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Correspondence

Miscellaneous

1943-1950

715-D, Newell, Calif.
March 23, 1943

Prof. Thomas Eliot
768 Fordsdale
Winnetka, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I should like to work as a school-boy in your home.

As far as cooking goes, I have had no experience; however, I am sure that I can learn in a reasonable time. I am willing to go to you under the stipulation that I be discharged within two weeks in case I prove unsatisfactory in carrying out my work or that my temperment does not suit you. And in case that I have to leave you, because of illness (I enjoy normal good health.), or that I be inducted into the army within the first two months I feel reasonably sure that I can have someone to replace me.

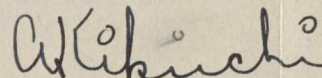
On the other hand, I must have some protection. It must be agreed that I may be permitted to leave you after a half year if the arrangement does not suit me.

I came from Hawaii to attend Sacramento Junior College. Just when I had completed my second year, I was caught in the evacuation program. I should like to enter one of the liberal arts school. Is either the Evanston College Institute, or the National College of Education accredited?

Will you please let me know as soon as possible whether you want me or not? I am enclosing a self-addressed return envelope.

I hope you will not think me discourteous, because of my abrupt and precipitate letter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Akira Kikuchi'.

Akira Kikuchi

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Tule Lake, W. R. A.
Newell, California
March 25, 1943

Mr. Thomas S. Eliot
768 Forestdale Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois

My dear Mr. Eliot,

After I had applied for acceptance to the National College of Education, I saw an advertisement in our local paper that you were seeking a student to do part time domestic work in exchange for room and board. If the position has not already been filled, I would like to apply for it.

I have had no previous experience in domestic work, but I am willing to learn. If I could arrive there soon, I feel that I may be able to learn cooking and other general work and be fully experienced in my duties before the summer session or the fall semester begins at the College.

I have finished two years and part of my junior year at the College of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. In case you wish to have some references, please contact:

Dr. Frank G. Williston
2112 No. Union
Tacoma, Washington

Dr. John S. Levester
College of Puget Sound
Tacoma, Washington

Mr. John Paul Bennett
3114 No. 26th
Tacoma, Washington

I would greatly appreciate it if you will notify me as soon as possible if this position has already been taken. If it has been filled, could you please let me know if there is anyone of your acquaintances who might need a part time worker?

Sincerely yours,
Hatsuye Kurose

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Tule Lake Project
Newell, California.

May 25, 1943

Professor Thomas D. Eliot
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois.

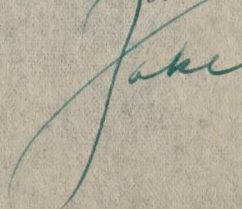
Dear Tom:

Your note of May 13 followed me to Oakland, to Stockton, and then back to Tule Lake. Hence the delay in answering. The trip, incidentally, was occasioned by our infanticipation. The only trouble was that when we finally reached Stockton, we learned there would probably be a longer wait than we had counted on. So in order that I might have some vacation after the event, I returned to the project to work until I get news.

I'm sure I gave you the young lady's name in the first letter I wrote about her, but I shant quarrel. Her name is Ine Yamada. In addition to working at the Howe Scale Co., she lives with another Nisei from Tule Lake at 1026 N. Dearborn St. I do hope you'll have an opportunity to invite her out, for I believe you'll find her quite charming and intelligent, withal her shyness, and I know it will mean much to her.

We almost left Tule Lake a few weeks ago, but have decided to stay. There is a possibility of a promotion that would bring me invaluable experience, but we're staying without regard to such enticements. If it comes through, so much the better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jake", written in a cursive, flowing style.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

226 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago 6, Illinois

September 14, 1943

Mr. Thomas D. Eliot
768 Forsdale Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eliot:

The Chicago Office of the War Relocation Authority has received approximately 1,000 offers of domestic employment for evacuees of Japanese ancestry since the office was opened early in January. We have filled many of these positions and appreciate the cooperation and consideration given us by domestic employers.

The opportunity for evacuees to leave relocation centers and take these positions in this area has been of great assistance in the relocation program. We find now, however, that hardly any evacuees still in the relocation centers are interested in this type of employment, and we have more than 600 domestic jobs which have not been filled. For this reason, we decided last week not to accept any further domestic employment offers as we feel it is not fair to prospective employers to accept job offers which we have no hope of being able to fill.

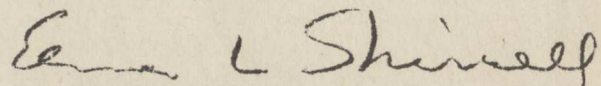
We are greatly concerned, however, with the need for working out cooperative arrangements in which evacuee families or individuals would be provided with homes in exchange for part time household assistance.

We are anxious to hear of opportunities for the following types of individuals and families:

1. Mother and student son or daughter
2. Young woman with younger brother or sister who is a student.
3. Married couple with one or more children
4. Single young men or women student
5. Young men or women employed in factories or offices wishing to earn their maintenance by assisting with household work

If you have a plan to offer, please write us the details.

Very truly yours,



Elmer L. Shirrell
Relocation Supervisor

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
of Chicago

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EMPLOYMENT BUREAU
VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

TELEPHONE FRANKLIN 0760

203 NORTH WABASH AVENUE

ROOM REGISTRY
PERSONAL COUNSELING

CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS

March 17, 1944

Professor Thomas D. Eliot
768 Foxdale
Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Professor Eliot:

Thank you for your helpful letter of inquiry about Lucy Hiyama. Again I wanted a chance to compare notes with Miss Mukaye before answering and I did have that chance yesterday.

The report to date seems to be entirely favorable. I had dinner with Lucy about three weeks ago and she looked fairly blooming. In fact, she says she has gained eleven pounds and now must watch her weight or buy a complete new outfit of clothes! When I asked how the job is going she replied, "I don't believe I could be pried out of it now!"

Apparently the work at Wesley Hospital has a good deal of variety and some responsibility attached to it. She likes and respects the building engineer and his assistant for whom she works, and enjoys also her other contacts there.

Lucy commented that night that she feels as if she were climbing a ladder. Of course, she added, sometimes she slips back and a round or two, but most of the time she has a sense of going up, not down.

Lucy has joined the Monday night business girls' club at our West Side Center and a crafts class. Without urging she attended a city-wide gathering of business girls this week at Loop Center and obviously enjoyed the program. She invited to go with her another Japanese girl who also lives at the residence and toward whom Lucy has assumed a rather motherly attitude.

Not long ago Lucy told of having had dates twice in one week, one of them with a man friend who had come to Chicago on a short leave from one of the camps in the South. Miss Mukaye tells me that he is a friend whom Lucy has known for sometime and for whom she cares a good deal.

In a letter received last week from Lucy she writes, "For the last couple of Sundays I have enjoyed going to the First Baptist Church on the South Side where a Nisei minister was ordained as assistant pastor of the church".

T. D. E.--2

March 17, 1944

It will, as you say, be a miracle if there are no set-backs, and there probably will be. We hope that they will not be so serious that she will again need the shock treatments.

Thank you again for your kindness to Lucy and for your continued interest in her. We shall want to keep you informed of her progress.

Sincerely yours,

Georgia L. Watson
Georgia L. Watson
Personal Counselor

GLW:br

*P. S. Nice to have you remember that I was formerly
a student.*

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March 23, 1944

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Professor Thomas D. Eliot
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Tom:

I was very glad to receive your letter of February 23rd; however, you got me twisted; it was not my daughter's marriage but my son's. I have no daughter. Only this one son. I would like very much to have got to the Mainland for this marriage and for his graduation from the Officer's Candidate School, but owing to the fact that I could not secure transportation back and would have been stranded in San Francisco, I could not make the trip.

Our transportation is tied up for military uses. The Army and the Navy early in 1942 urged wives and children to evacuate from Hawaii to the Mainland. Two or three thousand did so and the Navy have refused until just this month to allow them to get back. As the Army and the Navy control all transpacific transportation, our people have been under a terrible situation, expense and whatnot, trying to maintain themselves on the Mainland. Dr. Laune told me that you had been remarried. It certainly was nice that you had an opportunity with one you have known for so long. I hope your boys come through the war uninjured, as I also hope for mine.

Yes, the war has affected my work drastically and it has created a lot of difficult situations. Most of them, however, seem to be ironing out very satisfactorily. You have probably read about the splendid record which our American boys of Japanese Ancestry made in Italy. Now the draft for this month is taking every boy regardless of racial derivation which it did not do before in the Islands.

I hope to go up to the Mainland again but probably will not be able to do so until after the war. Very best wishes to you and Mrs. Eliot.

Very truly yours,

Chint.

C. S. Childs

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19-10-C
Hunt, Idaho
September 11, 1944

Dr. Thomas Eliot
768 Foxdale Ave.
Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Dr. Eliot:

By now you have probably met my brother Bill and his friend, Charles. What do you think of them. Bill doesn't resemble me at all, does he? Charlie is a quiet, reserved kid--he's only 16, but once he finds himself he'll be alright. Hope you'll do everything you can to make them both feel at home. I don't^{think} I would talk to them about the latest book that they read^{about} or who they think is going to win the election this year. I dare say, you will get more than a yes or nowfor an answer. They'll feel awkward at first and won't feel like talking much, but as they accostomed to havis and customs of "outside" life and throw away some of the "normal things" they were accostomed to in the project, ^{they will be all right} I think you know more about what some nisei go through in their period of adjustment than I do.

I know that their set-up at the Wallaces is swell and they will get along fine, but just to see how they are taking it, I want to stop in at Winnetka on my way back to Kalamazoo. I want to talk with the Wallaces about the boys and maybe the fellows have some questions that they want to ask now, too.

As a sociologist, you may be interested in hearing about my work in this Project. I wished I had the time to spend another two weeks here. I t seems that I have just started to get some work done and here it is time to pack and leave for Chicago in route for K. I am planning on leaving Thwrsday afternoon. The train will arrive in Chicago around forenoon on Saturday. I shall be up to Winnetka either that afternoon, according to when the train actually comes in, or the following day (Sunday). K starts on the 17 for freshman, so I should try and be there by Sundayynight. I report for my first pre-induction physical ~~in~~ Detroit on the 20.

Will be eagerly waiting forward to my visit with you. I trust Mrs. Eliot is in good health and is fine. What's this I hear about you taking in another nisei from this center. If her name is Sakai, she is a friend of mine.

Cordially yours,

P.S. Please excuse the sloppiness Paul



17 January, 1945

Mr. Thomas D. Eliot
Northwestern University

Dear Mr. Eliot,

For some time now I've been planning to answer your question in the last paragraph of your letter on the Negro question. I have written to other sociological departments in order to try to get some new or different ideas on the subject. A Yale A.B. in personnel psychology is the extent of my education at the moment.

I believe I am seeing some sociology "on the hoof" and have found my Army & war experiences enlightening in many ways, particularly in the numerous opportunities offered in noting the differences between experience & actualities on one hand and theory & human interpretation on the other; for example, war & the Army as one experiences it in comparison with what appears about them in Hollywood products and U.S. periodicals.

Inclosed is an article that interested me and probably expresses the feelings of most soldiers,



especially those who have gone through as much as this Marine has. It's tone is somewhat bitter and one might say, anti-labor, but still it has plenty "on the ball" in its basic ideas. I would appreciate your views on it.

I will gladly write about any of my military observations if you can narrow me down to some specific questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Kashanski

IN THIS CORNER

with Cedric Adams

BEWITCHED, BOTHERED AND BEWILDERED are the boys who are coming back from the fighting fronts over many of the conditions they find at home. Home isn't exactly what they thought it would be. It isn't the way they left it. And in some respects, it isn't the way they want it. A young marine, private first class, has sent a letter to his parents that sort of explains the situation for the boys and certainly it's a document that contains a lesson for capital, labor, politicians, parents, relatives, friends of the lads who have been doing the bitterest of fighting for us. He opens with: "I'm leaving it up to you to see that everyone who needs it reads the letter. You probably saw the 10-minute news reel of the Battle of Tarawa. It was impressive, but actually it didn't show much. It didn't show the life blood of more than a thousand American boys draining away into the sea and the coral. You couldn't smell the cordite of the burning shells and the stink of death that hung heavily in the tropic air. Your ears didn't deafen for 76 hours because of the ceaseless cannonading, the screech of falling bombs, the staccato of machine gun and rifle fire . . .

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"THEY WERE ALL a part of the Living Hell of Tarawa. The icy fingers of death didn't grip at your throat as the images flickered on the screen as they did at the throats of the marines who won the blood-drenched island. More than a thousand stout marine hearts beat their last. Boys went blind. Some lost arms, legs, feet and hands. Some suffered disfiguring wounds that even the miracles of plastic surgery won't repair. Even those marines who spent 76 hours of hell on Tarawa without a single physical scratch have wounds seared deep in their souls, wounds that even the blessed unction of time won't heal. Often some of us wonder if the sacrifice we're making for you is worth it . . .

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"THE PEOPLE at home have no way of imagining the horror, the terror that goes through every man's heart as he starts from his landing boat towards shore in face of almost certain death. Do WE know what we're fighting for? You can bet we know it a hell of a lot better than any of you. We're assigned the job to kill and get this all over so we can get back to our wives, sweethearts, homes and families. Some of our own mothers and fathers are prolonging this hell because of a five-cent raise in salary. They are committing a crime that couldn't be justified in any court. I ask any of you who are complaining about your conditions there to come over here with us for a single campaign. You can never have the full satisfaction of knowing that we're doing the dirty work, you're only supplying us. You don't know the disgust we have for some of the activities back home. We won't complain about our work as long as you people realize what we're doing. But when some of our own parents go on strikes back home it's more than we can take. If only the strikers realized how much those strikes help the enemy's morale, tear down our own . . .

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"WE ARE HERE to keep the Japs from killing you, our families, to keep them from ravishing our women, confiscating our property. We have halted them on their way to bomb our buildings and destroy our people. We can't win till the last battle is won and we damn sure can't fight that last battle until you people at home wake up to the fact that the war isn't won and that it will be a long and a hard time before it is won. We can't win while there's still selfishness in your hearts back home, while all your thoughts are on making and spending money, while you're halting war production to settle some pee-wee contract dispute in our war plants . . .

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"NO ONE PRAYS for it all to end any sooner than the men fighting in it. We are those men; **DON'T LET US DOWN.** Stop now and then to think of us. Imagine yourself wading into that hell in face of nothing less than death and then see if you can walk off your job to deprive us of the things we need. Compare your days and nights of comfort and sleep at home and friends and money with ours. Examine your own life. Find in it, if you can, a constant fear of sudden death, the ever-present picture of your best buddy torn to bits by a bomb. If the people of America would but stop and think before they commit these foolish acts, before they strike in our plants, we'll all be home months, and perhaps years sooner."

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THE YOUNG MARINE who wrote that has just turned 19.

1100 E 65th St.
Chicago 37, Ill.
February 4, 1949

Northwestern University
College of Liberal Arts
Evanston, Illinois

Attention: Dr. Thomas Eliot

Dear Dr. Eliot:

Thank you for the kind words on my talk to your class last year. I would very much like to speak to your present group except....

The sorry fact is that my personal plans tie me up completely for the next month or so. It is quite possible that I may be out of town after that. I can only say that I do want very much to bring your present class up to date on the Japanese but I shall have to wait for another date later in the year.

The people I would like to suggest are busy people but you might try them anyway.

Mrs. Sets Nishi, 1225 E. 44th, Chicago 15
Mr. Togo Tanaka, 5548 S. Ellis, Chicago 37
Mr. Abe Hagiwara, % Chicago Resettlers,
1110 N. LaSalle, Chicago 10
Rev. George Nishimoto, 4430 S. Ellis, Chicago
15.

Good Luck on them.

Sincerely,

Masamori Kojima

February 23, 1950

Department of Sociology

Pacific Citizen
Salt Lake City, Utah

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy of
your pamphlet entitled Nisei at Mid-Century.

It is for educational use for my classes in Ethnic
Relations.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Eliot
Professor of Sociology

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