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1911 Stuart St.
Berkeley, Calif.
December 18, 1941

Dr. Galen M. Fisher,
El Sueno, California.

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Dear Dr. Fisher;

May I take the liberty to intrude upon your busy schedule for a few moments to ask your aid and advice? I am writing to you concerning my husband, Mr. D.T. Uchida.

Last Sunday, only a few hours after the Japanese attack, the F.B.I. came to take Mr. Uchida to the San Francisco Immigration office for questioning, due to his connections with Mitsui and Co. As you probably know, he has been retired from active service for the last 2½ years, but we imagined that it was because of his long years of previous service to the company that he was taken along with about 5 other members of the firm. We were hoping such questioning would take but a few days, but yesterday when we went to see him in San Francisco, we learned that he was among a group of about 60 men who were to be transferred to the U.S. Immigration Camp at Missoula, Montana. Mr. Uchida suggested that we write to you for aid and advice as to what could be done to release these innocent victims of circumstantial evidence, who have been good citizens and were unable to be naturalized only because of legal difficulties.

Mr. Uchida has been a permanent resident of this country since 1906, and his official capacities with Mitsui & Co. ended on April 12, 1939. He has been active in church, YMCA, and other social services, during his life in this country, and I cannot see why he should be detained thus, as a suspicious alien, when he could do so much more for the country on the outside.

Dr. Gill and Dr. Swartz have written letters concerning his status, but I would certainly appreciate any advice from you as to what sort of action would be most advisable to take at this time, as we would like to obtain as early a release as possible for Mr. Uchida.

This sudden outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Japan was truly distressing and shocking to us. We are all hoping and praying constantly for a speedy termination of this horrible conflict.

I shall be awaiting word from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your kind consideration.

With best wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D.T. Uchida

Dec. 25, 1941

My dear Dr. Fisher;

Words cannot express my deep thanks to you for your kind and thoughtful letters. I read them with tears of gratitude and ~~may~~ am so thankful that we have such a fine and kind friend. It is indeed encouraging to us to know that we have the aid and support of our good American friends.

It is our sincere hope and constant prayer that peace will soon be restored. War scatters tears even to the smallest corners.

Thanking you again for your kindness.

Gratefully yours,

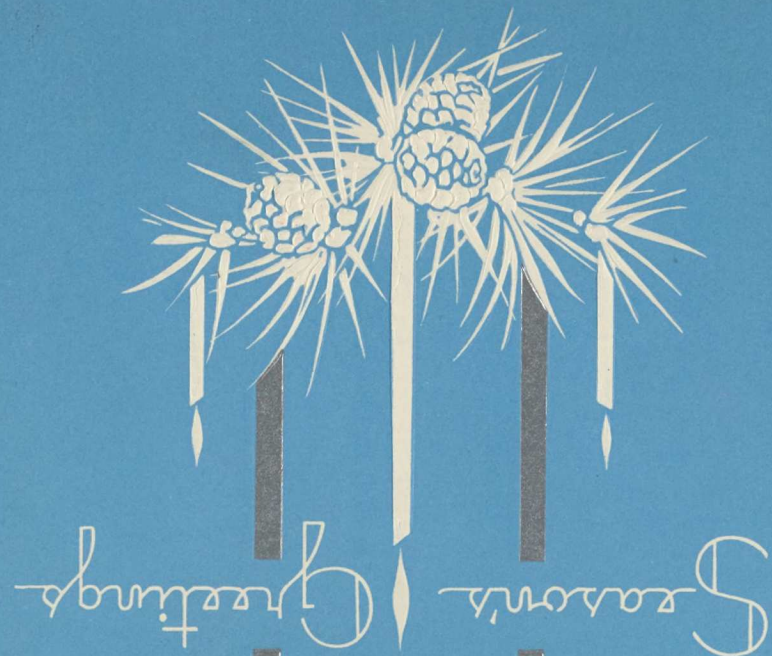
Iku Uchida

On this wonderful occasion of your Silver Wedding
We wish to extend to you our heartiest congratulations
and very best wishes.

J. I. Aoka
 Shataro Kikuchi
 Sam. Jha
 Tom. Ishida
 S. Hideshima
 Rev. Y. Fukuda
 Roy E. Yamamoto
 Pannoyiro Hashimoto
 J. M. Nagase
 R. Suzuki
 K. Akutagawa
 T. Wakayama
 Y. Kojimoto
 Riji Horikawa
 J. I. Aoka
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 K. Akutagawa
 T. Wakayama
 Y. Kojimoto
 Riji Horikawa

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas

and a Very Happy New Year

Mr & Mrs D. J. Kchida

Mr. and Mrs. T. Kumai & Family
and Mother

Jan. 3rd 1942



H. Lincoln

KITAGAWA, Masae
Area 2, Box 300
Bismarck, North Dakota



HAPPY EASTER

&

BEST WISHES

Kitagawa

Mrs. Uchida & Daughters,

1911 Stuart St.,

Berkeley, Calif.

The Uchidas
1911 Stuart St.
Berkeley, Calif.

March 27 1942
Room A Immigration Service
Ellis Island New York

Dear Mr Uchida, Ken & Yoshi

I was so glad, having heard by your letter of March 24th that you are all keeping well even under the present circumstances. I have been thinking of you so often, but I am ashamed having neglected to write you sooner.

I had a letter from your Daddy the other day and I was very glad to hear that he is getting well and in good health.

As you know, I have been detained with our friends in here since Dec 8th, but I am doing very well and having a quite peculiar and interesting experiences.

After hearing, many of my friends have been already transferred to the other place. I don't know when I will be released or transferred to the other place because I had a hearing on Jan 6th but not yet decided as of my status. It seems to me that the decision will be made very near.

Now another Spring came around here, but I can't say when our Spring and better time will arrive on us, we must pray together for the peace and the better time all over the world.

Don't loose courage and hope, our Almighty knows our request, our needs, Chin up, keep well untill we meet again.

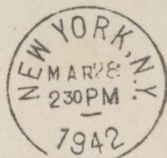
I will write again, thanking for your kind remembrance of me

Sincerely yours

SHINJI IWABUCHI

P.S. I did not write to the Satos because I haven't their address in here please convey my best regards to them.

SHINJI IWABUCHI
Room-A Immigration Service
Ellis Island, N.Y.



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The Uchidas

1911 Stuart St.,

Berkeley, California

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By U. S. Immigration
& Naturalization Service

Ellis Island,

New York 1

West Cornwall,
 Guern.
 July 16.

Dear Mrs. Lichin

Having been away from my family
 at times for quite long stretches, I know
 how welcome any news of them is, and
 thought I'd write you to tell you how
 much we are enjoying Dottie. She is a
 dear, we all think, and a perfect guest,
 always ready for anything and ^{she never}
 giving the impression that ^{she would} our very
 quiet life here were more exciting.

She seems to be enjoying
 her work and the old friends who have
 looked her up, and it has been lovely for
 Cathy to have had her. Cathy knows what
 waiting is, too, with John away and the
 possibility of marriage for some time to

come so uncertain. It is very hard, but she is
a good sport about it, and now that she has a
job, too, we're hoping she will feel a little
more settled and the tension somewhat re-
laxed.

I wish we might do up and send by
parcel post some of the green and peace
of this lovely place. Do you remember this
part of the Cornwalls, near the lake? I dis-
tinctly heat so much that I specially sym-
pathize with you and your husband and the
others in so hot a place. I do hope you will
be able to leave the camp before long. Per-
haps after this dreadful war is over, we all
will have learned to take the good things
of life less for granted. - a lesson I suppose
most of us needed.

Through everything Yoshi has said
about you I have felt the same spirit that
was behind my mother's desires for us,
no matter what might come to her, the
longing that we should have the best. And the
best we get were than just happiness, but
it meant happiness as well.
With all good wishes to you
and Mr. Ichida. Very sincerely, Katherine C. Newman

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Please
return!

What a nice letter!!

MRS. WALDO W. SELLEW

450 CLINTON AVENUE

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Sept. 26, 1943.

Dear Mr + Mrs Uchida:

Your very gracious letter came today, and we are so glad to hear directly from you about your surroundings in Salt Lake City. Yoshi, too, seemed so delighted with the trees and flowers upon her arrival in the East.

We miss you so much for she is a dear child, with such an even temperament and dependable little friend. Cathey and she seemed very well suited to each other and had many good times together. Yoshi expressed her gratitude constantly in her many thoughtful ways and

was never a care or responsibility.
I think she gained assurance
while she was here as is so often
the case when one is thrown up on
their own. She was wonderful, I
thought, to learn so quickly about
the subways and traveling around -
quite competent to take care of
herself in the city and did such
nice work at the office. And she
fitted into our home, most beauti-
fully in her quiet helpful way.
It was really a great pleasure to
have her and we miss her very much.
She showed such nice "bring-up"
in every way. I am telling you these
things because I am a mother
myself and know what a satisfac-
tion it is to know that one's efforts

in bringing up a child
of many years, have been successful
and all the training and care was
worth the trouble. I don't know that
any of Cathy's friends could be more
welcome in our home. Yoshi was
so courteous and thoughtful upon her
arrival at Smith. She wrote us a
lovely letter within a day or two of
her arrival expressing her gratitude
and telling us at length of her
situation and activities at college.
Apparently she is very happy and
has a lovely room. I hope it will mean
one of the happiest years of her life.
And she deserves it for her
camp life was a hard cross to
bear and after she left camp she

was deeply concerned because you
both must remain there. We are
so happy because of your release
and although you are limited in
your freedom, it is a step toward a
better future for you. This horrible
war must end somehow, someday.
There will be great confusion and
further distress when peace comes
it is true, but at least this dread-
ful killing & bombing will cease.
and gradually adjustments will
work out and living will become
more normal. We hope for the best
for you and in the meantime you
are in a home of your own and
people are friendly. We were sorry
not to meet Kay. But perhaps some-
day we all shall meet, just as our
two girls get together after all this years!

With best wishes to you and thanks
for letting us have your Yoshi with us.
Most cordially your friend
Dorothy F. Sellers.