

October 17, 1945

Mr. J. Y. Kurihara
706-C
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Kurihara:

I am deeply appreciative of the splendid cooperation you have given this Study. We are using your valuable documents and comments extensively in a volume we are now preparing for publication. They have helped us clarify many of the complicated issues involved in the Tule Lake situation and will, we hope, lead to a better understanding of the tragedy of evacuation and its aftermath.

Throughout the manuscript, we have referred to you by a pseudonym (Mr. Oishi). It seems to me that it might be preferable to use your actual name. There is certainly nothing discreditable to you in the honest and forthright views you have expressed. Will you let me know how you feel about this?

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Director

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Newell, California

Friday, October 19, 1945

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Thank you very much for using my documents and comments in your publication. Whatever I have said and written came truly from my heart. I do not fear its consequence.

For justice I have fought, and for justice I will fight with facts as my weapon. Like a man I will stand on my words and shrink not in fear. Therefore please use my actual name without reservation.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ J. Y. Kurihara

706-C T.L.C.

Newell, California

October 23, 1945

Mr. J. Y. Kurihara
706-C
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Kurihara:

I am deeply appreciative of your letter of October 19. I agree with, and admire, the stand you have taken about the use of your documents and comments.

There is one more thing that you could do for us, which would add immeasurably to our volume, and that is to write your own life history (not more than 50 pages if possible). We should like to use this as an appendix, after cutting it down, if necessary, to comply with space limitations.

This life history should give some picture of your background, including your childhood in Hawaii; your educational, economic, religious and political history; your early experiences on the mainland. It should include the ordinary "statistical" data (year of birth, place of birth, time of emigration, etc.). But the particular points of emphasis should, I believe, be the following:

Your experiences in the last war; your identification with America at that time.

The immediate impact upon you of the outbreak of war between Japan and America, including if possible a reconstruction of your activities and emotions on December 7, 1941.

Your experiences immediately following the outbreak of the war, including your early efforts to participate in the war effort for America, and the rebuffs you received.

The effect upon you of the announcement of the evacuation of American citizens of Japanese ancestry; the steps in your gradual alienation from America and your identification with Japan.

Your experiences in Manzanar and Leupp.

Your decision to renounce American citizenship.

Mr. J. Y. Kurihara - 2.

October 23, 1945.

I do not want you to go to too much trouble for us; but I believe you realize how important and significant a document of this sort will be.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

P.S.

We have funds for publishing, and it is our practice to pay for contributions of this sort. We shall also, of course, send you a copy of the volume as soon as it is off the press.

Newell, California,
October 26, 1945.

Dorothy S. Thomas, Director
Evacuation and Resettlement Study.
207 GIANNINI Hall, Berkeley, Calif.

DEAR DR. THOMAS:

Thank you for the proposition. I will start writing my biography as requested and will present it to you as soon as possible. Should you be in a hurry, please let me know the time limit.

I do not expect remuneration. I really appreciate the opportunity you gave me to express my views indiscriminately. That alone compensates me for the troubles I've taken to write.

I will highly cherish the volume throughout my life which you intend to send to me as soon as it is off the press.

Please correct all ungrammatical errors.
Thank you very very much,

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Newell
706 C T.L.C.

October 30, 1945

Mr. J. Y. Kurihara
706-C
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Kurihara:

Thank you for your letter of October 26. It is certainly good news for us that you are willing to write your autobiography. It would be a convenience to us if we could have it shortly after the middle of November, say by November 20 at the latest. I will follow your advice and correct the manuscript for any grammatical errors. I am sure there will be few of them for your English is really excellent, and you have a fine style of writing.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Newell, California
November 7, 1945

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
207 Giammini Hall
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

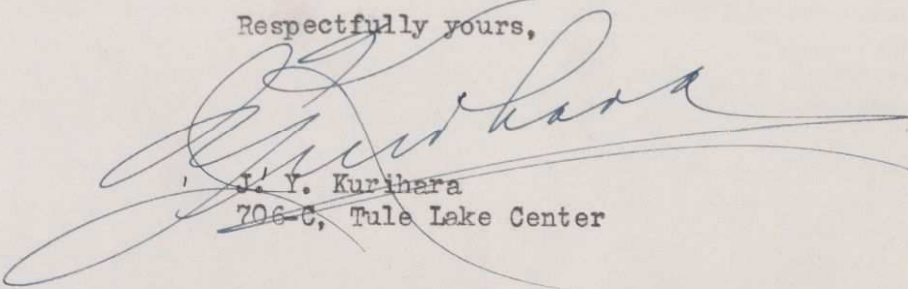
Enclosed herewith please find the first section of my Life History which I have promised. The remaining sections will follow soon.

I wrote it in a great hurry because I believe I will be amongst the first to be deported on or around the fifteenth of this month. Therefore I was not able to write it in proper chronological order. Hence the irregularities throughout the manuscript.

I at first attempted to write it in the third person but made a miserable failure by confusing the pronouns. Won't you please change it to the third person, if it ought to be so?

My request to be shipped out first was promised without a guarantee by Ivan Williams, officer in charge of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. It is my sincere desire to get over there as soon as possible to help rebuild Japan politically and economically. The American Democracy with which I was infused in my childhood is still unshaken. My life is dedicated to Japan with Democracy my goal.

Respectfully yours,



J. Y. Kurihara

706-C, Tule Lake Center

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Newell, California
November 10, 1945

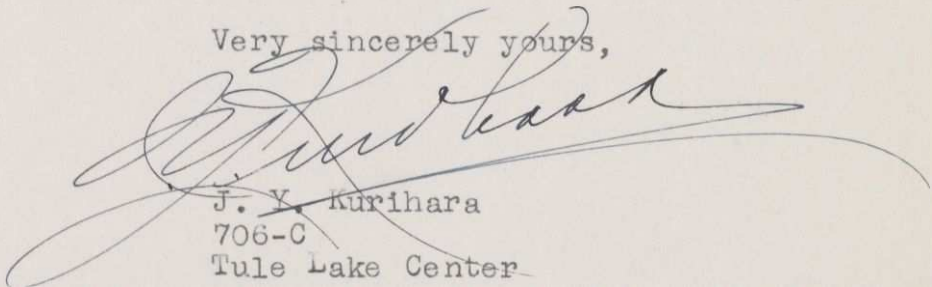
Dorothy S. Thomas, Director
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Enclosed herewith is the second section of my Life History. I hope it will meet with your approval. To me the "I's" throughout the manuscript stand out repulsively.

Please extend my very best to Miss Hankey. I am wondering why I have not heard from her. What an admirable, trustworthy lady she is. I really do value her friendship.

Very sincerely yours,



J. Y. Kurihara

706-C

Tule Lake Center

November 14, 1945

Mr. J. Y. Kurihara
706-C
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Kurihara:

I have received two batches of your life history, and I am delighted with what you are doing. Don't worry about the use of the first person. I will edit the manuscript and cut it down very considerably, but I am pleased that you are sending it in such detail.

Miss Hankey will certainly appreciate your kind words. Her present address is: 1442 East 71st Place, Chicago 19, Illinois.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Newell, California.

November 16, 1945.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

My desire had been gratified. I received the order to pack and be ready to move within the next 6 days.

I wish to thank you very very sincerely for the interest you have shown in my writings. May this outstanding work of yours be the guiding touch lighting the way for the present and the future generations, and may it be crowned with the overwhelming success it deserves.

Please extend my very best wishes to Miss Rosalie Hankey. I will try and find time to write to her.

Again thanking you most cordially. I now bid you Au' REVOIR.

Respectfully yours,
S. Y. Kurihara

Let's not say Goodbye bon Ami
'Twas yesterday we just but met
Let us say Au revoir bon ami
For tomorrow we again will meet.

'Tis true the land I've sworn to build
Is far across the great divide
However wide it's just a leap
So far but so near, we'll always be.

by
S. Y. K.

Kindly send the Book in care of:

Mrs. T. NAKAHARA
1022 MORRIS LANE
HONOLULU, T. H.

My sister will re-direct it to me as soon as
when the steamer starts to ply the ocean between
the countries. Thank you very very much.
S. Y. Kurihara

J. Y. Kurihara
83 Izumicho,
Sasebo, Nagasaki.



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G.C.D. J-2868



Dr. Dorothy Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Thomas: Feb. 4, 1947 Tuesday.

Thank you very very much for the gift package which arrived safely in good condition yesterday. I received number of packages to date and several more are on its way. My good fortune continues to exist though I am no longer working for the Occupation Forces. Have written to you via Dr. Kluckhorn about a month ago. Trusting that it had been relayed to you. It is very cold now but the Spring will soon begin. Again thanking you I shall now close wishing you the best of luck. How is Miss Hanky? Sincerely, K.

J. Y. Kurihara
Sasebo Shi, Nagasaki
Izumicho 83



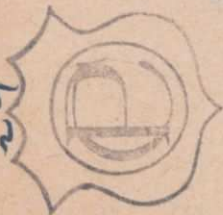
DR. D. S. Thomas

2710 Garber St.

Berkeley 5, Calif.
U. S. A.

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C. C. D. J-2863



DEAR DR. THOMAS: Dec. 27, 1946. Tuesday.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Wrote to you today via Prof. Clyde Kluckhohn.
Thanks for the remembrance. I wish if he
has something for me to do in Tokyo. It is
my desire to be in or near the Capital.
Have you heard from Miss R. Hantey?
Please extend to her my best regards
for the holidays. I am going on a va-
cation for two weeks. Please write to
same address. With best wishes J. Kurihara



DR. Dorothy Thomson
207 Gianinni Hall
University of California
Berkeley, Calif. U.S.A.

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C.C.D. J-2888

Good Morning Dr. Thomas: Sept. 29, 1946.
Here I am in Sasebo, working for the Occu-
pational Forces, and am doing exceedingly well.
This is a beautiful country but the people
are still primitive. She is at least 50 years
behind civilization. The American boys have
set a wonderful example of Democracy.
Japan will no doubt become Democratic.
I am happy. My address is, J. Y. Kurihara
c/o Mr. S. Mibu Izumi cho 83 Sasebo
City, Nagasaki Ken, Japan. Please extend
my best to Miss Hankey - Adieu - Joseph

Yasebo Shi, Nagasaki
December 21, 1946.

My dear Dr. Thomas:

A Merry Christmas and a very
Happy New Year.

What a surprise and a pleasant one at that.
Your letter was delivered to me yesterday. I
wondered who could have written to me from
Tokio until I read the letter head. Thank you
Doctor, thank you very very much for everything
you did for me.

As far as I am concerned food is not a prob-
lem at present, but it will be probably in a month
or so. Having been considered an essential, the
Army is generously taking care of me. I feel
grateful. However I do not believe this good
fortune will remain with me very long since I
am a Repatriate. On the other hand, rice crop
was very good this year, thereby relieving the
food situation a great deal.

There are thousand and one thing I would like to have since I am accustomed to all the conveniences of life in America, but then that's asking too much. So I would limit myself to ONE article if you do not mind. May I have a Black Scout Shoes size 7 E. ? You have done so much for me already therefore to take further advantage of your generosity makes me feel guilty at heart. Yet, regardless of how I may feel, I am forced to ask due to scarcity of proper footwear in this country.

I will do everything I can to assist Professor Kluckhohn, that is provided Doctor wants me to. I have made and am making a study of the Japanese people to the best of my ability. Very very interesting. These Japanese in Japan and those abroad can be considered as two different species. I am tempted to write a book but lacking experiences I decided not to undertake such critical a job. I am also advancing in age and must prepare for those closing years ahead. I wish if I was at least

A decade younger.

Please convey my best wishes to Miss
Rosalie Hankey.

Again thanking you most cordially, I shall now
close, wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a very Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Y. M. Hara

Sasebo Shi, Nagasaki

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c/o S. Mibu