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905-A
Tule Lake Center
Sept. 25, 1944

Miss Rosalie Hankey
Evacuation And Resettlement Study
Tule Lake Center

Dear Miss Hankey,

I acknowledge with sincere thanks your letter of September 22, today concerning another meeting with me in the near future.

If it is not inconvenient with you I will be most glad to see you on the 29th of September which will be Friday. Anytime after 8:30 A.M. will be fine with me.

Glad to be of any little service to you. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Tom Yoshiyama
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905-A
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California
December 22, 1944

Dear Miss Hankey;

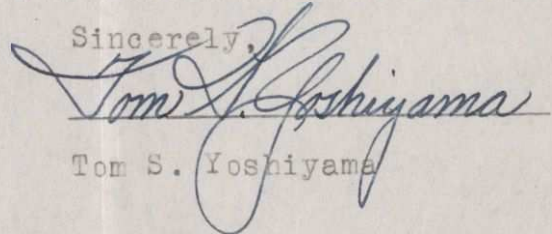
Received your letter of December 18, 1944. You must forgive me for my long negligence in writing you.

I will not be able to see you for about two weeks, for undoubtedly you already know my time will be pretty well occupied, especially after the court hearings. However, do not "give up the ship" for I will let you know sometimes early part of the next month. I promise I shall see you during the early part of January.

I was indeed glad to see you at that hearing. Kindly express your sincere opinion without reserve as to the atmosphere of that court hearings. As an impartial audience I wish you to give me a frank and a sincere opinion concerning those 11 defendants and their witnesses. Do you think the incident of December 15, was premeditated and every details carefully planned? Do you think that the W.R.A. may had something to do with it? Sometimes I cannot think straight. I feel pretty bad about the whole darn affairs. Its a shame that a thing like that should happen amongst the Japanese. I can see Mr. Best grinning at our blunder and our behavior. At any rate I wish to know what impression you got out of that court hearings.

Christmas is near and a sad one at that. Last year we had a New Year in a Stockade. Instead of warm foods we waston a "hunger strike." This year it is bad. I am getting pretty well fed up with everybody in here and out. Well, in spite of everything I still wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,


Tom S. Yoshiyama

P.S.

I will write again and let you know when I can see you. In the meantime please write to me again. My regards to your boy friend, Sergt. Sam Yeramian. I saw Mr. John Burlings. Thanks to you.

Bar 68
Internment Camp
Santa Fe, N. M.
Jan. 3, 1945

Dear Miss Hanky,

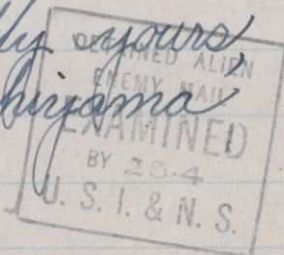
Hoping you had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I had a very long trip for my Christmas and am now in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

It is indeed unfortunate that I failed to see you before my departure, but let us not give up hope for I sincerely believe that our paths will meet someday.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Paul Robertson had to leave Tule Lake so suddenly. He was one man who tried hard to please every body. I plan to study while I have the opportunity to do so.

Waiting to hear from you soon.

Truly yours,
S. Yoshizawa



S. Yoshiyama
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SANTA FE DETENTION STATION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO



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Administrative Area
Tule Lake Center
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Satoshi Yoshiyama
Barrack 68
Alien Internment Camp
Santa Fe, New Mexico
January 29, 1945

Dear Miss. Hankey;

Seems like I am constantly pestering you with my letter but I wish a reply to the following questions at your earliest convenience possible. I am writing you for the mere reason that my wife will not be able to make a "head or tail" out my writings and furthermore, she lacks English knowledge.

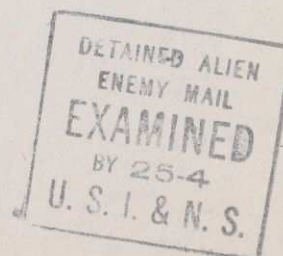
I wish to know the date for the followings:

1. The date the truck overturned which caused Mr. Tatsuto Kashima's death.
2. The date the Dai-hyo Sha first met.
3. Mr. Kashima's funeral.
4. The date the Negotiating Committee first conferred with the Project Director, Mr. Best.
5. The date Mr. Tateishi was confined in the Stockade and the date he was released. What was his capacity and where did he have his office. The estimated salary he was receiving for his position. Some of the names of the Japanese who were supposedly working under him.
6. The date and the names of the persons from the Stockade who conferred with the Civic Organization (or the Coordinating Committee). I wish to know the names and the date for the first and second conference. Also the names of the persons from the colony who had conferred with the detainees.
7. The date Mr. Okamoto was shot.
8. The date Mr. Hitomi was slain.
9. The date of the court trial held at the Internal Securities office. The name of the judge. His character as far as you know. The impression you had from that court hearing.

Your answers to the above will be most appreciated. My regards to all my associates.

Sincerely yours,

Satoshi Yoshiyama
Satoshi Yoshiyama



Tom Satoshi Yoshiyama
Barrack 68
Alien Internment Camp
Santa Fe, New Mexico
March 9, 1945

Dear Miss. Hankey,

I thought I better write to you that I was finally discharged from the hospital after spending more than 12 long monotonous days. At present I am feeling fit as a fiddle and I certainly hope you are too.

Are you still working on your "masterpiece?" For the sake of humanity make it good - impartial - for I am counting on you and your great achievement. I expect to hunt you up wherever I may be sent - hoping my next stop will be Japan.

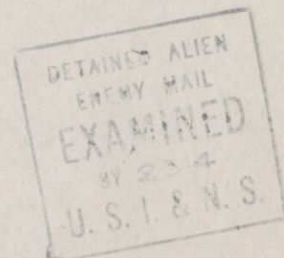
How is my friend, Mr. Best and his associates? I do hope there are all fine because I expect to meet them again someday.

Will you do me a favor again? Buy me 2 Arrow or Manhattan shirt, plain white, size 15 $\frac{1}{2}$. I am willing to pay almost any price for it. Your attention to the above will be most grateful. There is no hurry.

There is not much I can write at the moment. Above all take good care of yourself and keep me posted.

Sincerely yours,

Tom S. Yoshiyama
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February 25, 1945

Dear Miss Hankey,

Received your letter of Feb. 14, yesterday. I am confined in the base hospital since Feb. 12 from a minor operation. No need to worry because I am amazingly recovering fast and I expect to be discharged soon.

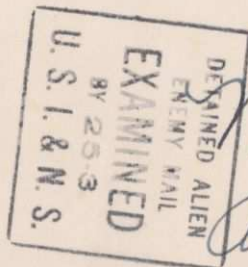
All my friends are leaving Tule Lake. What's to become of Tule anyway? At any rate our earnestly anticipated disregregation has become a reality. This is war and we do not mind being separated for awhile from our beloved ones.

Satoshi Yoshizawa

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Miss Rosalie Hanky
Administrative Area
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

Yoshiyama
May 22, 1945

Dear Miss Hankey,

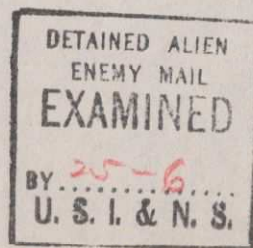
I was indeed glad to receive your letter of April 13, 1945 on May 18, 1945 and I am happy to hear that you were given a \$1,000 fellowship from the University of Chicago. You certainly deserved it.

Please forget about the shirt I wrote you sometimes ago for I hate to see you go through so much trouble when you have a big task before your very eye to accomplish.

It is baseball season and I am playing "second base" for our team. Last Sunday we whipped our opponent 14-2. We hope to have an ever exciting clash this coming Sunday afternoon with an opponent considered one of the toughest. You should be here to witness my play and I can show you how a good baseball game is played. With me there, it's a cinch!

I am trying my best to study but without much result. I cannot seem to concentrate now-a-days and I even find reading detective stories a very difficult task. Can you suggest any remedies?

Time to close now so until I hear from you again — adios. Have a good time in "Windy City," Chicago.



Sincerely yours,
Satoshi Yoshiyama
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Yoshiyama
Sunday, December 9, 1945
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Dear Dick,

Here is an advance story about Hankey's old "flame". Thought you and DST might enjoy seeing it. I sent a copy to Resalie.

Samuel
Sullivan

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(ADVANCE FOR AMS OF MONDAY, DEC. 10,) (480)

BY DUANCE HENNESSY

(ADVANCE)..URAGA, JAPAN, DEC. 10-(AP)-TOM SATOSHI YOSHIYAMA, WHO USED TO BE AN AMERICAN BUT DIDN'T LIKE IT, IS BACK IN JAPAN TODAY AT HIS OWN REQUEST--BUT NOW HE IS CONVINCED COMPLETELY HE SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN SAN FRANCISCO.

IN THIS DREARY RECEPTION CENTER, CROWDED WITH JAPANESE REPATRIATES FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND SINGAPORE, HE SAYS DISGUSTEDLY:

"I NEVER REALIZED IT WAS AS BAD IN THIS COUNTRY AS IT IS. PLEASE DO ME A FAVOR AND SEND A MESSAGE TO OTHER JAPANESE IN THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE THINKING OF COMING TO JAPAN. TELL THEM IN MY NAME THAT I URGE THEM TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE."

YOSHIYAMA, WHO WAS BORN IN SALINAS, CALIF., 27 YEARS AGO, WAS WITHIN ONE-HALF YEAR OF BEING GRADUATED FROM SAN FRANCISCO STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE WHEN WAR BROKE OUT. HE WAS PUT IN THE SANTA ANITA CAMP.

"I RENOUNCED MY UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP BECAUSE I FELT I WAS BEING PUSHED AROUND," DECLARED YOSHIYAMA, WHO HAD VISITED JAPAN THREE TIMES BEFORE THE WAR. "I HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT I SHOULD BE ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH CAUCASIAN FELLOWS. I FELT THAT EVEN THOUGH MANY TIMES BEFORE I HAD RUN INTO THE COLOR BARRIER. I COULD NOT EVEN USE FLEISHACKER POOL" (A PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN SAN FRANCISCO).

"THEN WHEN THE WAR CAME ALONG I FELT SURE DEMOCRACY DID NOT APPLY TO ME, BECAUSE OF THE WAY I WAS TREATED. THAT HIT ME HARD BECAUSE I HAD ALWAYS CONSIDERED MYSELF A GOOD AMERICAN. I HAD BEEN A BOY SCOUT, FUTURE FARMER OF AMERICA, BASKETBALL CAPTAIN--THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN I WAS SHUNNED."

YOSHIYAMA SAID HE "DOES NOT FEEL BITTER TOWARD THE UNITED STATES AND STILL IS WILLING TO COOPERATE."

HE RENOUNCED HIS CITIZENSHIP IN DECEMBER, 1943, AND ADMITTED TODAY "I WAS CONVINCED THEN THAT JAPAN WOULD WIN THE WAR. I JUST GOT MAD AT AMERICA, I GUESS."

QUESTIONED AS TO WHY, AS LATE AS DECEMBER, 1943, HE STILL THOUGHT JAPAN WAS WINNING, YOSHIYAMA MADE THIS ASTOUNDING REPLY:

"WHY, 95 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO CAME BACK TO JAPAN ON THE SHIP WITH ME STILL THOUGHT JAPAN HAD WON THE WAR. THEY THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A BUNCH OF AMERICAN PROPAGANDA THAT JAPAN SURRENDERED. THEY THOUGHT WE WERE BEING BROUGHT TO JAPAN BECAUSE THE JAPANESE HAD WON THE WAR AND WERE COMPELLING THE AMERICANS TO TRANSPORT US."

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AS FOR HIMSELF, YOSHIYAMA SAID HE BECAME CONVINCED JAPAN HAD LOST THE WAR WHEN HE HEARD OF THE CAPTURE OF IWO JIMA. ASKED WHY HE REALIZED JAPAN HAD LOST WHEN THE OTHERS STILL THOUGHT SHE WAS WINNING, HE SAID "HELL, I HAD COMMON SENSE."

INCIDENTALLY, YOSHIYAMA WAS ONE OF THE BAD BOYS OF TULE LAKE WAR RELOCATION CENTER AND ONE OF THE RINGLEADERS OF DISTURBANCES THERE. HE SPENT EIGHT MONTHS IN THE STOCKADE AS A RESULT. HE IS BUSY NOW TELLING OTHER JAPANESE THE CAMP OFFICIALS "STOLE FOOD THAT BELONGED TO THE JAPANESE AND WERE RUNNING A BLACK MARKET."

HIS BIGGEST CAUSE OF DISCONTENT RIGHT NOW IS THAT HIS BRIDE OF TWO MONTHS IS IN THE UNITED STATES. SO FAR, ONLY WIVES OF DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO JAPAN. HE COMPLAINS THERE IS NO WAY TO LET HER KNOW HE HAS ARRIVED SAFELY IN JAPAN, DUE TO THE BAN ON JAPANESE CABLES AND MAIL.

HE WAS ASKED "NOW THAT YOU ARE BACK IN JAPAN, JUST HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT AMERICA?"

"I ADMIT IT IS A DAMN GOOD COUNTRY," HE REPLIED.

"WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO BACK?"

"EVEN IF I WANTED TO THEY WOULDN'T LET ME NOW," HE RESPONDED.

"YES, BUT WHAT IF THEY WOULD LET YOU?"

YOSHIYAMA LOOKED A LITTLE WISTFUL AS HE SAID:

"I THINK I WOULD GO BACK."

(END ADVANCE FOR AMS OF MONDAY, DEC. 11-MOVED DEC. 8)

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