

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Dr. Donald Kent
Department of Rural Sociology
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Don:

Sometime ago Charlie Kikuchi send^d me a copy of a letter he had written you. I have not heard a word from you and wonder what the status of the Diary is. I don't think this can be postponed indefinitely and hope that you have brought it to some sort of conclusion so that it can be submitted to Yoseloff this Fall.

I am about to take off for Germany on Friday but if you would send me a reply airmail I would probably get it before I leave.

With warm regards to Marion and the children.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Research Professor of Sociology

DST-few

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

September 9, 1959

Dear Dorothy:

Your letter arrived the day after I had left for a vacation at the Jersey shore. I learned of it when I visited the Philadelphia area for a few days. I had hoped to see you and Barbara but, as you know, she too was on vacation.

The status of our project is as follows:

You recall that the introduction and foreword together with the notes ran to 85 pages. Tanforin ran to 189, Gila to 357 and Chicago to 370. To get it to the size that Yosolof wanted, we'll have to reduce the total by approximately two-thirds.

I have gone over the Diary carefully several times. Tanforin I have cut to about 120 pages without losing any of the flavor. In fact, I think it is improved. Gila I have been able to cut by more than half merely by eliminating duplications and finding a few descriptions in the original that take the place of several entries that we had before. So far so good!

I am having more difficulty with Chicago, and it is about this that I can use your good counsel. Cutting it is very difficult because of the fact that there are so many family members who are so intertwined. I thought at first that I would knock out much of the quarreling between Charlie and other family members. This I find is difficult to do since it was so important a part of his life. I tried then to add more of his work but this is given in only sketchy detail in the original save for reporting in great detail the case histories, some of which have already been used by you. I have tried to cut out material and write notes to cover what has been deleted, and this too has been unsuccessful. It is difficult to capture the spirit of the Diary in notes and it makes for very choppy reading.

At present I am at a loss to know just what to do and have been letting it rest for a few weeks hoping that inspiration would come. If you have any ideas, send them along.

Your trip to Europe sounds wonderful. I envy you it. Marion joins in sending best regards.

Sincerely,



Donald P. Kent

3437 Woodland Avenue

September 15, 1959

Dr. Donald P. Kent
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

Dear Don:

I was glad to get your letter of September 9th. It was my impression that we had decided to use only Tanforan and Gila from the Diary and that you were to write a sort of summary chapter giving the history of Charlie and his family after relocating to Chicago and subsequently. It seems to me that ~~that~~ is the only way out of the difficult situation of taking care of this mass of material and I therefore suggest that you go to work on this and get the thing to Mr. Yoseloff as soon as possible.

Give my very best to Marion. I just returned from Switzerland and had a really wonderful month in Europe.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Research Professor of Sociology

DST-few

Dear Barbara,

Word of the diary is circulating in publisher's circles — a Knopf man visited me the other day making inquiry. I told him that a) publication would have to be cleared with W.S.T. and b) that we had agreed to show it first to Macmillan but had no assurance of publication there. The Knopf "editor" (every book man seems to carry that title) asked if they could have a look if Macmillan turns it down. He suggested that we send off part to a publisher — his theory was that any editor can tell from a little whether or not it's publishable. He stayed overnight and took a quick look at the intro. & Temperan section. His opinion for what it's worth — (and that I'm not sure of) is that it is much too long even in abridged form. Unless a book is to sell at an enormous price ~~it must~~ (or thousands of copies) it must be kept to about 400 pages. This means that we have to keep the typewritten pages to about 700-800. (As you know even our cut version runs to more than twice this. 2) Much of the diary he thinks is fascinating and much downright boring. The routine activities of the Kikuchi family left him cold. His point was that no one is interested in the ordinary aspects of ordinary people. If the K's were important, one could stand small affairs; ~~but~~ but not with plain folks. 3) It must be dramatic and "cutting ~~it~~ about 75%" would help this. I don't quite agree with him. Readers have found it interesting ^{in spite} its length. And I do not see how one could cut so much of the diary and have it either coherent or meaningful.

OK written as Ann Frank did, one could do it. If the diary was less diffuse one could do it and still make sense. But all of this is aside from the purpose of the letter. To wit, will you send on Gila as soon as you complete it. I have been with Chicago and this is still the weakest link. Any suggestions here will be particularly welcome! I have some questions re evacuation for Dorothy but I'll write her.

Regards to all.

Hastily,
Wm

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