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Rivers, Arizona  
Sept 17, 1942.

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I'm sorry that I have neglected to

write you for so long, but this heat ---  
I had not realized that you were anxious to  
hear from me in regards to the last thing which  
I mailed. Everything I mailed, you have received.  
The mystery of the big package is simple. I did  
have a big package which had all of my  
diaries, bulletins and some other miscellaneous papers.  
But the postage was so much, and I did not  
have the cash on hand, so I just took out the  
news material and sent the diary on.

I have been in this heat hole for two  
weeks now and am gradually getting used  
to it. My sister and brother have suffered  
from the heat very much, a large part of it  
due to mental attitudes. They have not been  
able to adjust themselves yet.

I have been working for the past few  
days now as a social worker supervisor in  
the Housing department. We handle all sorts  
of problems arising out of crowding families



together. The community service director has not been appointed as yet so that the Welfare division is unorganized. Mr. Henderson, chief of the Housing & Employment, apparently has confidence in me as he has given me free rein to develop some sort of organization which will later be shifted to the Community Service Division. I have two other people with me now and we will try to develop a definite program. Thanks to Bob, I got off to a good start. However, there is some conflict which is now developing. The Indore group have the provincial attitude that they have on operation all the work around here. They had a good welfare section at Indore and they are trying to get work assignment as a group. The two people I have are good workers, but it will take a little time to have them overcome their attitudes. They seem to want me coming in as an outsider. They even want Mrs. Smith who has done such fine work, and Bob tells me that they refused to turn over their files to her, feeling that they should go with the files. But things will straighten out in time.

The group here is distinctly rural & it has been a little difficult to break in even among the Khasis, but I am making



progress. The newspaper editor here is a mature person and he has the right slant on things. I have gotten to know him well. He is a supporter of the IAC, but I don't hold that against him.

The group here is largely Buddhist & they seem very conservative to me. The Issei element is fairly strong and they are now in a strong fight to get the WKA to let them hold election posts. God forbid!

I know my writing is terrible so I won't write too much. I have initiated the request to have my family sent here, but the WKA and its red fog may delay matters. Mr. Smith gave it his personal attention & the request was sent out over a week ago.

The Smiths are hard workers & it is unfortunate that they feel that they must resign. The Issei group are in high gear. They even petitioned to get him out, but, of course, that had no bearing on his resignation. They are trying so hard to get the Issei Contr. Manager in here, but I doubt if the WKA will take on a WCCA person. I hope not.

I can't say that I dislike the place



intensely yet, as I am having a lot of fun  
in getting the Social work dept rolling. Dis-  
illusionment may come later.

Bob told me about your proposal to raise  
us to a full research assistantship. Now,  
Mr. Hanes, I would feel like a highway robber  
if I accepted such a "large" sum (compared  
to my "Professional" salary of \$19 a month as a  
social worker). I just don't know what to say.  
Is it possible that I can produce enough to  
justify it? I am continuing along on the doing  
& that certainly is nothing. Bob will have to  
meet with him soon to discuss a plan of  
approach, but even that will not justify  
that amount. You see, Mr. Hanes, in order to get  
the right tempo of the community I will have to  
enter the life here actively. I just can't sit  
off to a side in a passive role. This means  
that I must devote time to my job here. And  
time is so limited. At the same time, I am  
intensely interested in the study, but I feel  
inadequate when I think of the volume of  
material which your other observers are  
no doubt sending in. In other words, do you  
think that my work justifies a full time  
assistantship? It's not that I lack confidence



in myself, but I do feel guilty. Anyway I would like your opinion on the matter. I don't think I come up to your expectations as Imfran, but I am just not a Shibusani or Sukoda. My approach is different and I am in doubt whether it meets with your approval.

Evel seems to be having a little difficulty in his housing adjustment. He doesn't have much luck in the selection of roommates. We have a whole apartment to ourselves, thanks to a little political maneuvering. However, it is only temporary and there still is the problem of getting a place together with <sup>the rest of</sup> my family when they arrive. The housing situation here is terrific. We are trying to work out a program so that individual families will have a place of their own. A lot of people still do not have beds yet either. They sleep on the mattresses on the floor.

No snake or Gila monster menace has entered our lives yet. Heat and heat are our chief obstacles, but life is not unbearable. Secretly, I am enjoying it. God know why!

Bob has been over many times to visit us. As you know he has to go to Casa Grande for his meals. Several times we



have gotten meals for our "sick brother" from  
the Marshall + we are trying to get him to  
come around regularly, at least for the noon  
meals. He likes to go to town in the evenings for  
his beers. I am hard at work trying to make a  
smuggler out of him, but naturally I would  
not want him to jeopardize his status here. I don't  
know how the study will fare with the Smiths  
leaving.

Incidentally our neighbors are shocked at our  
conduct. We stay up late at night, don't  
use the Japanese customs, etc. They think I am a  
hell of a person to be responsible for these  
people. But we ignore them in general. We  
just act normal. I understand that "Tubby  
brain" our ~~secret~~<sup>to this place</sup> is acting difficult and that  
he got nasty with my sister at Tanforn. He got  
on my nerves with us because his score stories didn't  
take + we refused to be headed. The crowning blow  
was when my sister + I ordered a \$5.00 breakfast  
instead of taking what he ordered. It was within  
our allowance, but is probably cut into his  
profits. I hope he doesn't bring the rest of the  
family down. We ditched him for a while in  
L.A. and Earl's mother got quite concerned. We were  
just talking to some soldiers about the  
movie stars!

Thank you very much for the Galen "B",



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fruity, etc. The medicine was horrible to take, but it must have served its purpose. Emile was the only one to get ill, and it was not serious. Earl did not take the medicine at first so that he was quite sick for a while. I have been disgustingly healthy.

Physical facilities around here are yet incomplete, but coming along rapidly. We still do not have any hot water, but what does that matter? Ditches are yet unfilled, but the water and gas lines have been laid. There is a lumber & nail shortage & they have guards which makes it a little difficult to steal lumber. If I could run as fast as my little brother, we would have a much longer pile than what we have. However, for a S. consideration, the guards will look the other way. But I haven't succumbed to their tactics yet as this sort of takes the zest out of eluding them.

I have just become aware that this is not the type of letter I should be writing to a college professor. But if you will look on this as a social epistle, I am sure that you will excuse it. It must be the



weather that makes me so cold. So  
for we have no used sheets on our beds.  
We sleep just like heathens. In fact now  
our stuff has been unpacked yet because  
we have to move eventually anyway. Besides  
this is a camp!

I am about halfway through the 500  
page diary so it may take a little time  
before I send any material in. Enclosed is  
the cord for that account. Belts, Embers &  
I am send thanks for all the delicious fruit  
juice. We get plenty of ice from the mail  
to make "ice packs for our sick brother who  
can't stand the heat."

Sincerely yours,

Charles Kurachi.



(KAY)

October 27, 1942  
74-1-B  
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Dr. Thomas,

As usual, I am very neglectful with the correspondence. I have been very busy for the past few weeks and I hardly ever find time to do all the things I have planned.

My father is getting along well, although we have not heard any word about him for the past week. We would certainly appreciate it a lot if Bob could drop in on him on the way down to see how he is coming along. The hospital in San Luis Obispo informs us that he will be able to be moved out here as soon as the hospital is opened. They have been pretty slow in getting the place opened and we feel that there is no rush at the present since he can probably get better care right where he is. We understand from Mr. Fryer that the WRA will take care of all the expenses. Thank you for your kind offers. We may be able to get Alice out again to accompany him back when he is ready to be moved. That is what Mr. Fryer said when I spoke to him recently. However, we have a new acting project director, Mr. Cozens, who is supposed to be Fryer's assistant or something in the regional office. He may have something else to say about this.

Otherwise, things are coming along fairly smoothly. My mother has not been feeling up to par for the past few days, but she will pick up. Alice had spring fever, or is it valley fever?, and has been in bed for the past three days. My little sister has the German measles and is also in bed. The rest are all in good health.

We have been fixing the house all up and it has taken all of our time. Jack left for New Jersey to attend Drew University last Saturday. Alice has not made up her mind on what her plans are, but I have an idea that she will stick around for a while "to take care of Pop".

I would like to impose on Bob and ask make a request of him, if he has the time. Could he get us a couple of dollars worth of flavor-aid? And if either you or him have some old clothes hangers around, we would certainly appreciate them. It would settle the present family war on how many each member is entitled to with our present limited supply. We also need some



mothballs. I will pay Bob for these things when he comes. Perhaps he could ship them out to us so that it won't be too much bother for him. By the time he gets here, he will resent us very much for imposing on his valuable time to be a purchasing agent, but I think he understands the situation. We are all looking forward to his arrival "back home". I understand that you will also come up here. It will be such a pleasure to see my friends from civilization once more.

In regards to my work, I am continuing my diary and trying to note as much as possible of what is going on, although it is impossible to cover everything as the camp is so big. Earl is still in the Police department, but I do not see him around too often. I presume that he is also busy. I spoke to Mr. Mikida and Mr. Okuno the other day and they are covering the development of the self-government. They are both on the Constitutional committee. The political life around here is pretty dead, and uninteresting because of the lack of Nisei response.

We are getting our last bunch in from Santa Anita today--about 250 of them, I believe. This will fill up our center. I am still in the Social welfare division and a large part of our work is in taking care of the housing adjustments. Since the number of people coming is not so large as expected we will be able to give more families separate rooms. They were very crowded in here and it has been one of our worst headaches.

The rest of my time is taking care of relief cases. Most of the people from the Turlock Center did not get any basic clothing and they are in great need. The "Japanese pride" towards relief is of course almost a thing of the past. Most of them are not reluctant to take what they can get. I can't blame them for not wanting to spend their own money when it will be taken care of by the WRA. The people want to cling to what they have because of the uncertainties and fears for the future. Most of the farm families are pretty poor anyway. The rich farmers are identified by the cooling system which they have purchased to put outside of the windows.

I suppose the greatest problem here is to get the workers out on the farm project. There has been a considerable amount of dissatisfaction on the general conditions--particularly in regards to transportation and receiving work corps clothing. The fundamental source of the trouble is, of course, the jealousies towards the cotton pickers who are now making fairly good money--all clear. About 220 farmers went on a strike the other day to see if they could get their wages raised. It only lasted a short time because they heard that a photographer was in camp and they did not



want to get any bad publicity. Fryer and the administration was greatly concerned about this and they held a full morning staff meeting to see if they could do something about these workers. They have given them some extra trucks for transportation. There was no violence involved. It seems that a couple of the Nisei in the farm project are perpetually belly-aching about everything and trying to stir up trouble. The cause of complaint is chiefly on physical improvements, such as more trucks and raise in pay. The cotton workers may soon be stopped--there are about 200 of them going out. They expected 1000 pickers to save the crops but there was not that much extra manpower left in camp. Some of the local papers and radio stations gave us a bad time of it for a while, claiming that we were not patriotic, etc, but they now seem to understand the situation fairly well.

The camouflage net project is just getting underway and they hope to have 1000 workers on that. I don't know where they will get the workers, unless they cut down a lot of the superfluous staff on the service projects within the camp. We will have about 14,000 people here, but a great number are unemployable--housewives, aged, ill, school children, etc. I imagine about 4,000 or more alone are students. The Army has put a lot of money into the camouflage project and the buildings are good and sturdy. A Mr. Reynolds is in charge of the program (he is a WRAn) and he seems to be a good guy.

I had a car for about three weeks to go on my social work calls, but due to the great tire shortage it has been taken. Even Landward, the chief of the division has a hard time getting a car. I cover both camps on many of my cases and I think that my arches have now fallen!

I have another diary ready for you, but will hold it until you or Bob comes. It is one of the smaller books (224 page ones) I didn't want to use the 500 page ones because it takes so long to fill up and I know you would like to get more frequent reports. It is hard to get anybody around here to do any writing because they are all so busy with their work and they don't have time to do anything. Tell Bob that Sachie has been too busy to do anything. She is going to be Mr. Henderson's secretary soon. Mr. Henderson is at present in SF and Bob may get a chance to look him up. I am in hopes that he will be made the project director, but even the WRAn has politics to contend with.

For Bob's information: Fryer has made a great impression on the people here. He makes wonderful speeches and there are certain things that he can



accomplish due to his position as regional director. One concrete thing he has done is to get the lumber for the partitions. ( I think that it was mostly due to "Anderson's efforts") The administration here is still in the unsettled stages. Yeaton is out as the CAS director, but I don't know the reasons for his sudden resignation, although he told me that he had accepted a "lucrative position" back east. Hoffman is a fairly good man in Community Service, but I don't think that he is forceful enough. Miura still gets in everybody's hair and is generally ignored. Williamson is fairly good in the police department--Earl thinks he is God--but he is inclined to be a little too academic. I think that he is doing good work, however. His greatest problem is to break up the gambling rink. They have arrested a number of persons. Earl will probably have the full details on these cases.

The school system is also in a very unsettled stage. They haven't got enough textbooks and other facilities so that the classes are now operating on a half-time schedule. Pette thinks that the teachers are crummy, even though they are always bragging about how superior the ~~California~~ ~~teachers~~ Arizona system is compared to the Calif one! Local pride?

I do not need any more supplies for my work at the present time, although I could use a couple of little notebooks to jote things down on. One more request for Bob. Do you think that he could get a piece of brown linoleum for me to cover my desk? It is a regular size ~~xxxx~~ desk. Perhaps he can wait on this until he gets here as I do not wish to burden him down doing things for me. He has been so helpful in the past about these things and I don't want to overwork it. The Santa Anita group is now pulling in and I have to give up this typewriter as they need it to register the people. I don't even have a typewriter to make up my case reports in my social work and have to grab anyone that is available.

Hope to be seeing you soon.

Very truly yours,

*Charles Kkkuchi*

Charles Kkkuchi.

P.S. Also need some of those small  
notebooks for my diary recordings.



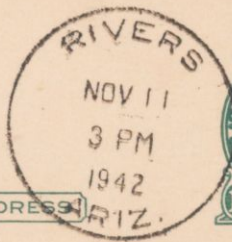
Dear Dr. Thomas: 11/10/42

Just a note to ask if you could get me some of those note books in which I write my journals. They are size  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ , I think you know, the little ones that Godzina sent me previously. The little size enabled me to send in more frequent reports.

Everything coming along fine. Bob is getting as bad as Earl. He reads comic books all day long, and won't let my little brother have them. I shall have to spear him on...

Sincerely yours,  
Chas. Kibuchi





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas  
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Berkeley, Calif.



2/22/43

Dear Dr. Thomas.

Enclosed is the check made out to the American Trust Co. I would appreciate it if you could put it into a savings account for me. I will not have to draw upon it so you could keep the book.

Things have quieted down here. The latest news is that 15% of the camouflage workers signed "no". They will be fired.

I have been thinking about resettlement lately, but no prospects yet. School at the present time is one of the questions. I am hopeful that I will be able to make some definite plans soon. My mother + the family send best regards to you + W.I.

Sincerely,

Charles Kibuki.



COPY TELEGRAM

Rivers, February 27, 1943

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas

WISH TIME TO RECONSIDER YOUR PROPOSITION IN VIEW  
CHICAGO SITUATION RELUCTANT. IS ST. PAUL POSSIBLE AS  
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/s/ Charley Kikuchi  
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ACCEPT CHICAGO PLAN. HOW LONG WILL CLEARANCE TAKE. WOULD LIKE  
TO LEAVE IN MONTH. EVERYTHING CLEAR WITH FAMILY EMIKO AND  
BABYWILL GO WITH ME=

CHARLES KIKUCHI.

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Rivers, Arizona  
March 10, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I had meant to write you a long letter before this but due to my many activities and general laziness, I have been rather negligent. I suppose you have received my telegram expressing a desire to accept the Chicago employment offer.

There are many things that have to be cleared up. First of all, I would like to know how soon it would be before I would be able to leave this center. I have submitted my application for Leave Clearance with the WRA here; however, the usual governmental red-tape prevails. If you could do something from your end, I am sure the process would be hastened. After several family consultations, it has been generally agreed that Emiko and Betty would accompany me to Chicago. I suppose it would be better to list Emiko as my dependent instead of getting her cleared through a job application as this would duplicate our efforts. I do not have any idea as to job possibilities for Emiko as yet, but I would imagine that with such a great shortage in the labor market on the outside, it would not be such a difficult task to find her some suitable employment. I am hoping that through your connections you will be able to do something in this regard.

Emiko has not definitely decided on what she wishes to do yet, although I am sure that with a little encouragement, she will want to continue on with a college education. For the immediate present, she feels that it would be the most practical plan to work until fall and at that time enter school. Of course, it is virtually impossible to predict the future so that we need not worry too much about this until the time actually arrives. Emiko has expressed a desire to join the WAAC's at some latter date; however, she is not contemplating this for the immediate present. As you know, Emiko has not definitely decided on what she would like to do for the next few years so that she will continue to go through a period of adjustment on the outside. This is one of my primary reasons why I do not wish her to enter a full round of social activities among the Nisei group in Chicago as it would only serve to postpone her ultimate decisions. I realize that this will be a little difficult for her in the beginning, but I am sure that it will work out for the best. At the present time, she is working extremely hard at the camouflage project. With the increase of the warm weather plus a possible cut in wage and an increas-



ing physical tiredness (industrial fatigue), I believe that she will not have such a difficult time tearing herself away from the immense "defense wage" which she is now earning. I do not know if there would be any possibility of obtaining a defense job on the outside for her, but there is nothing like trying. The one thing which I wish to avoid is for my older sisters to arrange a job for her since this would imply further obligations towards them.

For Betty, the problem is not nearly so difficult since she has already decided to enter college. It has been an ambition with her for a considerable period of time. The only obstacle, of course, is whether I will have sufficient financial resources to enable her to continue on into college. I think I will be able to do this for a while at least. I am sure that with the salary which you have offered we will be able to get along comfortably, especially if Emiko gets some sort of a job. I should say that Emiko's second job preference is some sort of secretarial or clerical work. She does not take shorthand very fast yet and I believe that she types around 50 or 60 words per minute. She also has considered the possibility of getting some sort of salesgirl or stockgirl job in one of the large Caucasian department stores. Her other alternative, which is not desirable at the present time, is domestic work of some sort. I am sure that we will be able to eliminate this as a possibility for the present, I hope.

For myself, I believe that your job offer will be a definite advantage for me. I agree with you that there is a possibility of future advancement in it for me as well as an opportunity to make a slight contribution towards the welfare of a minority group. To pose a question at this point: Suppose that I get some sort of a job offer after being in Chicago a while. Would it be possible to accept it and continue with the Study on a part-time basis? I am not anticipating double-crossing you, but I would like to know how you would feel on this. I do not particularly relish working among the Nisei group, but I can see your point that it is here where I could be of some use.

From the above, I know that you will now see why I do not wish Emiko and Betty to be thrown into a Japanese community on the outside. If assimilation is the answer for the "Japanese" problem, they could be in a fine position to start the process, especially if they went to school where they could develop many friendships among the Caucasian students. Naturally this will be a little harder than drifting into a pure Nisei society, but I think that in the long run they will gain much more out of it as well as to retain their normal personalities. The more I live among the "Japanese", the more I am convinced that they are tending towards an extreme neurotic state of mind. What else can you expect when frustrations become the prime concern of a congregated group. Perhaps I am mistaken in my view point; it would take a Freudian psychologist to analyze this.

I have sent a letter to Alice and Mariko expressing my view point



on this matter. In general, Emiko and Betty tend to agree with me and I don't think that I unduly influenced them since they have never lived in a Japanese community prior to evacuation. It would be a most favorable plan to live apart and thus avoid some possible conflicts. I believe that Bob will explain my reasons for this attitude. Mariko and Alice have more or less plunged into a limited Nisei society in Chicago, and there would be an influence existing which would pull Emiko and Betty towards this sort of life. If all of them have the same objectives, I certainly would not oppose living together; however, there is a decided age gap between the two pairs of sisters, and they have different goals. If we live apart from them, it will eliminate the possibility of our apartment becoming a USO Center for lonely Nisei. Without this influence I am sure that Emiko and Betty both will become more interested in continuing with their education. For Emiko, this will be a little more difficult since she has not decided on what she would like to do; however, we have agreed to try this system for a while to see how it works out. I believe that I have elaborated on these points to some detail in my previous reports to you. Do you think that I am taking a too positive approach to this situation and causing myself undue worry? If you knew Mariko and Alice, I think that you would probably be as concerned as I am about this matter.

My father is coming along slowly at the hospital. There is no immediate possibility of removing him for a considerable period of time. This means that I will not be able to bring the rest of my family out for an indefinite time. Naturally, I am most anxious to get out as soon as possible since the possibility of the draft is imminent. Once I get Emiko and Betty settled, I would not be so worried as they could probably continue on even if I did get drafted. I hesitate to take advantage of your kindness in offering to help us to resettle; however, my contacts in Chicago are limited and I do not wish to rely upon Mariko and Alice. Anything that you can do will be greatly appreciated. My greatest weakness is to forget to answer letters promptly, but from now on, I will try to communicate with you more frequently in order to clear up any necessary details.

How is that prize booby, Bob Spencer, doing? I hope he has not squandered his last check which I forwarded to him the other day. I am hoping that he received some choice love letters while he is gone as I am very curious as to the techniques which he has developed during his many years of experience. I am glad that I don't have to be responsible for him for at least ten days. Are you able to keep him under control? Will you please inform him that Mr. and Mrs. Lieberman left this center early this morning. This means that we have lost a most liberal administrative person. I suppose that the adult education program will deteriorate from now on.

There is little activity going on in this center at the present time. It is decidedly peaceful these days although there is a possibility that we may have some action at the camouflage net shortly. The workers are unwilling to consider any wage revision, which means that the whole thing is at a stalemate. A lot of this is due to misunderstandings among



the net workers themselves since they do not know all of the provisions of the new plans. The plans which have been advanced are very complicated, so I do not blame them for getting mixed up. The latest development is recruitment of cotton pickers. It is planned that they will contribute forty-five cents per day to the Community Fund or about nine dollars a month. The camouflage workers think that this is discrimination because they contribute forty-five dollars per month. They are unwilling to consider the fact that they will probably make two or three times the wages that a cotton picker will earn.

The Army registration is going along smoothly. We have not had any further out-bursts since the round-up of the "twenty-seven". To date, only seventy-five persons have volunteered. Captain Thompson is not disclosing any figures, but I believe that the above is reliable since I obtained it through devious methods. I was not able to get any statistical data unfortunately and Mr. Landward is too busy to grant me an extended interview. I think that Bob will be able to get all of this information upon his return. My contacts with the administration are amicable once more as I have straightened out some difficulties which did exist with Mr. Hoffman.

Incidentally, Chandler's Senate Investigative Committee was here the other day conducting a closed hearing in Mr. Bennett's office. A number of evacuees were questioned; however, I kept well out of sight as the stupid fools tend to misinterpret everything. Some of the announcements which have come out via this committee have been absurdly stupid. Le Barron, the Project Reports Officer, added to this stupidity with a very dumb public statement that he did not favor the release of evacuees into the neighboring towns for fear of the violence which might result. I have not been able to find out what type of questions the Investigating Committee asked, and I do not consider this matter too important, although this committee is in a position to do a great deal of damage to the evacuee cause.

I have been writing very briefly in my diary in the past week so that I will not be able to send you another volume for a while yet. I am running out of stamps so that would it be possible for Bob to bring back a few? Is there a possibility that he will not return here because of the Intelligence School? I understand that the Army is interviewing candidates in Berkeley this week although this may be just a rumor. How are Tom, Jimmy, et al, doing up at Tule? Will they be going to Chicago or are you planning to send them elsewhere or will they remain at Tule? Please thank the State of California for the generous emergency salary raise. Have you received my check which I sent to you recently and opened up a Savings Account for me? I do not think that I shall have to draw upon it immediately as Eniko has a lot of money which I can borrow if an emergency arises.

A know you will be greatly surprised at this long letter. I am dictating it to Merry and saying everything that pops into my mind, so if it is incoherent, please excuse. I hope to be hearing from you or Bob shortly about further plans.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles Kitchin*



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April 1, 1943

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Dear Dr. Thomas,

Unfortunately, I have not been able to get definite word on my indefinite release as yet. For this reason, I have not attempted to contact you frequently and burden you with my worries. Meantime, the leave should come through. This morning, I went to see Mr. Landward, and he told me that the Project Director would be able to issue leaves starting next week. He stated that we would be given first chance. It now appears that I may be able to get out of here by the ~~eleventh~~ <sup>13th</sup> or sooner. My sisters are having some dental work done and the dentist is rushing to finish this up by next week.

I have not done anything about the housing situation yet, although I intend to ~~right~~ <sup>visit</sup> the Friends Hostel to see if I can reserve a room. I cannot do this until I know definitely when I will be leaving. It will be a great relief to get all of these matters cleared up. I think that I shall act upon your suggestion of taking a short vacation once I get into Chicago so that I will have an opportunity to get adjusted, especially in relation to the housing problem. I will have to worry about that once I get on the scene. I also would like to get Bette into school as soon as possible, and I shall have to do a little investigating upon this matter. I hope to be able to put her into some college next fall. Emiko apparently has made up her mind to go to college, although she has not expressed any definite program which she wishes to follow. I am sure that she will be able to adjust herself once she gets back into a normal community. I believe that she will continue to work in the net factory as long as possible since there is no use of waiting around and not knowing how soon we shall be leaving.

As for the advance travel expense, I do not think that it will be necessary for you to send it. If an emergency arises, I shall let you know. I have sold all of my father's barber equipment for around \$100.00, and I am going to borrow this from my mother until I can repay it later. I think that we shall have sufficient funds on hand to reach our destination and to live the first month. This morning, I received some very confidential information that the WRA may finance families resettling up to the sum of \$100.00. This has not been officially announced yet so that I do not know whether we shall be able to reap its benefits or not. I have put in an informal application for this assistance with Mr. Landward, but I doubt that action will be taken on it before we leave. Mr. Landward tells me that no funds have been made available as yet to him. The WRA contemplates giving a limited financial assistance to families relocating, but it will only be granted to those in extreme financial difficulties. Since no criterion of what



"need" covers has been made, I thought I might as well try to get it since I do not have any "false pride" in this respect. I am not counting upon this assistance, however, as the WRA is pretty slow about these matters and Landward definitely stated that it would not be retroactive. It does not seem logical to me why the WRA should not bear the full cost of resettlement. When we came out here, we had about four thousand pounds of baggage. The WRA will only pay for five hundred pounds of this. This had meant that we are having quite a problem of packing and of discarding many items. I think that we shall be able to make this adjustment satisfactorily. It is not advisable to take too much stuff anyway as we do not know where we will be living. Alice and Mariko have moved again, although we have not been advised of their new address. I have a number of books which I plan to ship ahead and I am hoping that the Friends Hostel will accept and hold them for me. I shall keep an account of my traveling expenses and you may be sure that I shall keep it at a minimum, knowing that the present budget is a bit strained.

I quit my work about a week ago, but I don't think that it has been of any value to the Study since I have been most ineffective in getting down to writing some final reports. Bob and I have a tentative outline for an "opus", but we have not gotten too far with it yet. I do not wish to be disagreeable with any of the workers on the Study, but Tamie, that "crazy dame" from Poston, breezed in on us yesterday and disrupted our work completely. I do not know whether we will be able to recover from it, the balance of the week or not, especially since there is a possibility that she may stay until Tuesday. She only stayed at my house one evening and then went to sleep with a friend of a friend named "X", a very mysterious person of whom she refers to frequently. I suppose that her temperamental nature can be tolerated, since I hear from Bob that she is doing some very good work at Poston. It gets on my nerves when she continually has such "dramatic fears" all the time. I do not really <sup>mean</sup> all of the above, but the woman irritated me with her rude manners. I am sure that all anthropologists do not revert to the custom of the primitive people whom they study, since Bob continues to be a gentleman. Please view this epistle as a social and personal letter.

In the short time that I have left to work on the Study while in camp, I hope to be able to give a few reports. I rather doubt that I will be able to give any comprehensive coverage of the Welfare Department at this time. Perhaps, Bob and I have undertaken a rather ambitious program, but we shall try to complete as much of it as possible. For your information, Bob is doing most of the work of dictation while I lie on his bed and heckle him. So please give him the full credit for any work done. I believe that he is having some sort of "resettlement fever" also. This fever is spreading both among the evacuees and the administrative personnel. There will be many changes in the administration in the near future and I rather doubt that the replacements will reach the present level of the staff which is not too good. I cannot blame the WRA workers here for looking after their own interests. A marked cleavage between the evacuees and the administration is definitely noticeable now. With the resettlement of the bulk of the liberal Nisei, the break may become conclusive, especially in view of the fact that complete Issei domination of the community will take place. The Issei element have a tendency to kowtow a bit, so that we may look for a very paternalistic bureaucracy in time. I am sorry to say that I have almost lost all interest in community life since I am a little on edge about leaving. Frequent doubts assail me as to what value I could be to the Study on the outside. The method of research which I have followed has not been entirely objective and I



have had little time to compile reports as you desired. To inject a personal opinion at this point: It has always been my opinion that events have been taking place so fast that it is almost impossible to make analysis and conclusions out of any specific event since the whole problem of the evacuees is interrelated. For this reason, I personally doubt that any preliminary report of developments which I may be able to give would be of any value since subsequent events would alter the whole situation. For example, I may give an analysis of the housing situation to date, but the situation may be completely changed in another six months. I am only trying to express some of my confusion on the nature of the Study. I have been trying to collect as much data as possible since I feel that when the whole thing is over, we will have a mass of data to draw upon for analysis. With the resettlement, I realize that I shall have a more concrete program to work upon, therefore, things should iron themselves out. I hope that you give me many specific topics, suggestions and outlines so that I will not get too lazy. The accumulation of my work in the Welfare Department and the strain of leaving has hit me all at once, which may be a good alibi for my "yusa" stage right now.

My family is getting along well, and my mother has apparently reconciled herself to the fact that we are leaving. She has expressed no objections to it recently, and I believe that she understands the practical nature of our plans. I suppose that underneath she is undergoing some emotional feelings, but it is difficult to know for sure since it is a Japanese characteristic to be stoic and cover up all internal disturbances with a calm face. My father is about in the same stage as before as he has just pulled out of the critical state which he was in about a week or so ago. The doctors are going to take a chest X-ray for embolism shortly. I don't believe that it is necessary for me to go into details on other aspects of personal and community events since I am continuing to cover that in my journal. I have one more to send to you which I shall do before I leave as there is a possibility that I can finish up another book and send them together. As soon as I have definite word of when I am leaving, I shall notify you. Best regards to WI. We are looking forward to seeing both you and WI in Chicago in May. I understand that Tom will be there shortly so that we will probably be running across each other.

Very truly yours,

Charles Kikuchi.



April 6, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Although my indefinite leave has not come in to date, I have made plans to leave definitely next Tuesday, April 13. I am fairly certain to leave on that day unless something unforeseen occurs. I have written to Mr. Morganroth, an executive of the American Friends Service, about housing accommodations at the Hostel. He has not wired back to date, but I am expecting an answer shortly. The housing adjustments worries me a bit, but I am sure that I can make out once I arrive on the scene. I may not be able to accomplish anything for the Study during this initial adjustment period and I hope that this will be agreeable with you. I hope to establish some contacts by the time of your arrival.

Bob and I are still at work on our report and we hope to get the bulk of it done by the end of the week. We have purposely limited ourselves to definite topics in order to complete the work. Bob will undoubtedly fill in the necessary parts after I leave.

I have some very good news to report. The WRA has given me an outright gift of \$259.12cents! It happened this way: Last week an announcement was made that the WRA would help pay transportation and subsistence costs for the first month to people who were evacuating and who had "insufficient funds!" There was some confusion to the clause "insufficient funds." As far as I could ascertain, it is the purpose of the WRA to pay as much as the transportation costs for the evacuees without arousing congressional wrath. The administration moved rather slowly and they did not draw up an application form or anything. I thought that there would be a possibility of benefitting so I spent a couple of days pressing the matter. At first I only asked for Emiko's and Bette's transportation and I declared that UC would pay mine.

The administration went into a conference and it decided that this money would be granted as easily as possible and they would make no check on statements. They practically told me that I should not declare a financial state of \$481.00 as I would get nothing. So I withdrew my request for \$100.00 and made an application for \$400.00 to cover the expenses for my whole family. And the only assets I declared was \$713.00 which I roughly figured as UC expenses for me. I had to declare this since it was down in writing that UC would pay for my expenses as part of the job offer.

Anyway, much to my surprise, \$259.12 was granted to me in crisp twenty dollar bills. The balance will be held for my family's transportation when I send for them. If I had not included the whole family, I would only have received \$215.00 and not been able to get ~~the~~ part of the subsistence allowance for the rest of the family. I figured that the date of the rest of my family coming to join me was indefinite so that I might as well get some of the benefits now.



The \$259.00 covers Emiko and Bette's transportation, per diem allowance of \$3.00 per day, and living costs for the first month in Chicago! It really gives us an unexpected lift. I am wondering if Tom S. reaped any benefits out of the plan. The policy varies in the different centers and some are very strict and they make the person declare every cent that he possesses and the usual red tape will prevail for a while until the plan can be made uniform. I was the first to get the benefit here since the application forms are not even mimeographed yet. The fact that I worked in the Welfare department definitely was helpful.

Anyway, the point I want to tell you about it this: Although I declared \$71.00 as the U.C. expenses, I will not use this all up. I will just take \$40.00 for the train fare. Do you think that is fair enough? With the unexpected \$259.00 I could now pay all of my expenses if I had to. I know that the Study Budget is strained now and I would like to help as much as possible by not drawing too much on it. If I had not declared that UC would pay my transportation, I could have asked for the additional \$71.00. But then, that would have been too greedy.

So I shall send the balance of the \$100.00 check back to you after taking out the \$40.00. (the cost of the train ticket) I hope that this will save the Budget to the extent of \$25.00 or more. In regards to the loss of the \$19.00 WRA wage, plus the clothing allowance of some \$20.00, you can just forget about that. I feel I owe the study that time to make up for the lack of reports during my stay here.

I have to go eat lunch now so will wind up. More later when I get definite news on leaving, etc.

Yours,

*Charlie Kibben*

Dear Dorothy:-

Have waited for Charlie to finish and will add a line of my own. Our only significant development this week was the visit of George E. Rundquist, of the Federal Council of Churches. A man with no church affiliations and excellent contacts, he will go far in bringing about a large scale resettlement program. I asked him to visit with you when he gets to Berkeley next week. I have written a report on his visit which will be with you when I send in our structural report which we hope to finish this coming weekend.

That's all the news for now. Will write soon again.

Yours.

*Bob*



350 W. Belden Ave  
Chicago, Ill.  
April 18, 1943

Dear Mr. Thomas,

We arrived in  
Chicago safe and sound on  
Friday, but all worn out.  
It will take us a few days to  
recuperate. Then we have to  
start the tedious task of  
house hunting. Housing is  
scarce here and it is a little  
more difficult to find a  
suitable place with two  
sisters. Emilio + Betty are



afraid that I am utterly  
useless to the study until I  
get settled a little. I don't  
think it is right that I  
should be drawing a  
salary during this ad-  
justment period; but for  
fear of drawing your wrath  
again, I won't protest too  
much. I really do feel  
guilty about it though.  
I have been making a  
few contacts already. The  
Misses are spread out all  
over the city. I believe that

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enjoying our stay here thus  
far. We called upon Alice &  
Morris yesterday & surprised  
them. They had no idea  
that we were coming. They  
have offered their help, but  
we are going to try to make  
our own adjustment as much  
as possible without imposing  
upon them.

I've looked up Togo Torasa,  
but haven't seen Tom yet.  
My housing problem & getting Betty  
into school are most pressing  
right now. I've even neglected  
my journal & I am



the Friends Service will be able  
to give us some good leads,  
I have not looked up Mr.  
Shinnell yet.

(I run out of ink)

I shall try to get a more  
detailed report of my oct-  
ibites to you later.

Sincerely,  
Charles

Betty & E. miss send best  
regards to you & W.I. & we  
are anxiously looking forward  
to your arrival.



Monday, April 19, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas:

My address is  
Now: 4743 Drexel Blvd.  
Phone Kenwood 1888

We were quite fortunate  
in finally finding an apart-  
ment. It is located on <sup>the</sup> South  
side of Chicago. I don't know how  
far it is from the University,  
but it shouldn't be too far.  
At least we can start to  
get settled a bit. Our  
baggage hasn't arrived yet.  
We are about six miles



immediately in case  
you had some in-  
structions for me.

Sincerely,  
Charlie

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from the boys, I believe, and  
our problem will be to find  
our apartment via the El!

We got lost twice already.  
The City is so immense. Our  
first impression is that it  
is dirty!!

I'm always running out of ink!

I still have not looked  
up Tom although I  
expect to this week.  
I wanted to get my  
new address to you



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June 22, 1943.

Dear Dorothy,

I am sending back the employee's withholding exemption certificate without putting in the number of dependents since I did not know what my status would be. If you think that only Bette is eligible for dependency and none of the rest of my family in Gila, will you put in the number for me?

I don't understand this tax business very well. All I know is that the money goes. I hope that they don't take too big a slice out of our salaries. Tom scares me by saying that it will amount to almost one-third of our salary after all the taxes are taken. I don't think that it will be this much; I hope not.

I am working on the JACL report yet. I have the rough draft finished and Frank and Tom are kindly giving me some suggestions for analysis and conclusions. The whole thing was a hard struggle but I hope to have it for you soon, unless a series of crises develops which completely inactivates me. It makes me laugh to see the JACL being "red baited!" Larry Tajiri is temporarily taking over Mike Masaoka's place in Washington, so I would assume from this that the "radicals" have finally taken over the league. It may be choked to death before then. In a way it has had one good effect; it put a stop temporarily to the Takahashi-Yatabe plan to reorganize Nisei society here. The JACL office is plenty worried here and Yatabe thinks he "will lay low for a while." The Dies committee worries me a little (Worry #1,999,000!) It can do a lot of harm.

The Kikuchi household was faced with another crisis this morning. There is an attempt being made by the large property owners to kick all the orientals out of our neighborhood. I think it is a direct result of the recent invasion into this area. Somebody phoned up our landlady and said that it represented the district Chamber of Commerce and they requested her to remove the Chinese family from her premise since they did not want any "Chinese" on Drexel Blvd! They told her that there was a law against it. I went down to the Kenwood Headquarters to talk to them face to face, but they sort of hedged. Mr. Rice, the man who beat his wife once but who is not a Japanese even if he has a name which refers to the national food, came to our rescue and said that we were a fine family as he knew and that we were most desirable in the building. The landlady then said that she knew we were "first Class" people and to ignore the thing for the time being. But I am afraid the property owners are going to put the pressure on her by telling her of lowered land and property values, etc. Ok will stand for his rights and not meekly move because there is a principle involved. Maybe the ASCL will take the case. I am hoping that the thing eases down. Maybe if you could write her a character statement for me, it would help her to hold her ground. I told her that I was doing work



vital to national defense, that my father was in Navy, that an uncle retired from U.S. Navy, that a brother-in-law was in Army, that Emiko did defense work, etc. I hate to bother you with this problem, but all of these things disrupts my efficiency. The landlady's name is Mrs. Blumenthall and she is nice, but a little afraid. Tom went downtown today so that he will report the matter to the WRA. I don't want a big issue raised now as it may force things too much. We may be able to work it out satisfactorily if given a little time. The Detroit race riots, the sentiments against the Negroes and Chinese, and the howlings of the Dies Committee scares the landlady somewhat and she doesn't want trouble in her place. Tom is going to suggest to the WRA that they discourage Nisei from moving into this area for a while as it will aggravate the problem. As the representative of one of the big real estate companies said to me this morning; "It is a delicate problem." He said that housing covenant against non-caucasians did exist.

I have another diary ready to send; I have fallen down all around--will not even have two diaries for the whole month. I give myself a lot of pep talks in order to break down my reluctance of mixing with Nisei society. It takes time, but I hate to do it on UC time. I just am not earning my salary and my conscience is raising hell. I shall try to get down to business. (We are in a terrible heat spell too.)

You don't think that the Dies committee will seize our stuff, do you?

I worry a lot about a lot of things, but most of this is done inside of me. I don't get too excited outwardly. Still trying to get the school situation straightened out without much progress. Wilson Jr. College is in acceptable frame of mind, but Chicago Board of Ed. has made ruling that people coming from camps will have to pay full tuition. This, of course, is downright reactionary and discriminatory. Dr. Johnson is up in arms and he thinks the board are a bunch of G.D. S.O.B's. He is trying to get around it in some way.

But then, God's in his heaven, we are winning the war, WI is well I hope, the sun is shining and all is well with the world so I shall close now and work some more on the Jacl report. It is a pretty messy job, I am afraid.

Sincerely,

*Charlie*

"Worry" Kikuchi



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June 24

Dear Dorothy,

I have such a guilty conscience that I am sending in my JACL report. I had intended to work it over some more, but decided that it would take me too long. Therefore, I am sending the first rough draft. It would take me over a week to retype it. As you know, I am a very inefficient typist. *+ very poor in grammar as you will see.*

I do not know if this is the type of report that you wanted. I started to follow the outline for the organized groups, but found it a little difficult to work with. I think that I have covered most of the points. I wanted to give a little fuller description of the Pasadena JACL and its influence on the Gila chapter, but found that I did not know too much about the Pasadena group. I am asking Togo to tell me what he knows about the Pasadena group and this will be sent in later. I found that I tended to wander off and talk about the JACL as a whole so I definitely determined to limit myself to the Gila group as much as possible. I wrote it in two sections--development and analytical summary. Frank was most helpful in assisting me to analyze the group.

I am tortured by my inefficiency so please don't send back a severe criticism for at least a week so that I can build up some resistance.

I hope to really get underway on this end of the study now. I still have the Social Welfare Department report to work up. I have the copy of the index which you prepared, but it only



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covers up to page 1114. Do you think that it will be possible to get a complete index? I don't think that I could do the job adequately. For example, in the Jacl index I found that it was most helpful in writing up and analyzing the movement since many suggestions were ~~th~~rown out. (I am not in a hurry; I dread the prospect of tackling the job! It's my Yusa complex, I guess.)

There has been no further development on my Housing Crisis so I presume that it will pass over. It had me quite worried for a time. I talked to the president of the Kenwood-Hyde Park Community Council and he told me that the people in our district was in great fear of a Negro invasion which was the reason why 85% of the apartments are covered by restrictive covenants. Incidentally, Tom tells me that the Woodlawn Home Owners Association protested the purchase of a house by the Takahashi clan, but the OPA promises to protect the clan. The WRA will try to encourage more Nisei to move to the North side of town in order to prevent a further invasion down our way, but I doubt if this can be controlled. Our district has many Jewish people in it and I can't understand why they should take such an intolerant view against "Chinese" coming to live on Drexel Blvd!

No progress on the school situation yet. The Chicago Board of Education has apparently passed a reactionary measure which specifically states that Japanese coming out of camps will have to pay the full tuition if he is under 21 years of



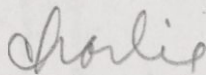
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age. Dr. Johnson is quite angry at this, but he does not believe that much can be done. The Board just won't put anything into writing. They have not answered my application for exemption of tuition for Bette yet. Emiko has written to the Student Relocation Council for financial assistance, but they were not too encouraging. They suggested that they were primarily interested in getting the Nisei out of the camps.

If you see that "keto" Bob around, give him my regards. Is he divorced yet? Also best regards to Morton. We are looking forward to seeing him when he comes through on the way to Washington. I hope that WI is well. Emiko and Bette sends their best wishes to both WI and you.

Sincerely,



Charles Kikuchi.

I have received a copy of my diary through page 2348 and also the first 580 plus pages. I hope that the rest of the staff are more ambitious than we are; I am sure they are.

I did not make a carbon of the jacl report.

We are in need of ~~large~~ postage stamps for sending manuscripts (eventually). I am working on my first case now. The schedule form did not work out so well so we are going to talk about it today at the staff meeting.



June 28, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I realize that I have slowed up on my diary as I do not keep it as diligently as before. Could you please keep the original in Berkeley as I have no place to store the accumulated volumes. All I will need is the typed copy. I now have through page 2348 which you have sent me.

charlie.

some of my attitudes have changed since the last entry in this volume so do not get alarmed. It is still hot as hell. Do you think that you could lend us a fan which you mentioned that Morton could bring out? (over)



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Would like criticisms on the case report. Frank thinks it is the sort of thing that you want, but I am not sure. I don't know if I will be able to have any further contacts with the individual or not. I don't think I have sufficient data on the case to justify any analysis or to indicate any thing in the way of resettlement adjustments.

(over)



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July 19, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you very much for the fan. With the cool breeze from it blowing on my face, I am sure that greater progress will be made on the study. In a day or so, I hope to send you copies of two more case histories that I have practically completed.

Frank has hired Louise Suskik as a secretary and he is busy every morning dictating solid to her. Tom has been working up some of his Tule lake material. I feel like a scab because I have done three cases now. I may get some threats of violence from the rest of the staff if I continue at the present pace. It so happens that I got three interesting cases in a short space of a week so that I was pretty busy. I find that one or two cases a week is about the limit as it takes me quite a while to write them up. I am waiting for Frank and Tom to write a case up so that I can get suggestions on how to do it. They haven't had time to get around to it yet since they want to get some of the other material off first. I think that they are keeping field notes on a number of cases which they are following. (No personality clashes yet so you can rest at ease. We get along very well, thank you. Frank has been most helpful in teaching me a little bit about the concepts of sociology.)

One thing that I wanted to ask you. Do you think that it is ~~permissible~~ all right for me to skip analysis of my case histories for a while? I don't quite trust my judgement yet. Everything else going along smoothly.

I suppose you have heard that we have had an incident in Chicago. Ten Filipino sailors ganged up on four Hawaiian Nisei and knifed them. We have not been able to get any details yet, but expect to know more about it next week.

Have you sent any stamps in large denominations yet? I have been paying for the postage of the last several (two) reports that I have sent in and I will add the amount to my expense account if that is agreeable with you.

I guess I am not very good at writing those long letters. My mind runs dry in about 10 minutes and I have no more to say. Give my best regards to WI.

Sincerely,

Charlie.

Charles Kikuchi.

yes on 10th



July 20, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

Enclosed is my long promised JACL report. I am also sending by separate folder (1) snatches of my journal that I have been keeping again of recent days, (2) some beginnings of case materials of which there are more to come, and (3) some notes on the WRA office which you might keep in a separate folder since I shall continue to write up anything I pick up from that office separately.

The Northwest JACL report is written almost entirely from memory since all the documentary material that I need if I am to do a decent job of it is not available at the moment. My hope was to get at the JACL files, which I am sure Jimmy Sakamoto has, at some later date and write up a thorough report on that interesting material. This report then is to be taken as a stop-gap until this other job can be done. It has all the shortcomings of a paper written in a hurry, and you'll undoubtedly find it rather unsatisfactory, but I feel that I can't do anything about it just at the moment. There are too many missing links in the whole story to put it down systematically just now.

Togo, I think, should write up a similar report on the Los Angeles JACL. Since he has his files with him now, I am sure that he could do an excellent job of the thing. I shall encourage him to undertake the task, but if you should write to him in the near future, I think a little encouragement from you might get him busy on the report.

Concerning the JACL report, again, a document of my personal history through the period from Dec. 7 to the date of departure from Puyallup will aid considerably in filling in the details of that period in Seattle. This is another report that I have plans for, but which may be some time in its writing.

All the material I am sending has been done in triplicate and we have sufficient copies here so you may keep them. I haven't bothered to polish them up in any form, but I don't suppose you'll ~~xxx~~ be much concerned on that score.

Sincerely yours,



July 21, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I have received up to page 2609 (May 14) of my diary and I was wondering if you got the others that I have sent. I am sending Vol 36 this time.

I do not have a copy of my Jacl report, <sup>either</sup> so if you have any typed up, could you send me a copy so that I can file it with the rest of the things in the office.

Weather still hot, but I am a little more active these days.

yours,

charlie.



July 30, 1943

CHICAGO

Collect

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas

Regret to inform you that my father passed  
away last night at Gila. Am taking a few days off  
to arrange affairs.

C. Kikuchi



4743 Drexel Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois.  
August 7, 1943.

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you for your kind letter. I am very sorry to hear of WI's accident. I am sure that he will be as good as new in a short time. Will you give him my best regards and wishes for a quick recovery.

I have managed to get my family affairs all straightened out. At first I thought of going to Gila, but decided to send Umiko instead. Alice has also gone. It was rather hard for Alice to take because she missed my father by just one day when she left Gila and she had plans of going to Gila at the end of this month. The girls took it fairly calmly and they are carrying on with their usual activities otherwise. I expect Umiko to be gone for about a month. The work was getting her down anyway so that she will probably get a good rest before school starts. I am still working on the school situation.

I hope to have some cases, rather one and an addition to CH-5, by the early part of next week. I find that I am not doing more than one week. I wish you would tell me if you consider that sufficient. It takes three or four interviews for one of my cases. Do you think that I should cut down on them and get briefer cases or are the longer ones worth the time? When some of the pressing business you have gets cleaned up, I would like to get some comments on the cases. I have been doing most of them in the first person without attempting an analysis. Togo has been getting some very interesting cases and if I ever get time I shall attempt to get a follow up to fill in some of the details.

Incidentally, I have not received my check yet, although it may arrive by the time I get this off. Thank you for sending the advance personal check but none of us are in immediate need. I am also sending some copies of some 8th grade compositions which I obtained from one of the persons I interviewed. I thought they might be useful from the point of view of getting attitudes of young students at Topaz on resettlement. It also reflects some of the fears and feelings of insecurity which these students no doubt got from their parents. Also, I will send you another copy book of my diary (#37) I have received up to or through the May 14 entry from your office.

Tom has some things to send so that we may put it all together and send it by railway express to save postage. We will insure it, of course.  
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Sincerely yours,

*Charles*

Charles Kikuchi.

*Typewriter rental is now \$8.75 for 3 mo. I will renew the rental on the one I have next week & send in receipt later.*



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150.00 salary  
9.20 tax  
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September 3, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I received your critique yesterday, but I have not looked it over thoroughly yet. Its looks quite formidable. We were to have a staff meeting this afternoon but I was not able to get there as I had an interview way across town (one and one-half hour by streetcar, and L). We will probably have a discussion on it the next meeting we have and I am sure that there will be many helpful suggestions in what you have sent.

I understand the Morton was to have arrived today, but I do not know if he did as I have not talked to Frank or Tom today. I have finished up once or two cases since I sent the last one and Tom will send them off just as soon as he has enough material to fill the little box he has for this purpose. I think that Ch-7,8, and 9 are ready. Frank has also some material which will be sent with the next batch. I just started CH-10 today, but I am breaking down under the misery of a cold or something so that I felt lousy, to say the most. I may have to take it easy for a couple of days to see if I can shake it off. The present case I have started is an Issei who has been in this country (Hawaii and California) for about 60 years. His father brought him over when he was six or seven. The man has not had any special highlights in his life, and it is a little slow going as he does not talk readily or else he does not remember. But then, I can't hope to have all my cases gush forth. CH-9 is in my opinion the most thorough one that I have done so far. I seem to learn something new after each interview. The Nisei are not very talkative and it is pretty hard to get them to open up. I think that they are naturally reluctant.

I also have a journal to send in. I have not been keeping up with it very well. I think that I will have to revise my estimates on the number of cases I will do per month as I am falling behind the pace I have set up for myself. I forgot to consider the time necessary in contacting them and to travel out to their apartments. Since it is possible to see them only in the evenings, the time for interviews is greatly cut down, and this makes about three visits necessary for an average case. (it may take even more time to first soften them up for the controlled interview.)

I have been busy this week on the school business. After five months it has not been cleared up yet. The Board of Education denied tuition exemption for Bette and requested \$196.00 for the year. I had to run around quite a bit this week contacting people and I finally managed to take out legal guardianship for Bette at the Probate Courts. I still do not know if that will be sufficient, but I will find out in a couple of days



when the classes are registered. After that, I have to work on Emiko's problem, but there does not seem to be much of a chance to get the exemption for her.

I received my check this morning. It was for \$129.12. I do not quite understand why it is not the same as last month--\$135.00. Is it because I do not get a dependent's exemption for Bette? Or is it for some other tax which was not taken out last month? I don't suppose much can be done about it as it is just the regular tax deductions, but I thought that some mistake might have been made.

Emiko is still in Gila as she cannot find anyone to travel with her on the Southern Pacific, since it goes through a prohibited area. I think that she will be back on the 15th or so. It makes it a little harder to work on her school problems with her not on the scene, but I suppose that things will work out. Don't mind me, I seem to be a man of worries today. I feel lousy as I said before, I worry about the school business, financial matters, a feeling that I am not accomplishing enough in my work, the terrible weather, etc. In a couple of days I shall feel much better, just as soon as I shake off this cold. Otherwise, everything is running along smoothly. Don't bother to console me because these moods pass off quickly and they do not come too often, just when new crises develop.

Frank, also, is having problems. He has to finish up some report to some Social Science Research Council, which he has put off for several months, his mother and sister are here, and he has some sort of a housing problem. He wants to get everything fixed up before he goes to Washington. Tom is also releasing more bile than usual in his digestive system because he has to finish up some sort of term paper before he goes to St. Louis, and Tomi went and spoiled his plans for a couple of evenings by having dinner guests or something. I guess the fever is catching. Louise is calm and collected as ever and nothing ever bothers her; same with Togo. I am looking forward to being the office manager during the absence of Frank and Tom!!! I got a letter from Miss Divinity of your typist staff. Do you think that it is safe for me to put in mild epithets, etc? She said that page 3000 had been reached in the journal.

Best regards to WI, Miss Wilson, Bob, and the rest of the office staff.

Very truly yours,

*Charlie*

Charles Kikuchi.

I have to cut this short because Bette insists that I clear the table off so we can eat. You know how fussy women are about the food getting cold.



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Sept. 15, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

I am sending you the letter to the Accountant's Office in regard to a reduction of my withholding tax from \$9.20 per month to \$4.00 as you suggested in your letter. I hope that I am allowed this exemption as it means a difference of quite a few dollars in the course of a year's work (assuming that I not fired before the year is up!).

Louise has also taken care of sending you our documents which has been accumulating for some time. She sent them out by express to you this morning so that you should receive them within a week. Attached is a copy of the contents of the express package to you.

I am working on CH-11 at the present time and I hope to have it finished by the end of the week. It is one of the longer documents and it takes a considerable amount of time to conduct the interviews and write it up. I had hoped to get in one extra case this month but I find that the interviews are getting longer and longer. Perhaps this is because I am trying not to omit any of the points covered by the questionnaire, however, it is almost impossible to cover every point since the interview is largely a free discussion and the only attempt I make to control it is to keep it within the limits of our outline. I do ask pertinent questions as I go along but I find that the interviewee is less likely to become irritated if I let him go his own way without interruptions. I have some ~~een~~ comments to make on the successes and difficulties of interviewing techniques but I will not take the time to list them all here as you probably have seen these comments in my diary. On the whole, I am fairly satisfied with the type of interviews which I am having. However, I do not know if the interviewee resents being put "on the stand" for 17 to 20 hours during the intensive formal interviews after the preliminary ground work has been done. Incidentally I am sending you Volume 39 of my Diary today in a separate envelope so that you should get this within a week also.

I am also listing here the expense account that I have accumulated from August 16 to September 15 in the amount of \$4.85 (\$3.60 of this was used for carfare and \$1.25 for phone calls). I have a day by day expenditure which you may require and you will find it on a separate page. Frank's typewriter rental is due again on the 21st and I shall take care of that matter next week and send the bill with my next expense account. I have \$7.50 in the office here which either or Morton or Frank left for a typewriter cleaning bill which is due on September 24 and I shall get the receipt for this so that whoever put out this money may get his refund. The typewriter which is being cleaned is Professor Blumer's and he is now back in the University.



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Perhaps if you could send Dr. Blumer a formal letter of thanks for the use of his typewriter by our staff for the past three months, this would emphasize to him that we have appreciated the use fully. Morton has arranged for the rental of another typewriter but it has not been delivered yet. Besides Frank's and Morton's typewriter rental, we may have to get one more typewriter after Tom returns from St. Louis. However, we may be able to hold this off until Frank's return from Washington since two typewriters should be sufficient for our use.

Since I am the office manager pro tem I feel that I owe you a longer letter than my usual hasty epistles, so I shall proceed to unburden some of my troubles, of a personal and not an office nature.

Michi and Tomi have been around the office several times and they look a little lonesome for their spouses. I would think that they would welcome a vacation, but love is a mysterious thing. I did not get to speak to Morton much during the week that he was here since I was in bed with a severe cold most of the time. However, I did manage to get my interviews in during the time I was feeling on the upgrade. Togo also had a cold for a couple of days and Tom was threatening to come down with a cold the day he left for St. Louis. He could have just as well have stayed here until Monday, the 13th, since Matsunaga girl was in Rockford, Illinois until that time. Tom left on Friday, the 9th, and he did not get the wire the from the Matsunaga girl informing him of this until the afternoon he left so that Tomi arranged to notify him of this matter. I have not received any word from either Tom or Frank yet so I do not know what is going on, although I presume that they are very busy. I am trying to locate at least one Japanese family in Florida so that I can take my winter vacation in Miami as my trip!

My greatest problem as usual is the school situation and I have been running around the city of Chicago all this week trying to get the matter straightened out. Bette registered in the Hyde Park high school and after attending classes for a week she was suddenly called into the office of the principal and informed that she could not attend the school any more until the full tuition fee of \$196.00 a year was paid. They took her books away so that she has not been in school this week. The school was notified to take this action by the Board of Education. I have attempted to get the situation clarified but it is uncertain what the final outcome will be. The Board of Education apparently will not recognize my legal guardianship over Bette as constituting residence. I have taken up the matter with the Legal Aid Bureau, United Charities Incorporated, the WRA, the American Friends Committee, the Chicago Teachers' Union, Dr. Earl Johnson of the university here, and Miss <sup>Herrick</sup> Harris, one of the public school teachers. I have even consulted the JACL (!) as I did not want to leave out any possible bets. I think that my best chance



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is through the Legal Aid Bureau and the Chicago Teachers' Union. There is a chance that I may bring up the matter with the American Civil Liberties Union if a case can be made up. The Board of Education is very evasive about the matter so that it does not commit itself and I am hoping that these organizations will bring some pressure to bear upon them. Bette was quite broken up, of course, about this turn of events as she thought that she was finally going to settle down in school. I shall keep you informed of the final outcome which is uncertain at the present time.

Emiko and Alice returned from Gila last Sunday, and I am also working on her school situation. I think that there is no way of getting around the \$226.00 a year tuition which the junior college requires. I have contacted several people and we are working on it now. I forgot to mention that the point about Bette's situation is that legally her residence should be considered to be where I am located since she is financially dependent upon me, I get income tax deduction for her as a dependent, and I have the legal guardianship over her. However, the Board of Education interprets that her residence still is where my mother is living which is nonsense. There apparently is no exact written clause in the school codes covering this matter so that the interpretation of legal guardianship apparently is up to its own discretion. It would take me quite a while to go through all of the experiences I have had in regards to this matter and I hope that you do not mind further details of the matter in my diary which is coming.

If a housing crisis came up now, I think that I will become a nervous wreck. With these problems plus the fact that I have been knocked out for about a week with a cold, I am afraid that my work on the Study has fallen off from the pace I was setting for myself last month. I have gone over the comments which you have made on our cases but we decided to discuss them more fully at a staff meeting after everyone returns and in the meantime I shall carry on and follow your suggestions as much as possible.

I hope that W.I. is fully recovered from his recent injuries. Will you please give him my best regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Charlie*

Charles Kikuchi

P.S. We are out of large envelopes. Will it be possible to get some more? We could also use some air mail stamps but it is not urgent yet.



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*Copy of this letter  
sent to Mr. Kikuchi  
9/18*

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Sept. 15, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Under a recent informal ruling of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, I find that I am entitled to claim two dependents rather than one. This ruling is as follows:

"An evacuee on leave whose wife and children remain at the center cannot ordinarily claim his children as dependents (since the Government ordinarily contributes) more than 50 per cent of the total cost of support. (However) where several children are involved and the amount contributed by the evacuee parent is less than 50 per cent of the total cost of their support, but more than 50 per cent of the cost of supporting one of the children, it is permissible for the evacuee to treat his contributions as having been made for the support of a particular child and claim this child as a dependent without claiming the others as dependents."

I am therefore claiming my sister Miyako Kikuchi as dependent, since my contributions to my dependents in the Gila Relocation Project amount to more than 50 per cent of the amount required for Miyako's support. For your information, there are still three dependent members of the family of which I am head at Gila River. These are my widowed mother, who is incapable, for physical reasons, of working; my brother Tom, aged 15 and my sister Miyako, aged 11.

Will you kindly inform the Accountant's Office of this situation and request that my withholding tax be reduced from \$9.20 to \$4.00, which, as I figure it, is the proper tax for a head of a family earning \$150.00 per month, and having two dependents.

Yours sincerely,

*Charles Kikuchi*

Charles Kikuchi



Sept. 27, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

We received the air mail stamps and the large envelopes this morning. We have a few office items which we are in need of. We have used all of the scotch tape up and if it is possible to get a large roll, we would appreciate it. Tom states that we are also in need of a few typewriter ribbons. We have about five rolls of the original but they are all half-used already. This is not an urgent need but we will be needing them in the near future. Professor Blumer's typewriter has been returned and he was very happy to get it back. He said that the typewriter was in the best condition which it has ever been for years. We have also thought about renting another typewriter since we only have one rented on in the office at the present time. I have a rented one which I use at home. Tom brings his own with him each day but this is a little inconvenient for him since he is in need of it during the evenings. Frank had been bringing his to the office but he took it with him to Washington. I understand that Morton rented another one but he took this with him to Washington also. Thus, if we rent one more and if Morton leaves his rented one in our office when he returns, we will have three typewriters here plus one additional one which I use at home. Do you think that this will be too many typewriters to rent? Tom said that he had \$14.00 of his expense account for St. Louis left and he will hold this until we get definite word from you as to whether we should rent another typewriter or not.

We are also out of the Evacuation and Resettlement Study letterheads. We also need some carbon paper. We would prefer the heavy carbon if it is possible. Tom believes that if you send this material in large quantities, we will always be able to use it. We have about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  reams of the yellow second sheets left so that we will be needing some shortly. I have one ream at home which I use occasionally but I will bring it to the office in case we run out before your shipment arrives.

Incidentally you will find that we have now a locked file when you arrive here in November. Please do not send a letter of thanks to Dean Redfield for this since we obtained the key accidentally. We sort of used a little force on the locked desk in our office and found the keys to the files in it. We did not bother anything else so do not be alarmed. Will you please tell W.I. that I looked in Professor Small's locked files for his letter to Teddy Roosevelt but I was not able to find it.

Tom dictating: We've changed our arrangements with Sumi and she will be working for us only on Saturdays to clean up copy work and for clipping things from newspapers and for other odds and ends that Louise will not have time to do. At present Louise is working full time and even with two of us here we are piling on so much work that there is always a backlog. I'm afraid that we shall either have to cut down on some of the material going in by typing our own a little more or else may need additional help when Frank comes back. We know that you are having a halluva time with your budget and we shall toe the mark on whatever decision you make. We shall appreciate your letting us



know how you feel.

Charlie again: I might add that I had been dictating the last two or three cases and I find that it is convenient for me since it saves quite a bit of time. It was a little difficult at first to organize my thoughts but I am rapidly becoming adjusted to this method. We save a little time because Louise types the material right out as we dictate, however, when Frank returns I may have to go back to typing my own cases up more if there is a lot of other work that has to be done. The office help situation is not too acute yet but we would like to know just how far we should go.

I finished CH-12 and it shall be in the mail for you tomorrow. The case was obtained in rather a hurry since the girl was joining the WACs and I did not have an opportunity to interview her at great length, however, I did manage to get a fairly complete interview. The case is not as long as the last several I have sent (70 pages). I am looking forward to your and W.I.'s arrival in Chicago since I am not completely satisfied with the data I have been getting and I feel that I will be able to get first hand suggestions from you upon your arrival.

We have not heard from Frank lately except the second hand news that he had diarrhea for a while. Tom said that he is over this now.

I have no further news to report on the school situation. I felt that I could not keep Bette out of her classes any longer so that we paid a month's tuition to the Board of Education. They charged us \$19.60 for the remainder of September upon the basis that Bette had enrolled in the earlier part of the month and therefore should pay the whole sum. They did not consider the fact that they had forced her out of her classes for about two weeks. I paid the money under protest. The American Civil Liberties Committee of Chicago is taking up the case but I do not know how successful it will be. The reason I put Bette back into public school was that I hope to get the Board of Education to relent upon its harsh stand but now I am more pessimistic about it. Mr. Latimer, the secretary of the office, is writing a letter to every member of the Board under my signature in an effort to get them to consider this as a special problem. When he went to see the secretary of the Board of Education, the request for tuition exemption was denied on the basis that I had obtained legal guardianship for Bette as a subterfuge to avoid paying the tuition. I presume that you have received the letter which I sent to Mr. Latimer when I initially contacted his office. The Board of Education evidently is in dire need of money so that they are being hard hearted and not recognizing my intent to become a permanent resident or that Bette is fully dependent upon me. I will have another volume of my Diary to send in in a few days so that you will be able to follow the full developments on this case, if it does not bore you too much.

Emiko is enrolled at the Woodrow Wilson City College now but she is having some trouble getting the right courses.



I think that this will be straightened out within a few days. There does not seem to be much chance that the tuition will be exempt for her. Next week Emiko is going to look for a part-time job so that she will have money for her personal needs and I am sure that she will be able to get something fairly easily.

The registration for the fall quarter at the University here took place on Saturday but I did not register for a part time course because my status was not clear yet. The true fact is that I have not pursued this with any effort because of the uncertainties of Bette's and Emiko's school problems. Tom tells me that it costs about \$45 for one course here per quarter so that I have decided not to enroll until next quarter.

Last Friday Tom and I appeared on a panel discussion with Dr. Yatabe of the JACL at a WRA staff conference meeting. We both stressed the point that the social adjustment was more important than employment placement only. I don't think that either of us were too harsh in our criticisms and we did manage to give a couple of constructive suggestions. The interesting thing about the meeting was that it indicated a sharp cleavage in the WRA personnel. Those of the interviewers who had a social work background agreed with us completely, while those with a USES background disagreed rather drastically. There seems to be a move on a part of the WRA personnel to put pressure upon Shirrell to pay more attention to the social case work aspects of his office and the employment people there do not agree with this approach. As you know, the emphasis up to now has been only upon employment placement in quantity rather than stressing quality and personal adjustments.

As for the general resettlement adjustments, there is not many new developments that I have noted. The nisei are rather lost in this great metropolitan area and they live in complete anonymity. I am trying to get varied types of cases but it is a little difficult to contact people. Lately the rate of resettlement into Chicago has slowed up considerably. The present trend seems to be towards Detroit, Cleveland and other areas. Togo tells me that there is quite a bit of secondary movement towards New York City. On the whole, the total number of people resettling from the camps has slowed down greatly with the coming of the winter season. And with the depletion of the more likely nisei from the camps, there are not too many people left who have an urge to come out. It seems to me that fewer of the older nisei are coming out, particularly those who had businesses on the coast before the war. These individuals usually are married and have families so that it is a much more difficult problem with them. I will keep you posted on latest developments as much as possible through my diary and through letters.

Very truly yours

Charlie.



September, 29, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I am sending you the exemption certificate to show that I have one additional dependent. The Chief Accounting Officer, O. Lundberg, sent me the W-4 to fill out. I also received your letter regarding the tax refund for the office help. (The letter was from ~~Mrs~~ Wilson, pardon me.)

I think that we are going to have some sort of office crisis. The secretary from Redfield's office, the nasty one, just came up and said that we had to move out because a visiting professor was coming. He wanted to know how long we were staying here and how many used the office. I told her that we had four regular workers and two office help and that we had come to Chicago to work indefinitely.

The secretary said for us to prepare to move out in a day or so. I told her that we had quite a bit of equipment and office supplies, plus files, up here. then she said she would try to find a place in the <sup>basement</sup> ~~office~~ for us and expect to move. Tom is getting an appointment with ~~Rafi~~ Redfield to see if ~~nothing~~ something can be done about it as we do not want to share and office with some other people and we do not want to be orphans.

Sincerely,

Charlie

Do you think it would help if you wrote to Dean Redfield right away to plead our cause for the office?



# The University of Chicago

The American Journal of Sociology

Sept. 29, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

Please disregard the other letter sent this morning in regard to our losing the office. It is now an accomplished fact. However, we did not do so badly in spite of the fact that the room is in the basement. It is Room #11 which was formerly used for some sort of statistical study but dust has been gathering in there for the last two years. Tom and I spent most of the day cleaning it up and it was the first time that we have done manual labor for months. We were very fortunate in getting many facilities that we did not have in our previous office. We now have access to a phone, extension 739. Besides that we managed to get five desks and chairs for ourselves. We also found a lot of paper, clips, cabinet files, etc. which we can put to good use. We took one of the locked steel files down with us and another open file was given to us by Redfield's secretary. We cleared off some of the bookcases so that we now have a large one for our use. The room is a little dark but I think we will manage without too much difficulties.

I have asked for six keys to the room, which will be delivered to us tomorrow by Redfield's secretary. We also took some of the miscellaneous office fixtures from up here down to our new office, such as, typing tables, letter cabinet, lamp, etc. I don't think that the new visiting professor, who will occupy our old office, will mind. Our new office still needs to be cleaned out considerably and I believe that the janitors will take care of this eventually. Tom and I took over the two largest desks for our use and relegated <sup>Frank</sup> to one of the minor tables. There may be some repercussions when Frank returns but we will operate under this new set-up during my regime as office manager. We also have a desk for Louise and Togo. We shall try to have the office looking presentable by the time you arrive. It is quite a large room and we will have privacy to conduct interviews or have staff conferences.

Would it be possible for you to send a letter of thanks to Dean Redfield's private secretary, the little mean one that you don't like (quoting Tom). She was nice though in giving us files and other office fixtures.

Dr. Layton called up yesterday and said that he and two of his stooges will come see us today. We have locked up all our stuff and will give them a merry, warm reception. We will show them all the newspaper releases. We do not know what his object in coming is yet, but we shall send you a further report after the meeting.

Sincerely yours,  
*Charles*

P.S. We also "borrowed" a pencil sharpener from the old office. It must be the evacuee attitude which still has a holdover virtue.



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Oct. 4, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

I am writing to you about the proper amount of my check again! I think that something wrong has been done by the business office again because my check for September was in the amount of \$129.12, the same as last month. Tom received this amount also last month but this month he has gotten straightened out while mine apparently has not.

As I figure it, I should get a greater amount than the \$129.12, since I have listed two dependents, perhaps the business office did not get my certificate for tax exemptions in time to make the adjustments. Even so, I had Bette as a dependent previously so that it seems to me that I still should have received more than the \$129.12 this month although I may have figured the tax deductions out wrong. It is a lot of grief to me anyway. Would it be too much trouble for you to find out if anything can be done about the matter?

I have financial worries on my mind this morning. Besides the U.C. check, I also received two bills amounting to \$39.00 for Bette's school tuition and some dental work I had done on my teeth. If I get any more bills like that I won't be able to keep the wolf away from my door! It's really not that bad, but I would like to get the business of my proper check all straightened out if possible as it is quite a mental strain on me to receive different amounts each month without knowing definitely why the deductions are being made. I think the efficiency in my work could improve if this worry ~~was~~ eliminated! I suppose that the business office has many worries of its own so I will try to remain philosophical about the matter.

We have not much to report about our office. We are comfortably settled in our new office and we like it very much. The only trouble is that the janitor forgets to clean it, but this is only a minor office matter. We also have two locked files now and one open file which we obtained through a little maneuvering around. As a consolation for not giving Frank one of the best desks we have assigned him the very best drawer in the locked file and he will not even have to bend over when putting in his masses of data into them. We also found several reams of bond paper in the office but we will be needing the yellow paper pretty soon. I assume that we will be getting the supplies I mentioned previously in a short time.

*Leighton*

We had our conference with Layton's ~~stooges~~ *Leighton* the other day but it was only a waste of time for us. Layton himself did not show up but he sent three of his "morons" to represent him and after they left we concluded that they were "idiots." They were not such bad fellows as all that but they certainly didn't know the score.



According to the information they gave us, they intend to have some books ready to publish by next January. Their work covers the Poston situation from the beginning to July 1 of this year and ~~Leighton~~ has brought them out here in order to summarize all of their material. I suppose eventually all of this data will be available to us and I do think that they have some valuable data which they have accumulated. The only trouble was that the fellows who came out here were inflated with their personal self-importance and that did not strike us too well. I will reserve judgment on their work until after I talk to ~~Leighton~~ himself. As far as I know they do not intend to study the resettlement out here. I expect to make a courtesy call upon their office within a week or so. They are located on the 10th floor of the Merchandise Mart in one of the Indian Service offices. They did not make it clear as to who was sponsoring their work but I gathered that it was a combination of the Indian Service, Naval Intelligence and the WRA.

Forrest LaViolette called upon us today. He has just returned from Heart Mountain after spending five months there as the community analysis head. He had some very interesting view on the project which he told us about. I presume that Frank will be able to get all of his reports on the community analysis from the Washington office. Evidently he has contributed some valuable material from his observations at Heart Mountain.

Our own work here at the office is continuing slowly. We have sufficient contacts to keep us busy for a while. As long as this good weather keeps us we will be able to keep us with our field work. However, I am worried a little about the coming winter which I understand is rather severe and I suppose this will limit our contacts a little. I've sent in another of my diaries this morning. You mentioned in a previous letter that you have received Vol. 38 and 39. I thought I had sent in a Vol. 40 also but I may be mistaken. Could you check on my September 14 entry and find out what volume that was in? I expect to have CH-13 ready to send in by the end of the week or early next week as I have not finished my interview with this individual yet. I probably will start upon CH-14 this week if I can make the contacts.

Still no news about Bette's school situation. The Civil Liberties Union here believes that the Board of Education has not a leg to stand upon and they will make a test case out of the matter if the Board refuses to reconsider its decision. Emiko received her check for the Gila work last week and I am forwarding Alice's to her. Alice has finally decided to go to Rockford to live in order to be near her husband. She is having a difficult time finding housing down there but I don't think that she will have any difficulties in finding a position since Mr. Kendall Smith, the head of the WRA office there has assured me that there are plenty of opportunities and that he would personally take care of her. I have some interesting developments in CH-9, the case of the fat girl, but I am only putting it in my diary and at a later time I will do some analysis on these new ~~notes~~- field notes. Her sister has come to Chicago with the baby and she is imposing upon CH-9, causing a severe emotional disturbance.

Very truly yours,

Charlie



P.S. We are in need of 20¢ denomination stamps. We have a few 50¢ stamps, however, several envelopes have been under the 50¢ mark.

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Oct. 11, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

We received the very interesting data which you received from the Leuppe relocation center. We have not had time to go through this material yet but I am sure that Frank, especially, will find it of value. I also note that my little friend, Fredericks, included the Gila kibe who were interned and that he recommends the release of most of them. Perhaps he is right. I might add that the envelope in which this data was enclosed was very badly torn and the only which prevented the pages from slipping out was the string you had tied around the batch. The postoffice apparently handles these envelopes very roughly. In the last envelope, half of the letter heads you sent were destroyed and torn. If the envelopes we send to you are received in a similar condition perhaps we should raise a rumpus with the postoffice department.

I got a letter from Glick of the Washington WRA and he does not seem to be a very good bet. He said that he had asked the Chicago WRA office to give me as much assistance as possible in order to straighten out the matter! He also said that he had discussed the matter with Morton. His concluding sentence was "I agree with you in view of the fact that a good many other young Nisei have been accepted without question into the Chicago school system, it probably would be unwise to initiate litigation in this case." I don't think that he will be of much use. The Chicago Civil Liberties Union is still working on the matter but they have not made any progress. Tomorrow I have an appointment with the YWCA to see what they can do. In the meantime I am still paying the tuition fees.

I am sending CH-14 on to you today. It is an incomplete case but I don't know when I'll be able to get another interview with this individual. I am holding CH-13 until the latter part of this week as it is a longer case and I expect to have it finished by then. My progress has definitely slowed up during the past couple of weeks. Tom also sent in a batch of field notes Saturday. Louise and Sumi received their checks today.

Tom has asked me to ask you if you could send the 400 Rumor Sheets which he has filled out as he is beginning an analysis of pre-evacuation rumors under Blumer and he would like this material as soon as possible.

No other news to report except that we now have six keys for our present office and everything is functioning smoothly. We are expecting our supplies any minute now.

Very truly yours,

*Charles*

Charles Kikuchi



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Oct. 18, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

I am sending in Vol 41 of my Diary today. I do not expect to have another case to send in for a week or so. I sent in CH-14 and CH-13 recently which I expect you have already received.

*Sent for more copies 10/21*  
*Sent order in 10/21*  
We are all out of the Interview Schedule Form. Would it be possible to have 100 or so of these forms sent to us as soon as possible. I think that will take care of our needs until your arrival in November. I am not asking for more because you possibly may wish to revise these individual schedule forms after you meet with us in November. We have sufficient copies of the general outlines. I would also like some more of those blue spiral notebooks on which I write my Diary. I have about three of them left, which is enough for about another month and a half. I am also enclosing my expense account for the past *Put thro' 10/21* month.

Frank and Morton came back on Friday and we had a general staff meeting in the afternoon. I assume that Morton will tell you all about it when he arrives in Berkeley. Evidently the two of them got a great deal of material from the WRA office and Frank is already busy doing something with them.

I still do not have any new developments on the school situation to report to you. It appears that I am going to be out of luck and we will have to pay the full tuition. I hate to give the Board of Education that money because I don't think that the school system is as good as they claim. However, I have not been able to find a decent private school for them to go to, so I am letting the matter slide alone until the Civil Liberties Committee tells me what they have done. I have also discussed the matter with the local YWCA organization and they seem willing to apply a little pressure to the Board of Education.

As for the nisei situation in Chicago, things are rather quiet, although the advocates for a nisei society are getting their forces together for a counter revolution. The only other developments recently was the death of a nisei girl due to an accident on the "L". She was a former University of California student and she was working for the War Department at the time of the accident.

Very truly yours,

*Charles Kikuchi*



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Oct. 20, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

We are a little worried about not receiving our office supplies yet. We expected the shipment all last week but it did not come. If it does not arrive in the next couple of days we will have to purchase some yellow second sheets. Tom received his shipment of Japanese newspapers, etc. this morning and we were wondering why the office supplies have been so delayed. We hope that we will get the material in a day or so. I am sending back the letter in regards to Layton's file. It looks like he has some good material in his files and perhaps we may be able to get some useful data if he is willing to turn it over without any strings attached.

We have acquired one other desk for Dr. Shotaro in exchange for one of the older ones. We found it in the next room that we were using for a couple of office conferences. I don't think that they will mind very much if we borrow these things.

The case studies are going along fairly smoothly although I had difficulty for a couple of nights in getting my contacts. As soon as the weather got warmer the nisei started to go out a lot again and I could not catch them at home. I am working on CH-15 and CH-16 now and I think that I will have them ready to send in by the end of the week if my interviews are completed. CH-15 has been giving me a lot of trouble because he is never home. Louise is sending is an inventory of the different reports we have in our files now. This should reach you about the same time as this letter.

There is no other news to report as things have been rather quiet. No progress on the school situation either. I think I will have to start making inquiries again in a week or so if nothing develops. Thank you very much for your kind offer to give me a loan in case my financial situation gets difficult. I think that I shall be able to manage along without it for a while anyway. However, I do appreciate your kind offer in this.

Best regards to W.I.

Very truly yours,

*Charlie*

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Nov. 1, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

I have read your letter to the Staff and I have given some serious thought to it. To be perfectly honest with you, it did not disturb me as much as it disturbed Tom and Frank. In fact, I felt some justification for the way I have been doing my work here since it gave me a clearer picture of the direction I am going. That was the thing which had bothered me the most. I hope I did not interpret the letter ~~wrongly~~. I also hope that you will not be disappointed that I did not have a more violent reaction. In fact, I feel pretty happy this morning. I think that as far as getting continued detail on the cases I have already done, will be more or less of a routine problem. I think that it would be very helpful for me if we could discuss at the conference the best ways in which to make follow-ups of some of my cases. What I mean by this is that I would like to have some specific points to get further material on. That is, a further addition to our outline which will go into greater detail on the resettlement phase of the individual. I have now concluded that you are fairly satisfied with the type of case histories I am doing. I must confess that this caused me my moments of doubt in the past because I sort of felt that you were only saying things to encourage me. I don't feel that I ~~am~~ doing a complete job on the cases yet because there are still many gaps to be filled in. That is why I would like to ~~get~~ a further addition to our outline.

For some reason it is much more difficult to interview a nisei than the average Caucasian person. The nisei seem to be more inhibited and therefore I find that I have to work with an individual much longer in order to get him to open up. The thing that I want to avoid is to ask leading questions so that he can give a stock answer to it. Also, during the course of an evening's conversation I sort of run out of questions to ask the individual when he stops talking at free will. I think that all of this is only technical problems and has nothing to do with your letter of "chastisement". We look forward with fear and trembling at your coming arrival, and I am preparing myself for the shock of your wrath! I have taken your letter seriously as I said before, but I am unable to become greatly disturbed. I suppose it is because I did not have any definite plan of study set out for myself. To be quite truthful, my reaction was more of relief than disturbance. Please don't get the impression that I am feeling smug and satisfied with myself because that is not the case. But I do feel that I will be able to profit greatly by further direction from you. I guess I better not say any more before you get disgusted at my lack of reaction to your letter. I shall patiently wait until the end of November for your arrival and continue to work along as I have been doing.

I expect to send in CH-17 in a day or so because I have gotten the data on hand and all that is necessary is to type it up.



I mailed in another volume of my diary and in the later entries, I think you are going to be displeased at what I have done. I have become a "participant" and not remained solely as an "observer". I'm afraid I've gotten too greatly concerned with the different agencies' policies on social adjustments. The thing has been brewing very hotly now for the past couple of weeks, and Mr. Shirrell has disappointed me greatly because he feels that a "trial and error" method is the only way to solve the social adjustment of the nisei. I have more or less taken the view openly that it is necessary to have a wider perspective than that and to have some principles to work with. From either approach, a dilemma is reached and there is no clear cut solution to this problem of integration. Shirrell now believes that all nisei groups are okay, in fact, he is encouraging it. The YWCA and YMCA naturally have followed his leads, and the JACL, and also the Church Federation. The Friends and Mr. Smeltzer of the Brethrens are still consistent in policy and there is some conflict between them and the WRA. Friday I went to a relocation committee at the WRA and in this meeting the whole question was debated very hotly again. Shirrell and his group apparently gained the upper hand. I made some rather pointed remarks at Mr. Shirrell when he said that the WRA had no definite policy about this whole resettlement program as I pointed out that the dispersal policy indicated that the WRA wanted integration as the goal and therefore this goal should not be compromised in any way because of pressure put upon him by individuals. I also said some more nasty things to him and I am afraid that Frank will have to go down and make peace with him. I made it quite clear that the opinions I expressed were personal and did not ~~inve~~ represent the Study at all. I must admit that the way things are going now has been rather upsetting to me because I think that it is contributing towards the future segregation of the nisei. You will not be able to read the full details on Friday's meeting since I am recording this data in my new volume of my diary. In the future I shall try to be more of an observer and less of a participant, but it is rather difficult since I myself am involved in what is going on. I received some rather pointed criticism about the Study because we were accused of not giving a damn of what happened to the nisei as long as we collected the data. In a way, this is true, but I don't think that such direct accusations were justified since you do send monthly reports to the WRA and act as adviser to them in other ways.

Still no further news on the school situation. It doesn't look too promising now but I will continue to work on it. Best regards to W.I. Will you please tell him that his comments on Individual Case Document which he sent has been of great value to me.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles*

Charles Kikuchi

P.S. Should I have had a more emotional reaction to your letter to the staff??? I think I better read it over once more and give some more serious thought to it. It just happens that today is one of my better days and I feel quite happy because the sun is shining and all is peaceful around here!



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Nov. 3, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

I received my Diary entry from September 15 to 30, and also an extra entry, pages 3051 to 3070 (August 9-11). I believe that some mistake must have been made in the numbering since I already have the latter section which is numbered pages 3071-3097. Evidently the section you sent me was an extra copy or perhaps yours office staff typed it twice. I do not have any entry from pages 3050-3070, but this same section starts on page 3071. As I make it out, the only reason for this must be that it was either numbered twice or typed twice. I am putting this extra section in a folder in our files and if you need it to complete your copy of my journal I will send it back. I probably have you all confused but I hope you get the idea of what I have said. My last copies were not punched. Do you think that you can have your typist send me the punched copy hereafter?

I am also enclosing a list of supplies which we will need. Our other supplies have not arrived yet. I did get my blue bound notebooks. I assume that the other things are coming by freight and it should be here very shortly. I still have not finished CH-17 but I expect to have it in the mail this week. Tom says that he has some material from Matsunaga and he will forward it on to you as soon as he straightens out the numbering difficulty with her.

I will have to renew my typewriter rental by November 7th and I shall send in the receipt shortly after that. Tom just told me of some other typewriter arrangements so please disregard the above sentence. We plan to cut down on the typewriter rental with the following arrangements: We borrowed one standard Underwood from the University without any rental charges and we will be able to keep it pending Redfield's secretary's approval. This was the typewriter that we got out of one of the empty offices when we moved out of our last office. One of Tom's friend, Alfred Doi, who is teaching Japanese at the University here, will lend us his portable typewriter indefinitely if we pay the \$5.75 repair charges on it since the University will supply his office with a typewriter anyway. Tom has another friend, Barry Saiki, who is going to loan us a standard also without charge for an indefinite period of time. Therefore, I shall return the typewriter I rented, leaving us with two rented ones. As soon as we get the promised typewriters, we will return one more rented one. Therefore, we look forward to a cutting down of the typewriter rental bills to only \$7.50 every three months instead of \$22.50 for three months that we have been paying. Tom will let you know further of these arrangements, when they become final.

Tom tells me that Mr. Shirrell is very mad at me so you will have to make peace for me when you arrive and I shall



attempt to remain an observer and not a participant hereafter. There are great doings in the WRA and the policy has changed to become greatly concerned with community activities. Jacoby is coming out to head this phase of the work and there apparently will be a deemphasis on the employment phase. We are still working under cramped office space since they have not gotten around to removing the large cabinets in here yet, since the workmen are too busy fixing Mortimer Adler's room which he took over from us.

It is getting very cold in Chicago now and I find that the nisei are staying home a little more, although it is still difficult to find them at home. I don't know how the WRA and other people figure that the nisei are so "lonesome" and that they stay home and twiddle their thumbs every night.

As usual, no further news on the school situation. I have just about given up hope on getting the exemption from the Board of Education. I don't know what my next step will be yet. Bette is also having difficulties about her credits yet and she may not be able to finish up by June because they want her to repeat all of her Gila work. This will be the third time she has to do the same work if it has to be done.

Very truly yours,

*Charlie*

Charles Kikuchi



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November 8, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

Just a short letter to inform you that a landmark has been reached in our school problem. The Chicago Board of Education sent us a letter informing Bette and Emiko that they no longer had to pay tuition for the public schools on the basis of a reconsideration of our appeal for exemption! I do not know why the Board changed its decision but I rather suspect that it was due to the pressure applied by the Civil Liberties Union and other organizations which have been actively interested in this problem.

Naturally we are greatly relieved and happy that such a successful decision has been arrived at since it did cause us many moments of worry during the past seven months. It will mean a savings of approximately \$425 a year on tuition fees, and that ain't hay!! It will certainly relieve my burden considerably. The Board of Education is returning all the money that had been paid to date. I don't know whether this was a blanket decision for all nisei students or not. I rather suspect that the exemption was granted upon an individual basis due to the many appeals we have made on it. However, it does set a precedent now and the way will be open for other nisei students to receive the same consideration if they are under the legal guardianship of a relative here.

I also wish to thank you for your untiring efforts in keeping up my morale and actually helping me by telling of persons that I could contact for help. With this worry off my mind, I hope that I will be able to do better work on the Study, and not be distracted by personal problems to such an extent as this.

The staff is working very hard today but I am taking it rather easy since I do not have any complete interviews to report for a day or so. I hope to have a couple of cases to send in by the end of the week, depending upon ~~later~~ whether I can catch the interviewee to finish up.

Incidentally, there is a light snowfall today and it is quite cold. I read your letter to the staff but I was not too disturbed because I didn't quite understand the scientific terms you used! Do you really want me to work out a problem to fit my work into? I'm afraid that I do not have one in mind as yet.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles*

CHARLES KIKUCHI



4743 Drexel Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois.  
November 16, 1943.

Dear Dorothy,

Yesterday I sent in volume 43 (Nov. 1--Nov. 15 entry) to your office and you should receive it shortly. I am also sending you my expense account for the period October 15 to November 15 in the amount of \$5.95. I hope that you do not think that it is getting to be too much. I traveled around a lot on the streetcar during the past month, but I am sure that my pace is going to slow down shortly. I sent in CH-20 last week and I presume you have received it by now. I believe I will have CH-21 to send in shortly and after that I will probably go at a much slower rate. I figured that the conference would knock us out on the field work for a while so I wanted to finish up the cases I had lined up before your arrival. I am looking forward to a minute criticism of my work and for additional pointers on what to cover.

It has occurred to me that our outline will need a little revision or addition to it. The resettlement phase is getting to be a much longer period of time in the cases we cover, and I thought that perhaps we should have a more detailed outline on that section, and perhaps cut down a little on the outline for the background of the individual. Or else we could have a longer outline on the resettlement phase and cover it in one additional interview. That would mean fewer cases, but more complete. In my interviews, I usually have additional questions to ask, but they are general and I don't ask each person the same ones. I feel that if we sort of standardize the general scope to cover and then formulate some questions which fall within it, then we will have a fair coverage of each individual. As for the outline on the whole, I don't find any difficulty in working with it. It is getting so that I can almost ask the questions automatically from memory and follow the general outline pretty closely.

I think I am getting more variety in my cases now, and I realize that they were sort of biased before. It is much more difficult to interview the "quiet" Nisei, but it is worth the effort sometimes. There are some cases that seem useless to spend time on interviewing so I drop them. Interviewing Nisei is quite a workout because they are not so verbal and so many of them really have nothing to say at all, and they don't seem to have had any vivid experiences throughout the evacuation period that they can recall. One of the strange things is that some of the people I interview have the notion that I can solve their personal problems for them just because I have had a little training in social work. The most I can do is to suggest alternatives in some cases. However, I find this factor is a good way at obtaining their confidence. I suppose we shall discuss interview techniques at some length in our conference so I shall not go into further details on my progress.

Sincerely,

Charlie.

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Incidentally, I have borrowed Alice's typewriter for an indefinite period of time--until she finds a permanent apartment in Rockford so that our typewriter problems appears to be completely solved. Barry Saiki brought in his standard and we will have the use of it after it is cleaned up a little. Alfred Doi has his portable in repair now and we expect to have the use of that shortly so we will be able to turn in the remaining two borrowed typewriters that we have after the rental period runs out, unless something unexpected happens.

Miss Lavery, Redfield's secretary, has been very nice to us lately. All of the basement offices are being painted and she has given us a choice as to when we want ours done. We have decided to put it off until after the conference since the office would be in a mess if they started now and it still would be that way upon your arrival. We still cannot get the large map cases removed but that is ok. If we have too large an office they would want to evacuate us again. The Army seems to be taking over all the available offices upstairs and we hope that they will not invade our domain. Miss Lavery just came in and she said that the Army has taken over all the Anthropology offices and they are going to paint them first. Therefore, we are going to rearrange our office and prepare to settle down as they won't come around to paint it for a couple of months more in the least.

I am thinking of taking one course in the Social Service Administration here if I can obtain clearance. Would that be alright with you? I hesitate to do it because I know it will cut into my work a little and I have a guilty feeling yet about my lack of quality in my work. I do not seem to have time or interest to read any sociology books. Anyway, plans for enrollment are still vague and very tentative.

Best regards to WI, and Emiko and Bette says to relay their regards also to both you and W.I.

*Childe*



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January 29, 1944.

Dear Dorothy,

This is that philosopher, Charles Kikuchi. I thought everything was running along smoothly too. For the past couple of days, everything was fine.

then this evening, Emiko was cooking dinner and Bette went up to do her work. Our landlady was feeling in a very <sup>nasty</sup> anxiety mood and she took it out on Bette. We were not remotely aware that we would have a housing problem just like that. As you know, she has had us over a barrel by threatening to kick us out if Bette did not do more and more work. Then she would complain that it was not done well enough. So it was the blowoff. We could not humble ourselves any further and have any self respect left. She gave us two days notice to move out.

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Of course, there is a principle to the whole thing. We came in here April 19 on a rental basis. She tried to say we had the arrangement for Bette to do the housework from the beginning. She said that it was her right to ask us to move since she needed our apartment for somebody who would do the work. She made all sorts of excuses. Finally I hemmed her down to the point that our presence was undesirable because we jeopardize her business. Maybe the news of the Jap massacre had something to do with it. Anyway she said that she had had five complaints in the past because those "orientals" were living in a white man's house, etc. etc. She said that she had to think of her bread and butter first. I said that there was a matter of principle involved and I was going to the O.A. and every other damn place I could think of. I don't think that it will do any good, but it's the idea of the thing. We were such nice people too! We never made any noise or anything like that and she admitted that she liked us personally but she was controlled by public opinion, etc. She said: "You people are in a bad spot these days and you will only make the public all hate you more if you go around asking for equal rights like a time like this!!!! (incidentally, she is a "minority brother" too I think--Blumenthal is the name.) Then she said that she sympathized with us, etc but she had to think of her business first. I told her that if we all did that we would never make progress for democracy. She came to the point that money was the only thing in life that was important to work for and the other values of life were only for dreamers and people who tried to reform the world. (Inferring that we should keep our places!!) It's a good thing that I did not take Emiko up there or there might have been fireworks. Bette was sizzling too.

Anyway, I will make a case out of it just for the hell of it and because I believe that we have to make a stand or else there will be drives to drive turn the Nisei inward into a



segregated life.

I'm going to make the case on the basis that we paid rent here first and the work has nothing to do with it so that she has no cause for eviction. In the meantime, I suppose we have to look for a new place. Too bad. I was just getting started in some new and interesting cases, but I guess life will be disrupted for a while. I hope you don't mind too much.

It gripes me like hell to see such small minded people. I think she is a neurotic ~~case~~ case. Her son is a neurotic in the Army and I think her anxieties for him is projected and we are made the goats. At the same time, we are perfectly innocent and it is no fun apartment hunting in the dead of winter. Expensive too. I told Mrs. B. off very diplomatically and she threatens to be very nasty if we go to the opa, etc. I can hardly hold Emiko and Bette back from going up there to tell her off. Mrs. B. is just a nasty mean old scurpuss dame. (quotes Emiko Bette, Too!!)

I'll send my diary in a few days so you can have a full report.

Do you think we should move out humbly like a sensitive Nisei or shall we yell like hell and then move? I think my lungs need exercising. I don't think the OPA has much power to do much about it and Mrs. B. is determined to get us out. And I swear that it is for no personal differences, as she said she liked us as individuals but she couldn't afford to lose roomers. That is a lot of baloney. And to think that we gave her a Xmas present too!! Mr. B. knows that his wife is in the wrong and he sympathizes with us, but he is henpecked, poor soul and he is afraid to speak up.

charlie.



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Feb. 17, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

I've sent in CH-27 in two separate envelopes and also CH-25. I plan to send in another Volume of my Diary including the dates, February 2 through 17. Incidentally the ~~the~~ box of blue tablets sent to me are not the type that I can use for my Diary since they do not have the metal spiral binding that I can take off. I don't think that it would be worth while to send this box of blue books back to Berkeley since that is too expensive, so we will keep them in our office for other purposes. Do you think that some of these mental bound blue books could be sent out to me within the next two weeks as I have only one blue book of this type left. Would you advise that I start writing my Diary on the yellow paper in triplicate instead of keeping my daily notes in the blue books? It doesn't make too much difference to me but I think that I may let my Diary lag if I adopt this new procedure. However, I will do it in whatever method you think is most advisable.

There has not been any recent developments of note to disrupt my life. We are sitting tight in our present apartment and I don't know how we stand with the landlord at present. I am proceeding fairly well with my case documents and I am following your suggestion of limiting myself to the circle that I am following. However, this means that my rate of output will be slowed up a little since it has to be a more selective process in picking out individuals to interview. I will continue along with this plan for the time being to see how it works out. It has been snowing for the past few days so that I have not been so ambitious in the evenings. I haven't seen Frank for three days because he is hibernating at home and working out the last chapter on the WRA report. The WRA left us holding the bag since they did not give us the statistical material in complete form and Frank has had to work up a lot of this data by himself. Louise is going to send the chapters already typed to you as soon as possible. I might add that the chapter on social adjustment which I was assigned has been largely rewritten by Frank. In fact, he has done the greater bulk of the report himself because Tom and I were not too conscientious about it. (Seeing that it was for the WRA)

Do you think you can tell me about my income tax status? I am a little up in the air about the whole thing and I am wondering whether I will have a large additional tax to pay when the statements are filed. Will it be filed from the Berkeley office or do we have to do it ourselves? I've never paid income tax before so I am ignorant about the whole procedure. Tamie is still in Chicago but I haven't seen her recently. I think she plans to remain in Chicago for a little while yet, but I don't know for sure because she hasn't been around lately. That is all the information I can give you for this time. Please do not hold my Diary against me because I certainly have no intention of being an inu since I write my entries without particularly thinking that it is going to be read by anyone else.

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We are running out of the large denomination stamps and also air mail stamps. Will you please send us about 20 forty cents stamps, 20 twenty cents stamps and 20 ten cents stamps plus a sheet of air mail stamps. Can we have some of the large envelopes too? The ones we have are 9 x 12 inches and is not large enough to hold very much more than 100 pages. We will need a larger envelope to send you the WRA report, otherwise we'll have to send it in sections.

*sent Hiro 2/21*

We are also enclosing the employment blanks for Clara M. Yoshimura, who is working at the WRA office, filling out the Individual Resettler cards. Frank probably sent in her time sheet of January which was 83 hours of work at 60 cents an hour.

This is all we have to report for the present.

Sincerely,

*Charlie*

Charles Kikuchi



## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY  
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Mar. 10, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

Thanks for having the income tax statement reviewed for me. I am quite surprised by the amount of money which the government owes me and I'm not banking on it too much because there might be some catch to it. I have already filed the returns.

I haven't written to you sooner in regards to my mother's emergency operation, because we have been getting the news slowly. To date she is pretty well out of danger although still seriously ill. She had an operation on a ruptured stomach ulcer. I believe that this was the same trouble she had at Tanforan. Mariko has gone to camp to stay during the crisis. Naturally I am greatly concerned since my mother will not be up for a long time and this leaves Tom and Miyako pretty much alone. I can't think of resettling them for a while and I don't know how soon the draft is going to hit me. From the accounts I read in the newspapers, it does not look like many occupational deferments will be given hereafter. Jacoby's appeal for occupational deferment was turned down since his draft board felt that he was not irreplaceable to the WRA. He has a pre-war child so that it doesn't look like our chances are so good. I suppose that my greatest chance would be in trying to invoke the hardship clause along with my work on the Study. My mother's illness makes the situation more acute since I don't know how she will turn out although I am fairly sure that she will recover in time. I've written up more of the details of this in my Diary which will be sent in today. I guess I've been a little slow in finishing up the latest volume since there were several emergencies which developed recently.

This will surprise you, but my brother Jack who was with us for a couple of days suddenly left for San Francisco on a Mission of Love. He probably is there now slyly sneaking around street corners in Chinatown in order to avoid the gendarmes. It seems that his girl friend broke off the engagement because she could not wait around much longer so that brother Jack decided to defy the military restrictions in order to be with his loved one and to straighten the matter out. If he is successful he will probably take the gal to Arizona and visit the folks and then come on out here. I don't know what this is going to do to his ambitions of entering a medical school. I gave him your name in case some emergency develops out there. He will probably get some sort of a job in Chinatown until his affairs are straightened out. Please keep this information under your hat since it would be very unpleasant for him if rumors got out and the FBI began to hound his trail. The details of this episode in our family life is also in the Diary.

We are working on getting Emiko into a nursing cadet corps in the fall. I would like to get her in a June class in the event I am drafted, but she wants to work during the summer in order



to save up some money. I haven't made any plans for Bette's future education although I will try to follow up your suggestion regarding Bennington College. The only thing that worries me is that scholarships are usually given on a one-year basis and Bette might be left stranded after the first year. She would like to get into a University where she can take a pre-nursing training. I would like to have her obtain a regular college education so that she can get a B.S. along with her R.N. If we put her into the nurses cadet corps now, she would be finished with her education in two years. Bette wants to get a liberal education along with her training and I agree with her on that. We can't plan too far ahead because of these constant emergencies which spring up so unexpectedly. I haven't received my draft reclassification yet, but it will probably come in due time.

I am continuing my work with the Case Documents and I have two zoot suiters practically finished up now. I think that they will be very interesting cases although the information is not in great detail like some of the other cases. I had to stand about three weeks on these fellows and it took a large part of that time to get the rapport I thought necessary before commencing with the formal interview. I'll try to get these cases dictated up as soon as possible so that you may get them next week, I hope. I have tried to speed up the number of case contacts, but I find this extremely difficult because it does take time to obtain the sort of case records that I am doing. If you feel that I should get scantier material and a greater coverage, will you let me know. Otherwise I will continue to work along as I have, although I am not completely satisfied with the progress I am making.

Tom is finishing up his opus now and he said that he will probably send it in sometime next week. He said that a long letter of gripes will follow. So prepare yourself. Frank is working on his Tule Lake material yet and he is as calm as ever. Incidentally, we are basking in Frank's reflected glory. Kennedy and Jacoby were very pleased with the WRA report and they want to take our Chicago staff out to a dinner as a token of appreciation. Kennedy was particularly interested in Tom's Chapter VI and this has caused him to stop and reconsider some of his plans of organizing all of the nisei on a Union basis. I haven't been following the activities of these agencies too much because of the lack of time. Togo brought in his report on nisei adjustments the other day and it looks like a very fine piece of work. Our office staff has a guilty conscience for not producing data like this. Togo is in a very good position to obtain an abundance of data and he has all sorts of new information for us which is crammed into his little Red Book. We haven't been holding our staff meetings regularly, but Frank had decided that we should have them once or twice a month because of the draft situation. Frank has appeased Tamie, I think, although she has shown her face only once during the past month. The last time I saw her, she said she was going to start writing her report.

We have all the supplies we need for the time being. We received the stamps the other day and I presume that you have received the latest material we sent in. You should have received through CH-30 of my cases. I will try to get CH-31 and CH-32 dictated up and sent in next week.

Sincerely  
Charlie



March 22/ 44

Dear Dorothy:

*in Draft Deferment  
file*

I am sending you the letter you requesting re: draft deferment. I am sorry but I do not know the name of the chairman of the draft board. I will probably be receiving my reclassification soon. I never did have an original classification as I had not taken any physical. I suppose I was potential 1-A altho I had asked for a 3-a in September 1941. Tom is all excited because he thinks that he will be called any day for the Army but I don't think it will be that soon.

I hate to ask you all these personal favors, but do you think that you could write a letter of recommendation for Emiko so that she can get into the Cadet Nursing Program? It now seems that the hospitals out here have some sort of a damn quota for Nisei girls so that we want to work on it right away. Emiko is applying to the Cook County Hospital first and she will have to compete with three other Nisei girls to get the one opening so that letters of reference will be one of the deciding factors. Do you think that you could send several copies on to me and I will put in the addresses as Emiko will apply to several hospitals? I certainly hope that we do not run into any difficulties on this. Bette has not received an answer from Bennington yet. I may try to work on getting her into U. of Chicago if some of these religious groups would be willing to grant her financial assistance. I haven't done anything definite yet as Emiko is the urgent problem at present. My mother is getting along fairly well according to the latest word but she will have to have another operation in three months as soon as her strength picks up a little.

Tomorrow I have a ~~xxx~~ final. I was going to quit school, but they offered me another tuition scholarship for one course so I figured that I should continue as it does not take too much time from my work as class runs from 4:30 to 6:00. *(Tuition scholarship will run over 7 years + maybe next year for one course per quarter.)*

I have completed dictation on ch-33 and it will be sent out today. I have started interviews on ch-34 and I will go on my 3rd interview next Friday. I think it may be a long case and I don't want to rush him too much. (a former L.A. fruit stand worker who had frustrated ambitions due to the economic situation. And Ch-4's husband. Alice's sister-in-law's husband.) Alice is now in Minneapolis as her husband is in the intelligence school at Savage.

Saw Tamie briefly and she said that she was on page 50, but it was pretty slow and hard work. Tom and Frank are banging away on typewriters so I guess they are busy. Tom has a worried look on his face; I think he is writing you a letter!

Sincerely,

*Charlie*



April 1, 1944.

Dear Dorothy,

I went to my local board yesterday to ask about Form #62 as directed and they never heard of such a form. They said that the registrant doesn't fill out any forms, but it is up to the employer. They gave me Form #42 which the employer is supposed to fill out. (The blank space is to fill out why there is an application for deferment being put in, etc.) I am up in the air in re: to Form #62. Do you know what it is supposed to be? It may be that the women at the draft board were + inquired was new to the work or something.

I received a selective service occupational questionnaire today and + am sending that back to my draft board. (It is 1850 Fillmore St instead of Ellis Street now.) I suppose I will be getting my reclassification soon.

The thing that worries me most is getting Emiko into a nursing school and + don't know what + am going to do about Bette yet. Bennington college hasn't answered. I may try to get Bette into some small college outside of Chicago if it appears certain that + am going to be drafted soon.

I am hoping to get at least 50 cases done, but I don't know about that now. You mentioned something about a conference in June or so. If I am not drafted, x I would like to know if it is definite or not. As you know, I am registered for one course at the university and I will not take a summer course if you decide definitely in the conference. (I believe that there is a split summer quarter so that I could stay out of the first half and still be able to take a half unit in the second half if the conference, if held, comes at the right time.) It doesn't make any difference to me as + could nothope to get my MA work done anyway and I might as well do it in easy stages as I will probably get more out of it that way.

sincerely,

Charlie



April 3, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

The following letters are copies of some letters I sent out during the first few days at Tanforan. I thought you might be interested in them since it reflects some of my views and reactions during the first few days there. I didn't start my Diary until May 3. Some of the stuff in the later letters are a repetition of what I had in my Diary but I did not take time to sort these letters out as I thought it would be better to leave them intact.

Charlie

These are typed in triplicate + two are being sent in. I kept the 3rd copy for myself. Debi has a box of W.C.C.F. (Public Assistance section) data + Tom will try to get them from her.

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We put oil on the typing ribbons as an experiment so if some of the pages are smeary, you will understand. (The experiment looks like a success as we will be able to use the ribbons much longer. We are thinking of your budget!)

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Notice the "big" envelopes the storehouse sent us!! We didn't want them quite that big!



EVACUATION & RESETTLEMENT STUDY

CHICAGO OFFICE

Dear Dorothy:

*Sent a few 4/13*

We are in need of the following stamps: 3 cents and some airmail stamps as we are completely out of the 3 cents already. We could use some larger denomination stamps also since I understand that the postal rates are going up. I am not insuring this diary because the postoffice is very crowded today and I am too lazy to go over and register it. The mail seems to be pretty safe anyway, and my "Scottish" instinct tells me that it is a savings. However, if you insist upon insuring the diary entries, I shall do it hereafter.

Frank wishes to inform you that he is going ahead with the arrangements for getting 3000 Individual Resettler cards printed. We have used the 5000 up and we will be in need of some more very shortly. The cost for the printing of the second 3000 will be \$22, however, there will be a deducting of \$5 or \$6 of this amount since we are going to provide the cards. We have several boxes of 5 by 8 cards which the WPA of the University of Chicago so kindly left for us in the other office and we brought them along when we were evacuated to this office. Frank may be able to negotiate a further reduction since the company already has the original forms for printing and therefore it should be cheaper for the second batch.

We are working up a schedule so that Louise will be able to go down and help type out these cards since you want them completed as soon as possible. I have been about the only one dictating lately and it would not be very difficult for me to readjust my dictation time so that Louise could be released for one or two days or more a week to work on these cards. I'm still interviewing CH-34 and it has taken me a little longer than I anticipated. I probably will begin the initial interviews on CH-35 sometime this week, I hope.

Have you completed the revision of the resettlement outline yet? (The one you started when you were out here last.) I feel that the resettlement period should be greatly expanded since this is the most important aspect at present. Frank may work out something on that when he gets time.

*Charlie*



April 21, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

I don't know whether you think it was justified to send 6 or 7 long interviews on this case but I thought it was rather interesting and I did get some picture of the family life which I was unable to get in some of my other cases.

Louise is pulling all of the references in my diary out this individual and his wife (CH-4). We have the typed diary up to February 17, 1944. When the rest of the diaries arrive, should I have Louise type ~~up~~ up the rest of the notes and bring them up to date or will you have it don in your office? I think it will be more convenient over here since Louise is more acquainted with the real names of this case document.

I have recently sent in CH-33 and I suppose you have received it by this time. I have completed my interviews on CH-36 and CH-37. (That would be CH-35's wife and her brother-in-law) I hope to get them dictated up as soon as possible. Frank worked up an outline for the resettlement phase and I have been trying it out and making additions or changes where necessary. After a few more experimental interviews Frank will probably send it in to you. It is much more complete and detailed than your general outline which you sent recently. This case will give you some idea of some of the detailed things I am covering. Of course, this means that interviews will become more lengthy as it is necessary to spend more time on the resettlement period. I am trying hard to keep up with 3 or 4 cases a month but every once in a while the strain of commuting so much on the street cars at night tires me out so I've relaxed for a few days.



The book store here has come of those binders with pressed paper clips instead of the metal ones and I was wondering whether or not I should get some here since you are not able to obtain them from the store house. We can use those binders you sent but it's rather expensive and I think it would be worth the 25 cents investment for the smaller binders we can get here since it is like those we have been using.

No news onx the draft situation yet. The Brethren's hostel is closing up to move on to New York and Ralph Smeltzer has tentatigely agreed to turn over all of his files over to you after the war if you push this contact. He is also going to let us have extra copies of data he has. Frank went up to get some of this material today since I was busy on other things. Ralph also mentioned that some seminary student at Bethany College is writing a B.D. thesis on the history of the hostel and I will see if I can make some contacts with him soon.

I rarely see Tom these days as he is busy studying or something. I think he is studying too hard. He got his 1-A reclassification a while back and he is sure he will be drafted soon. Well, nothing else to report; haven't seen Tamie Tsuchiyama in many, many weeks but I suppose she is working hard on the Poston material.

Very truly yours,

*Charlie*  
Charlie



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EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY  
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May 1, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

I don't wish to complicate your plans for the Salt Lake Conference, but several things beyond my control have developed and I would like to present some of these problems for your consideration. I am perfectly willing to attend the Salt Lake conference if ~~xxxxxxx~~ some of these problems can be minimized in the mean time. Even if they cannot be solved, I would still be willing to attend if you so desired. However, I would like to present a few of the complicating factors which disturb me at the moment. It may be possible that these problems will solve themselves by the time of the conference. I am not taking any steps in regards to making train reservations or consulting Togo until I hear from you. I hope that I am not complicating your problems by putting you on the spot like this.

Anyway, this is the situation: The conference is scheduled to begin on June 8. At that date I will be in the midst of my finals ending the quarter. I looked up the schedule and I have noted that the spring quarter officially ends on June 16, and I think that my big finals comes on the 15th. There is a possibility that I may be able to make arrangements to take it a week earlier.

(2) As you know, I am taking only one unit per quarter in the S.S.A. I realize that I will not be able to complete my work before I am drafted. However, I would like to get in at least 3 units or one full quarter's work before I am drafted. Since the summer session is broken into two six-weeks periods, I could take one unit in the second half of the quarter. That would mean that I would have to spend a little more time in class work, but I think that could be arranged without too much interference with my work. In this way, I could attend the conference if it were postponed for a week or so.

(3) But, I am scheduled to take my pre-induction physical for the Army this Thursday. This means that the draft possibilities are rather definite for me and I would almost have to expect a call in the not-too distant future, unless I do get an occupational deferment, or the Army still continues to take those under 26, or I get put on the Army reserve, or I get 4-F. This is the greatest problem and I am partly thinking in terms of my work out here.

(4) I am very anxious to finish up at least 50 case documents and I don't know how much time I have. I am beginning to worry quite a bit about my work because it does get increasingly ~~xxxxx~~ difficult to schedule my interviews too far in advance as these unexpected problems arise and as the time for my induction into the Army gets shorter.

(5) I have been unable to help Emiko and Bette make definite plans in regard to their education. The possibilities for Emiko are a little more certain than for Bette. I would like to get this problem solved before I am drafted, although it is incidental



to the Study. I really can't begin on it until Bette graduates since her transcript is necessary for many of the applications for school enrollment and also for scholarships. I have just learned that class B dependents (parents and siblings) are not eligible for an Army allotment if they are in the Center. I don't know if this is definite or not. If true, it does create another great personal problem for me. I had originally planned to provide for Bette by letting her use half of the Army allotment which the family in camp is entitled to, so she could go to school. If the family receives nothing, this means that Bette will be more dependent than ever on scholarship possibilities and I feel that it is my responsibility to work on this as much as possible. Again, the draft will be a definite limiting factor.

(6) Bette graduates from high school in the middle of June and she will get very sore if I do not attend her graduation! The reason for this is that none of the family thus far has had other members of the family attending their high school graduation. This includes Mariko, Alice, Jack, Emiko and myself. Bette therefore feels very set on having as many members of the family as possible at her graduation. This is only a minor problem for me but it is a major problem for Bette and I'm afraid that her wrath will descend upon me because I did make a promise. Seriously though, this is one of the complicating factors and it looms more important when fitted into the general problem which I have. Woe is me!

I am not trying to throw a wrench into your conference plans at all because I do agree with you that it is necessary for you to meet the staff and formulate programs for the Study. I don't want to be another one of your "problem children," but I hope you can understand my hyper-excitability (a respectable word from the sociology dictionary written by Dr. Frank Miyamoto) at the moment. I don't want to add to your administrative worries and some of these problems may solve themselves, but in the meantime steps do have to be taken about train reservations, etc. I will wait until your further suggestions before doing anything.

In the last analysis, I suppose that the main problem is my draft status at present and the rest of the above problems are merely contingent to it. I don't know what you should do about the draft situation but if I did receive my occupational deferment, I am sure that the other problems would automatically be solved, almost.

Attached is my expense account for the month of April, including a sales slip for \$1.28 which Louise paid for some staples. You could put it all on my check and I will pay her. Clara's time sheet for April is also enclosed. I will send in some more of my Diary as soon as I get the number of the last page (April 14) from your office. I will return to the blue book diary entries if things become pressing for me. However, I don't find it particularly inconvenient right now. I think I will also send you CH-36 some time this week and I still have CH-37 to dictate.

I think I have more problems right now than when I was evacuated two years ago today, and I can now realize the worries you had with the Spencer crisis! Best regards to W.I.

Charlie.

Charlie



April 27, 1944.

Dear Dorothy,

This morning I received my order to report for a preinduction physical examination on May 4th. "Following your preinduction physical examination you will receive a certificate issued by the commanding officer of the induction station showing your physical fitness for service or lack thereof."

I suppose this means that I will get my reclassification at that time, and the order for induction would be after that anytime. It still leaves it a little indefinite. However, I suppose that now is the time for you to send in the request for draft deferment because of occupation. Or should you wait until I let you know definitely what my reclassification status is. Frank and Tom were reclassified without this preinduction physical, I believe, so I don't quite know what to make of it. Do you think that my call is imminent? I hardly think that I would be called for a couple of months yet, but one can never tell. (assuming that occupational deferment is denied.) Anyway, I shall not get too alarmed as I will have many anxious moments when the times gets closer. I will have to wait until I get a definite reclassification before worrying about the completions of all my plans. (E and B school, my school, work program, etc, etc.)

I am still plugging along on the cases. I have sent in Ch-34 and am now dictating Ch-36 up now. I still have to dictate ch-37 up. I have also started the interviews on 39 and 40. In a few days, I will also send in my diary entries (two copies), but I would like to get the page number of the last entry on the last book, which ended April 14, I believe. Frank will explain my experiments with the new outline.

Come to think of it, the selective service policy is to take the under 26 age group first so that it may be a little while before I get called even if I do get a 1-a reclassification next week.

We only got six reams of yellow sheets left. We have been using more since I started to type my diary in triplicate. Do you think that you could have some more reams sent soon? We could use some Old Oak Tree Carbon paper (Miller brand not so good) also.

Sincerely,

Charlie  
Charlie

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EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY  
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May 5, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

I took my physical examination yesterday and I suppose I'll be getting reclassified very shortly. I shall follow your instructions and let you know immediately when I do get reclassified. The special delivery service certainly does work at a remarkable speed these days because I got your letter dated May 5 yesterday (May 4)!

This is only going to be a very short letter because I have so many problems that I don't want to bother you with them. Emiko was turned down by Cook County hospital and that means that we have to start the process all over again. The number of acceptable schools are very limited. I'm also working on Bette's school plans at the moment.

I saw Togo yesterday and he said that he would be at the conference for at least a couple of days. He says that he has about 200 pages of pre-evacuation material single-spaced written up. I haven't made any train reservations for myself yet as I am expecting to hear from you. I guess the draft situation sort of complicated everything.

I passed the physical, incidentally, and I am acceptable by the Army. The Navy almost took me until they discovered that there was a mistake on my race. They crossed out "White" and inserted "Japanese" and then they also crossed out the stamped "For Immediate Induction". That's how close I was to getting on a two-week furlough before induction. Now, I suppose I'll have to wait for my classification since the Army is apparently handling the nisei through a different procedure. It may be possible that the reclassification itself may not come for quite a time.

I have over a hundred pages of my typed diary ready to be sent in but I am holding it until I can get the number for the last entry of April 14. We can then number the pages altogether here and I will send in two copies to your offices after that. I hope that all of your "problem children" do not get into your hair and cause evacuation nerve. Frank seems to be the only unruffled person in our office. I went out on about 18 interviews last month but I don't think I will be able to keep up that pace this month. Frank's outline seems to be working out fairly well after we revised some of it, but it does mean that the interviews take a little longer because of the more detailed questions. In the event that I receive a notice of my draft in a short time, I will concentrate on the resettlement period and sacrifice the pre-war data.

Sincerely yours,

*Chuli*

Charles Kikuchi



P.S. Just received your May 3rd letter which changes the situation somewhat. I will see if I can arrange to have my exam put ahead a week. Frank has already stated that he is going to the conference because his draft status seems to be a little "safer" now. Frank says he will write to you and that he is definitely going to be at the conference on the 8th. Actually I would have to put my final exams ahead for about 10 days since it is scheduled for the 15th. I could come back and take them after the conference but I think this would cause too many worries. I shall see if I can take them on the 5th but that means again that there will be a terrific pressure to finish up all the required papers which I have been assigned to and which I have not started yet. Then as I mentioned, I have to do a lot of running around on the school business for my sisters during this month, work on my cases, worry about my reclassification, study and a few other things. Would it be agreeable to you if I just left the whole thing indefinite and I will try to come if the air clears up in the next few days.

I shall send along my Diary entries today as you suggested. I hope I have not caused too great an inconvenience in regard to the conference situation. Will write details of further developments later.

Charlie.



Dorothy--3

May 15, 1944

P.S. Order for Supplies

- 1 ream white bond
- 2 reams yellow second sheets
- 1 box medium carbon papers
- 2 doz. 10 x 13 envelopes

5/18

Stamps

20 Threes

30 Tens

5/18

P.P.S.

Am sending my journal pages.



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May 24, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

I received a little notice from the draft board yesterday which was a certificate of fitness, and it said that I was physically fit and acceptable to the Army for general military service. That was from the local draft board here. Then this morning I got another little card and it said that the S.F. local board had classified me to 2-A! I will be deferred (occupationally, I suppose) until November 4, 1944. The reclassification was given me without an appeal so that the University War Council letter must have been very effective.

Naturally, the news lifts a great deal of tension and pressure from my weary shoulders, and I should be able to complete at least 50 case documents by then, if new plans are not made at Salt Lake. It will also give me time to work on the school business for my sisters and that has been one of my biggest worries. I am even anticipating the enrollment in the fall quarter for myself on the usual basis of one course, if you don't mind. I don't think that I have used any of the study's time to take these courses, but if you object, just mention it and I can easily readjust my plans. I feel that my time from now on is just a stolen interlude from the Army and I am happy to finish up whatever I can during this time. Therefore, it doesn't make any difference if I have to drop my own school plans temporarily altho I would like to get as much of it finished up as possible. Incidentally, I am enrolled in the summer classes scheduled to start on June 20 so do you think that I will be back here by then from Salt Lake? I am taking the one course as I have been doing for the past two quarters. I should get to Gila to see my mother as she is having another operation soon, but I don't know if I can make the right train connections to get back into Chicago by the 20th, so I may have to postpone this idea.

I received the schedules for the Santa Maria farmers, but I don't think I will be able to do much with it. It is just as well that we save this for discussion in Salt Lake as I could not get started on it before June anyway. I have been as busy as a bee trying to write up a term paper for my class, and I still have one more assignment to do. It was my fault as I left it all for the last grand rush. I am sending Ch-40 in today. I only completed three cases this month because of the pressure of these other things, and I think that it will take time to get started in June again as I will have to start making contacts all over again. That takes the longest time as I don't like to rush a person into an interview until I feel he is ready for it.



Tom is frantic these days as he is scheduled to take his MA comprehensives and his physical examinations for the Army on the same day, May 26. I haven't seen Frank around for the past week as he is busy at home working on his Tule report, I presume. That leaves me undisputed master of the office, pronto. Tamie hasn't been seen for months. I think that she is mad at us because of some kind of a complex or something. Frank's latest report on her was that she is still working on her Poston report and he has been encouraging her whenever he has any contacts. We have offered her the use of the office, but she feels that she can get more accomplished at home. Togo was in recently and he said that he would arrive in Salt Lake two hours later than his original schedule as he barely managed to make his reservations in time. Frank is getting our reservations, but I haven't heard from him yet. I think that it is all arranged though.

I see by your agenda that I am supposed to lead a discussion on individual and family problems. I feel very unqualified for the job and I hope that I don't let you down too much. I will appreciate any suggestions from you as to what should be covered.

We are in need of more yellow second sheets. We got a notice saying that six reams would be sent to us from the storehouse, but it has not arrived yet. I think that we need about 10 more reams besides the six that is coming so that we will have a good reserve on hand. We are down to our last ream now. Our last shipment of 12 reams arrived last February so it only lasted three or four months. Now I type my diary in triplicate and that means we use more (assuming that I keep my output of cases at about the same speed).

We could also use some more three cent stamps and some large envelopes. We also need some more letterheads.

We have kept the large standard typewriter which we borrowed from the university for about six months now, but the other day Miss Lavery came down and said something about the owner looking for it so that we may lose it soon. We still have the use of Barry's. We still have Doiss typewriter, but it needs repairing again and Tom will look after that. I am using Alice's yet, but I think she wants it back. If she gets insistent, so you think I should offer her a small rental for it? I've had six month free use of it now and I find it indispensable for night work.

Best regards to WI.

Sincerely yours,

*Charlie*

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June 1, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

I spent all day yesterday in re-arranging my train schedule so that I could make the side trip to Gila. I hope that my plan outlined below will meet with your approval. Unfortunately, it was impossible to purchase a roundtrip ticket in order to make this trip. The way that I have planned out the trip is to go by bus from Salt Lake City to Phoenix. Then I will return to Chicago from Phoenix. This will mean that I will have to pay a straight one-way fare. Actually the difference is not too great since I plan to return by coach. The round-trip ticket to Salt Lake City, intermediate class, was approximately \$80. I cancelled my return trip on this train so that the straight fare costs \$44.91. It will cost an additional \$9.75, I believe, to go by bus from Salt Lake to Phoenix, and around \$46 to return from Phoenix to Chicago. Thus, the whole fare for this trip will be approximately \$100 or so. If I had kept my round-trip ticket to Salt Lake and then taken a round-trip to Phoenix and back to Salt Lake by bus, it would have cost \$18 more. This meant that I would only save \$2 or so and it would have meant an additional day wasted in Salt Lake since there is only one bus leaving a day.

I tried to buy a round-trip ticket to Los Angeles, then go by bus to Phoenix and catch the train at Phoenix on the round-trip fare, but the ticket agent refused to sell me such a ticket. It was quite a complicated affair, but I finally managed to get things straightened out. As it is now, I only have the one-way ticket to Salt Lake. I will have to buy my bus ticket there, and then buy a ticket in Phoenix on the Santa Fe for my return. I'll probably be traveling about ~~the~~ half the time that I am gone from Chicago because of the poor connections. I probably will not get back to Chicago until the 22nd or 23rd of June, but that is the best I could do as I would like to stay at least 4 days in camp. There is only one bus a day going out of Salt Lake to Phoenix and it is scheduled to depart at 5 in the evening. I would like to take it on June 11 or 12, however I shall wait to talk all these things with you first since I cannot buy the tickets until I get there anyway.

I shall also wait to discuss the fare arrangements with you later, that is, my personal share of the fare for making the side trip to Gila. I shall keep my other expenses at a minimum. It seems that I have to return by way of Ashfork on the Santa Fe and spend the night there so that it will take an extra day to return.

Anyway, I shall be seeing you and W.I. on the 8th. I still haven't prepared my outline for the conference discussion yet, but I plan to do it immediately.

Very truly yours,

Charlie



! please don't get "mustard" like Miyako when you  
read this or do anything drastic because I will  
feel responsible!!! For my sake!!!

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June 28, 1944

Re: Inu Report No. 1

Dear Dorothy:

I hesitate very much to send in the following entry from my diary and it makes me feel very badly because I am sort of caught in between. I don't know whether I should accept my rationalization that I am doing this because of certain feelings of loyalty to the Study. I don't feel too good about the whole matter so the less said about it the better. I hope that this report will not influence any action of yours because then I would feel at blame. I know that you might get angry at Tamie on account of this report but I ask for my sake that you take no action whatsoever on account of anything I say in the following entry. I also ask that you treat it very confidentially. Tamie does need a great deal of understanding even though I realize that your impatience is nearing the breaking point. I am sure that you will interpret the comments Tamie makes in an impersonal way and realize that she is in a very bad state of mind and she is not responsible for anything she says. It would be a little unfair to hold her responsible for the comments I have quoted by her because she was blowing off steam in my presence and I think that she was doing it in confidence. Somehow or other, Tamie has the mistaken impression that I feel the same way she does about the Study, but I didn't correct her on this.

The main thing is that Tamie will turn over her notes to you because she still does have some sense of professional ethics so you need not fear that she will cart the data off to Hawaii with her. My notes are a little unfair because Tamie may change her mind and settle down to work in the coming days and I wouldn't want anything to be held against her because of this letter. Even though I justify myself by saying that I am following instructions and that it is an impersonal matter, I still feel very uneasy. I know you can understand my viewpoint. That is the trouble with a diary because I unwittingly expose myself without any intentions. I usually write my diary entries without being aware that anyone else is going to read it because I want to put in everything I feel, hear, and act upon. In this respect, it is a very personal thing and I have followed this procedure in order to achieve some measure of objectivity without coloring unnecessarily. After listening to Tamie, I am no longer irritated with her because I think I have some understanding of her emotional disturbances. I just feel sorry for her. But as I say, these are all personal things. I hope that you will help me out of this dilemma by doing nothing official about it. I am sure that Tamie will write to you in due time and she will be considerably cooled off. I feel like a Judas betraying somebody, but since Tamie has made her decision, it shouldn't affect any actions on your part. It goes without saying that I don't agree with most of the things she said and I know personally that she has had so many breaks that she hasn't taken advantage of. Anyway, please read the the attached "inu" report with the understanding that the outbursts was entirely emotional in nature and it should not be held against her in any way.

Charlie



P.S. Could you please send me the page number of the last entry on the diary I sent in from Gila. We will then be able to number the new entries I have here so that I will be able to send it in to your office as soon as possible.



Charles Kikuchi

Diary

Thurs. June 28, 1944

Very extra.  
Confidential

(copy)

I went down to visit Tamie yesterday afternoon because she appeared so upset when she phoned our office. She certainly is in a bad state of mind at the present time. I had to listen to all of her gripes for about 2 or 3 hours and she just poured it out. Evidently the whole thing has been working up in her mind for a long time and she just had to find a release. She mentioned right away that she was getting so jittery that she could almost scream. I don't wonder that she does have that mental disturbances because of the type of life she is leading. She is practically a hermit altho she kept saying that she had lots of friends visiting her all the time. Tamie seems to be very emotionally disturbed right now, bordering on the neurotic or something. It's pretty difficult trying to understand her because she said so many conflicting things. She is mad at everybody and she had some nasty words to say about every member of the study. I think that Tamie needs a man, but Frank and Tom are more scientific in their analysis. They feel that Tamie is all confused because she doesn't know what she wants. She probably is projecting her inadequacies and blaming everyone in order to justify herself. I think that what Tamie said to me should be taken with a grain of salt because she probably didn't mean everything she said. She was just relieving her emotions and the outburst seemed to do her some good. I was a big hypocrite because I just listened to everything she said without contradicting any points.

I think that Tamie's maladjustment started a long time ago and the Study is only incidental altho Tamie feels that it is the blame for everything. Tamie gave me an outline of her daily activities and she just doesn't seem to be able to get any place with her Boston report. She has about 75 pages already written but she



gets to the point where she gets into a mad rage when she thinks of it and she hates the stuff now. The difficulty seems to be that she is frustrated in her attempts to write the grand report which she has in her mind and she thinks about that so much that she never actually gets started. The scope of her proposed work is tremendous and I don't wonder at the difficulty because I probably would be in a similar position. Many of the comments she made indicates that she is just-projecting her inadequacies when she blasts the Study, Dorothy, members of the staff, the Japs, and the world in general. Tanie has the ability to do the work but the emotional block seems to be so great now that she has reached the point where she merely wants to justify herself instead of seriously getting down to business. Her next escape is to quit the Study and she wanted to impress me with the fact that the complete fault was due to administrative misdirection.

At the same time, Tanie does have a sense of professional integrity and her comments were full of rationalization which revealed that she suffered from many guilt feelings. I was just a listener and it was supposed to be my duty to agree with her justification of herself so I acted accordingly. It seemed to relieve her just to pour it out and I didn't object to listening to her continual stream of gripes, peeves and hates. It really is amazing that a person of her intellectual ability could get so involved emotionally that she becomes extremely unbalanced. I know that she would like to fulfill <sup>her</sup> ~~xxx~~ conception of what a great work she could do, but due to her inabilities and feelings of frustration, she seeks escape by minimizing not only her work but the whole Study. She had a great deal to say about a worthless study it was and how she was hurting her future, how Dorothy was ruining



members of the staff, etc., etc. I suppose that Tamie doesn't fully realize that a great deal of the difficulty is within her and not due to the outward environment as she claims. Emotional blockings certainly does make people say peculiar things and from Tamie's story, she would have me believe that the whole world is persecuting her and that Dorothy is leading the parade to stifle her natural abilities. Anyway, the following account is a rough quotation of some of the things she mentioned during the course of her verbal tirade:

"I'm quitting this stinking Study at the end of August. All I'm waiting for is the contract which Dorothy will probably send. At that time I'm just going to tell her off. I'm sick and tired of the whole thing and I've wasted my time since last November. It's all Dorothy's fault because she forced me to stay out here and then she wanted to force me to go back to camp. Last February she wired and said that the most sensible thing for me was to stay out here and then go back to Foston. She doesn't know what she is asking. That's the trouble with that woman. She doesn't care what happens to us and she doesn't realize how hard it would be to live in a camp. That's all past now and I've definitely made up my mind to quit. I should have done it a year ago. I won't get my report finished but I'll finish out whatever I can by the end of August.

"Dorothy will probably get very mad at me and I'm a little afraid of that because she could ruin me professionally if she wanted to. She may just be the type to be that vindictive. I've really sacrificed a lot for the sake of the Study and she has no right trying to keep me on. I turned down a \$400 a month job offer for the Army last February out of loyalty to the Study, but that was a fool mistake. The Study isn't worth it. It has no



sense or direction and the reports are useless. There isn't one objective person on the whole staff. I bet all of them feel the same way as I do about Dorothy but won't say so because they are afraid for their jobs. I've got something good offered me so I should worry. That Army job is still open to me and it will pay \$400 a month. The money is being put up by the Civilian Morale Committee and it is connected with the University of Hawaii. It's a continuation of a Study I <sup>started</sup> ~~studied~~ 7 years ago. I'll feel a lot better because I'll be my own boss and I can do whatever I want to. I'll be able to hire my own assistants and I won't have a social statistician telling me what to do. If that job doesn't come through, I can teach in the high school over there any time. I'll teach social problems and the job pays at least \$200 a month. I've been away from the islands a long time so I'm quite homesick. I hate the Japs around here because they are a bunch of kotunks. They're all a bunch of double-crossers. The way I feel now, I feel like junking everything and forgetting about it forever. I'll give Dorothy all those notes, don't you worry. Maybe someday she'll let me have a copy of them because I have a right to them. I hate to give them up, but there <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ only one copy of most of the stuff and I'll let Dorothy worry about writing the stuff up. I have the notes in pretty good order so that it could be done altho it would be difficult I know. I hope that Dorothy don't fire me right away. She sure must be mad at me because she hasn't written for months. I want to save at least \$500 so I can get back to the islands. I've got about \$400 saved up now by skimping. I save about \$50 a month so I should be able to find my way back home by the end of August. I'll be able to go back because the Army job will give me priority in transportation. I'm the only nisei anthropologist that



that I know of and that's why they're holding the job for me. The Study has no future in it and it definitely will be over by September, 1945. Dorothy can't afford to lose any members of the Study because she knows that she can't find any replacements. She should realize that we must think about ourselves and our future too. For some of the members of the Study it is okay because they are working for their degrees yet. I have a very low opinion of them anyway (Tamie then gave a long discussion about what was wrong with every member of the staff including the Berkeley office members, specifically Rosalie and Morton. She didn't have anything to say anything about Morton until I made a slip and said he completed a fine report on the Coast political activities. Tamie then began to blast out about what was wrong with Morton. I think that all of these things should be interpreted with an understanding of her mental disturbances and not to be held personally against her because she is so mixed up and confused. She has to blame everyone in order to bolster her own morale.)

"I think that Dick was the dirtiest of the bunch because he double-crossed me. He said all along that he wouldn't work for any dirty ketos and would quit when I did. The last laugh is on him because I'm going to quit and I notice that he isn't going to. The thing that makes me mad is that he probably said a lot of things about me and I wasn't around to protect myself. I have him all figured out, and he isn't fooling me at all. He is just a frustrated individual and he suddenly found that he could manipulate things in camp. He made a slip once and said that he followed Toyama so that gives an indication of what he really thinks. His position in the community isn't as important as he really feels. I can't use his stuff at all because there are so many contradict-



ions in it. I can only trust my own material and it was Dorothy's fault that I didn't get more of it because she insisted that I get in more reports. I wasn't interested in registration and things like that but she wouldn't let me study the cultural things that I thought was important. That is why the study is so biased. It emphasizes the political aspects too much and it is only superficial. In my report, I'm just going to trace the superficial things like she wants it, if I have the time. I've gotten to the point where I don't care anymore and I don't even get bothered if I have to twist the facts a little bit. The whole trouble is that I get too emotionally disturbed when I think about the whole thing. How can any of us be scientifically objective? I see the implication of a lot of things going on in camp and it gets me too angry. I was terrified when I first went to Santa Anita because I knew that I did not belong among those people. In Poston they were always after me and I was in constant danger of being beaten up. All of these things made it practically impossible to write up things objectively.

"This last week I've been extremely upset and jittery and I'm certainly glad that you came over. I just don't seem to be able to get down to work. Sometimes I sit for 6 and 8 hours at the desk and I can't even get one page typed out. I haven't been really working on this since last November. The first month I was out here I had to look all around for an apartment. Last December we had the conference and I didn't feel like working because of the Xmas season. In January I was running ~~xxx~~around to get canned food and sugar to take back to camp with me. Then the crisis came up with X and Dorothy tells me that the only solution is to go back to camp after I finish the report. I wasn't able to do anything in



February because of all this. It's different with Rosalie because she's not an evacuee. (Tamie had some unkind remarks to make about Rosalie here. According to Tamie, no anthropologist in the world can study a Japanese community like she can. Therefore, Rosalie is not qualified. She uses the same type of argument for every member of the Study. She also had remarks to make about our unscientific methodology, etc. I wonder what sort of a picture she has of me? I don't think that I offer any academic competition for her so that she is more amiably inclined towards me. It made her feel better when I told her that I had only produced a lot of junk. She was so concerned about what Frank was doing and it relieved her to learn that Frank was having a great deal of difficulty with his Tule Lake report and that he had not written 500 pages as she imagined. Jimmy also came in for his share of critical comments since Tamie feels that he has produced too much too. I suppose she feels that it doesn't matter about me because I assured her that my data was quite innocuous and that her report had quality.)

"It is only since March that I really settled down to work and it has been hard going ever since. A lot of mornings I get up at 7 o'clock and I'm determined to put in a hard day. By the time I finish breakfast it is 8 o'clock. Then I begin to think about the mail downstairs so I put off settling down to work until that is out of the way. I go down and get the mail at 9:30 and there are always important letters that I have to answer. This takes the rest of the morning. After I eat lunch I feel sleepy so I have to take a short nap. By 2:30 it is much too hot to do any work so I plan to do it after dinner. After dinner some of my Hawaiian friends come over so I have to postpone my work for another day. This used to bother me so much but now I just don't care. It



seems that every day is like this. Sometimes I just sit at the typewriter for 6 hours and I just torture myself but I just can't produce anything. Dorothy will get all of her notes and if she gets nasty about it, I'll ask my sister and some of my Hawaiian friends to lend me \$1800 and I'll pay her that money if she thinks that I double-crossed her. I'll try to get out several hundred pages anyway. I think I can do it because when I was doing graduate work I used to get a bottle and sit at the typewriter on Friday night and by Monday I would have a hundred pages out. There is so much to cover that I could probably write thousands of pages for the report but I just can't get started. I'm sick and tired of the Japs and I don't want to have anything more to do with them. I'm just waiting until August 31st when Dorothy sends me the contract because I want the pleasure of turning it down. I won't mind working with the Hawaiian nisei because they are different.

"I've had a lot of Hawaiian soldiers visit me lately because they are on furlough now on rotation. A lot of them were a Guadalcanal. The Hawaiian soldiers are very concerned about post-war problems and part of my research work will be on this aspect. The Hawaiian boys tell me that there is a move to deport all of the Japanese from Hawaii to the mainland after the war and they are going to fight it with everything they got. They've more guts over there than these nisei over here. I think I may even join the WACs. There's a lot of advantage to be a war veteran. Secretary Stimson wrote me a letter and said that nisei WACs would be needed for the AMG work. They want me to go to Savage on that and I am thinking seriously on that too. I don't know what I'm going to do after the war. All I can think about now is the mix-up that I am in at present. I just hope that I don't get fired off the bat altho



I probably deserve it. If I get fired I'll probably have to go down to McClurg's and save up some money. I don't want to go back to Hawaii right now because it's the hot season. It gets sultry there as it does here. I know that I can at least get a job teaching high school over there. They pay a lot better over there in Hawaii anyway and the people are a lot more pleasant. I have nothing of holding me here so what's the use of sticking around. I don't like them and they don't like me. The Hawaiian boys are more civilized. My sister sent me a hundred dollars from the Civilian Morale Committee and I use a little of this every time I entertain the Hawaiian boys on furlough. I also know a bunch of kibel boys and they threaten ~~me~~ to beat up Togo every time they come over. It gets me to damn mad every time I think about writing that report that I get all tied up. I hope that Dorothy don't ruin me professionally but I just can't do anything about it. My notes are in good enough shape so that somebody could write a superficial report on Poston. There are so many gaps that it's hard for me to fill in."

Tamie went on along these lines on other aspects of her life. She is so full of resentment because of her own failures that she just won't recognize it at all, at least not to the public. In order to make herself feel better, she has to belittle everyone else. Her comments are more easily understandable if one realizes what type of maladjusted personality she is. I feel sorry for her, but not even for the sake of science will I go beyond the point of listening to her ravings. Maybe it is true that when an intelligent person goes to pieces, he is hit much harder. It certainly seems true in Tamie's case and I don't think she will ever straighten herself out as long as she remains on the Study so it's just as



well that she make a new start elsewhere. She is not in the least sure of herself and she is continually trying to bolster her crumbling self-confidence. I think that this sort of maladjustment is extreme and certainly not typical of too many nisei altho there are evidences of some neurotic tendencies in all of us. It really gets bad when there is an attempt to escape the world of reality as in Tamie's case. I wonder if she realizes what a bad state she is in. I don't think so because she is too busy blaming everyone else for her own emotional inabilities. She is a case for a Doestovsky or Freud. There must be more than sexual maladjustments to it though because that is an over-simplification of her difficulties. I hope that she doesn't do anything rash like giving vent to a sudden insane rage and tearing everything up. There is very little that I can do except to listen to her emotional outbursts and tell her indirectly that turning in her notes will be a great contribution to the Study. I hardly think that she will progress too much further in her report, but one cannot tell about a person like that because she may get a sudden inspiration and work like a fiend to turn out a large report. If she could only divorce herself from her emotional state of mind, I think that she could turn out a good piece of work because she certainly has the background and intelligence to do it. It's such a pity that her state of maladjustment has progressed so far and evacuation certainly is not to blame for that because the precipitating factors lie in her background and previous maladjustments, whatever they were. Sad case.

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Dear Dorothy?

I don't know what to say about Tamie although I am inclined to think now that she will settle down. I don't know how much she will accomplish but the blowoff to me seemed to have released a lot of her tensions so that she can settle down once more. On July 1, I visited her and her views were much calmer. My entry for that day: "I dropped in to see Tamie again this afternoon and she seems to have had some change of attitude. She was calmed down considerably so that the flare up of the other day might have done some good in releasing pent up tensions. She still says that she is going to quit the study, but she is now thinking of staying on until December. She said that her older sister plans to come out here from Hawaii to take a course in Home Econ so that Tamie may plan to stay in Chicago indefinitely even tho she feels that she will be off of the study. She is very undecided about everything. She said that she went to a fortune teller before the war and 15 things were predicted for her, of which 12 have already come true. She seems to be much more set on joining the Wacs now as she said that it would be for the same reason that some people used to join the Foreign Legion, to escape from frustration. Tamie seems to be a very unhappy individual... it is too bad that she has gotten herself so emotionally mixed up about things and she is essentially quite confused by it all. There wasn't anything I could say altho I did encourage her to work on her report and she made a resolution to get down to it again next wee. She said that she could finish up the major portion of it in the next few months if she decided to stick with it."

July 6 entry. (received you letter later that day after I had gone to see Tamie again:) "I wish that Tamie could get settled in her mind ... Tamie doesn't know what she wants, but she does not want other people to tell her this. I think that Tamie will turn over the notes to the Study as I talked to her about this. Tamie now plans to stay in Chicago until December if her sister comes. She is waiting for her sister's letter now. She asked me to bring her the college catalogue. Tamie thinks that she will go into the WACS now as she does not think she could face the embarrassment of going back to her small town home as a 'failure'. I don't know if all her talk about the \$400 a month job with the Army is a lone or not as she has not mentioned it lately. Tamie seems to be in a little better frame of mind now and the last time I went over there she had all of her notes out and she was going over it. She said that she has written so little that she had to re-read it all everytime. (she wrote four pages since the last visit.) It seems to make her feel better to have me come down therefor 'conferences' and I have been a hypocrit in encouraging her to spill. I think that it does her some good though. Jack thinks I am going down there "pretty often" but it is strictly on a professional business basis! She feels that she should never have left Hawaii as the further away she got from home, the more dissatisfied she got in her ambitions. She said



that she would have been a settled down teacher in Hawaii now if she did not come to this 'darned mainland.'. ...I've taken three afternoon off to see Tamie and I don't know whether it does any good. I either get a lecture on the uselessness of sociological studies or anecdotes on the sex life of the Nisei or primitive tribes. Tamie makes good cookies tho. She is very anxious for me to come over for dinner but I make excuses. Maybe I had better go sometime for the sake of science, but I know very well what Brother Jack is going to think. I think that ~~maybe~~ Tamie has reached a turning point and she may actually settle down and work on her report...She has been away from Poston for quite a while now and the whole subject is a little cold to her now. Frank mentioned this afternoon that he may go see her one of these days to ~~xxxx~~ return some stuff and he will try to stimulate her by talking about the Poston situation. The dirty guy thinks I should keep up my visits and that he should stay clear of her since he is one of the objects of resentment. The trouble with her is that she has completely isolated herself and that hasn't done her any good in doing her report."

I may go see her again this afternoon. I think that your plan about getting her to Berkeley is a good one, but it would have to come from her so that I will try my luck at hypnotic implantation this afternoon. But her sister's plan to come to Chicago may change the situation. I think that Tamie wants to go to Hawaii at the same time that she dreads the thought, psychological reasons possibly. On the other hand, I really don't think that it would be necessary for you to make a special trip out here. She may settle down because she does have a lot of guilty feelings. I'm pretty sure that she will turn over the notes when the time comes.

I feel quite guilty myself because I haven't done much since returning to Chicago, not even one interview altho I have quite a bit of notes in my diary. It must be the weather.

I have two sets of page 5031 to 5081 so I will send in the extra one to you since it was an oversight that two copies were not sent in to you originally. You have the book covering from about June 5 to June 17 so that it will have to be numbered from your office and a copy sent to us. From June 17 to July 1, the entries are also unnumbered altho we ~~xx~~ sent in the two copies to you. We would like to get the missing section (June 5 to 17) back as soon as possible with the proper numbering up to July 1 so that we can keep the numbering correct. I'll probably have another section of my diary to send about the middle of the month.

Charlie.



On my way home, I stopped in to see Tamie for a minute. She said that she had been working on her material all day, but it was so warm and sultry that she decided to put it away. Tamie claims that she puts in long hours mulling over her data but she still is not able to get any results. We got to talking about the uncomfortable weather in Chicago and Tamie mentioned that in Berkeley it was ideal and she did not have this obstacle to her mental activity. This was my cue so I jokingly remarked that she should ask Dorothy if she could go back to the Coast to finish up her work. I mentioned that in Salt Lake we had asked if we could have the next conference there. Tamie then said that Berkeley would be the ideal place since all of the material would be there and she felt that Leighton's data would be in the Bancroft Library eventually. I told her that Dorothy was interested in getting one of the staff to Berkeley as a trial case but she would have to have a good case to present to the Western Defense Command. I pointed out that Tamie would be the ideal test case since she liked the weather there, she could use the Berkeley material, she would get her fare paid to California so that she would be nearer to Hawaii, it would be easier for her to work for her Hawaii return, <sup>if</sup> ~~she~~ she were closer to the Western Defense Command headquarters in S.F.

Tamie was worked up about this and she wondered if there were such a possibility. Then she began to hedge and she remarked that the only bad point was that she would be under the nose of the boss and she did not think she could work effectively that way. Then she said that her sister was coming out here so that there really was no point in her going back to Hawaii now. She added that she was seriously considering joining the WAC's after



December. She felt that if she had the time to then, she could finish up her report. She said that she had many guilty feelings about the whole thing, but that she did not want to go back to Poston after the report was finished. She is fully aware of the fact that she seemingly holds the upper hand on this whole business since she knows that she is the only one in the position to do the report. She has an idea that she will probably hear some strong words from "the boss" in at least another month. Apparently she has no intention of showing her hand, but she wants it to be forced so that she will be justified to herself that she is getting a raw deal.

Tamie said that she still has to type up her Doctor's thesis and she could do it if she took off two weeks. "But I would get my head chopped off if I asked for such a thing after all this. But I think I will ask for two weeks off without pay and I could get the thesis out in that time." I think that this might be a good idea for her because she is pressing too much with the report and getting herself into all sorts of emotional tangles. A "vacation" away from the stuff might help her to get a more objective attitude so that she could bear down afterwards. But I don't know about that either. There is no doubt that she would like to finish the stuff, but there seems to be some inhibitions. I would think that it is the environment that she is in. She doesn't want to come to our office to work as it would disturb her to "see everybody but me working". We talked about her report for a while and she explained a little of what she had in mind. At best, she hopes to make it a historical account in as great a detail as possible. Her idea is that if this were done for each of the centers under study, there would be some basis



for comparative studies later on. Tamie enough of a social scientist to be intellectually honest and interested in the work at those times when her emotional jitterbugging is put into the background. The most difficult thing to do is to try and be helpful so that she will not interpret it as a personal persecution. I know that she could turn out a good piece of work if she could only get some measure of emotional stability in some way. She certainly has the training, brains and drive to do a good job. She just doesn't know what she wants right now. Some people certainly can get themselves into the most complicated personality messes. It isn't unusual at all as I suppose all of us to some degree have hidden problems which torment us at times unless there is some way of sublimating it or finding compensations. It seems that the single person with no family ties at all are inclined to be the most restless, especially if that individual is high-strung and sensitive.



July 12, 1944

Dear Dorothy,

I am supposed to be helping down here with the WRA cards but I am taking a little time off to answer your letter. Frank thought that if we all put in a little time with the WRA files, we could wind it up this month. Since I have not been busy on my interviews, the suggestion was agreeable to me. I hope that you are not getting alarmed at the lack of results on my part, but it has been difficult to make new contacts because of a number of reasons, the heat being one of the most important. Anyway, I expect to be back in the swing of things this week, altho two of my interviews were already cancelled. Not such a good start.

In regard to the Tamie letter, I see nothing objectionable in it. I think that she might suspect that I said something, being the type of person that she is, but that can't be helped since the letter has to be sent and now is a good a time as any. I don't think that Tamie is going to blacklist me since I seem to be getting along fairly well with her. She plans to go back to work seriously in a few days, but you know how easy it is to procrastinate. Anyway, your letter is bound to either stimulate her, or else throw her into another emotional dither. I think that she rather likes the idea of going to Berkeley, but the strongest resistance is the fact that she thinks she will be watched over. Your "order" to send in weekly results is not going to be taken kindly either, if I know Tamie. She will interpret it as another example of your "dictatorship." From your point of view, the letter has to be sent and I don't see much reason why you should hold it off since she will react in a funny way regardless of what you said. I might add that she will have some tie to Chicago in the event that her sister really does come here from Hawaii. I am beginning to suspect that all the talk about the \$400 Army job in the Islands is just talk to keep up her morale and to impress me with the fact that the Army would appreciate her even if the Study doesn't.

I'll try to write to Dick re: Nomura, but I think that I will be busy on the contacts I have already made for the rest of the month. It sounds like a very interesting lead, and I'll try to get around to it as soon as possible if other things do not interfere.

We are in need of some large ~~envelopes~~ stationery envelopes at the office. I believe I mentioned 3cent stamps in the last letter.

Sincerely,

*Charlie*  
charlie.



4743 Drexel Blvd.  
July 15, 1944

Dear WI and Dorothy,

I received your copy of the Child in America this morning. Thank you very much for it. It fits right in with the course I am taking now. I haven't been able to figure out who wrote what chapters as I have only glanced thru the book. But I will take a rough guess. I would say WI wrote ~~xxxx~~ part I definitely, and I think he wrote part two also. Dorothy wrote part III with the exception of chap VIII. How far wrong am I? There is no basis for my guess except that I think WI would write more of the behavior chapters and Dorothy the research programs. "miko is going to read the chapters on the psychometric tests as she is still sore about the cook county hospital episode.

I stopped in to visit Tamie briefly yesterday afternoon and she tells me that "progress is exceedingly tedious" but she wrote seven pages that day so that she is putting effort into it. I think that she has about 80 pages now, covering development of the block managers and council, I believe. She seems to have snapped out of her mood now. Said that she was writing for a two weeks vacation so that she could get completely away from it all and work on her thesis. Tamie said that plans for Hawaii are still indefinite and she is not so enthusiastic about it as she learned that she would be under the direct supervision of Lind if she took the job over there. Thinks best plan is to wind up her work by winter and join the WACs, but that may only be an attempt to bolster her morale. She has a terrific guilt feeling about the Study and is more willing to put some of the blame on herself now.

Frank is trying to wind up the WRA files work as soon as possible so I went down and helped one day. Tom is very busy on his occupational stuff and he hopes to wind it up this month but does not think he can ~~met~~ meet the deadline. All of this causes a terrific



demand on Louise's services, but we have been able to work out a compromise. Fortunately I have not had much to dictate lately. (Unfortunately for me) I have lined up about seven cases now so I can get back into the swing of things next week. Spent quite a bit of time following "family developments"--struggle between Mariko and Mrs. T. on marriage business-- and some follow ups on Toshie. (ch-3 or 4). Also on 'acks work, Bette's work (she makes \$33.65 clear a week) etc. Alice is going to have a baby in Jan., but still an official secret. I plan to send in my diary entries next week. That's about all I have been doing during the past month. I hope that it will not meet with your disapproval as I did concentrate on the diary. ~~for~~ The U. of Chicago will accept Bette, but she has to get Army clearance first. She will get \$300 scholarship from Student Relocation and \$200 more from another group so that solves a lot of problems. Emiko is taken care of as she will start nursing in the Fall. I guess I will have to say "Look in the diary for further news please" once again.

I feel uncomfortable about the diary as it shows how lazy I have been and I might get fired because of it! More than that, I try to record the things on my mind at the moment so I hope that you will excuse the rambling entries I make at times on minor thoughts. I find that it is a good way to blow off steam to myself when things bother me and I try to remain unconscious of the fact that it will be read of any person besides myself. It does seem to be such a waste of the study money, tho and I have guilty feelings about taking the time to do it at times. It's become a sort of a habit and it would be difficult for me to change my style and be more objective in my diary entries.

Sincerely,

charlie.



July 19, 1944.

Dear Dorothy:

I hesitate to interfere in your administrative problem regarding Tamie. You probably received her letter of resignation already and I'm hoping that this letter reaches you before your reply. I spent about four hours with Tamie today and she unloaded herself to me fully in regards to her personal feeling on the matter. I assume that your reaction to her letter would be to accept it as final. At the same time, I also feel that you should know of my conversation with Tamie today. I am assuming that you are still willing to gamble on the Poston report and that personal feelings are secondary.

In order to give a full picture of Tamie's present moods, I shall attempt to record our lengthy conversation in detail. Frank will also write up the portion of the conversation held while he was there.

I dropped over to Tamie's about 10:30 this morning. She immediately began to tell me all the reasons why she was resigning from the study: "I got a letter from Dorothy Monday and she certainly had a nerve. Her letter clearly indicated that she didn't trust me at all and that burnt me up. I felt that this was my chance to get away from the whole thing so I sent her a very nasty letter in reply and I made some inferences that she was an arm chair sociologist and she didn't know what she was doing. I know darn well that she is going to accept my resignation and I'm glad of it. The thing I couldn't understand is that she doesn't understand how anthropologists work. I don't like to be rushed and I don't like working under close supervision." Tamie then showed me the letter which she sent to you. She then began to compare herself with Frank and she made some unkind remarks about him. "It's different with him anyway because he has administrative work to do here in Chicago and he can always use that as an excuse."

Just about this time Frank dropped in to return some of Tamie's material. Tamie immediately began to justify her action, but it was clearly evident throughout the conversation that she was having a mental struggle and that she had many guilty feelings about it. "I don't feel that I'm under any obligations at all. I don't care if I'm blacklisted because I want to get away from any intellectual work for a year. I phoned my girl friend last night and she said I could come down and work for 65 cents an hour. I'm even willing to go over to McClurg's. Dorothy just took it for granted that I am going to Hawaii and I don't like the way she uses the word 'sensible'. When I was a little girl my mother always used to say I should be a sensible girl so I developed a phobia against that word. I was fed up because I was going stale. Dorothy has forced the issue and I feel justified in taking the step that I did. I'm going to try to get into the WACs, something in the AMG where I can be sent overseas. I don't want to be stuck in a little post in Texas. Another reason is that I did give up an Army job last March when I stuck with the Study. At that time I felt obligated but I don't anymore."



Tamie went on ~~ix~~ along this line for about an hour, but it was clearly evident that she vacillated from one point of view to another due to her mental disturbance and guilt feelings. She tried her best to get us to admit that she was justified, but we withheld our opinions. I didn't want to say anything until I talked to her alone. Frank will probably have a lot more to say about this portion of the conversation in his letter so I'll go ahead with the rest of the conversation after he left.

After Frank returned to the office Tamie began to change her opinion more and more. "I know that I blew up and I didn't write a very nice letter. I'll probably be blacklisted all my life by Dorothy. I'm really a scientific bastard for running out on her because I know this is what I really did. I realize that I'm convincing nobody by putting all the blame on Dorothy. She has a right to be sore because she hasn't actually heard from me for about six months and she doesn't know what I have been doing. I've never left any project that I worked on un-completed like this and that bothers me plenty. But I guess that it's all over now. I'm going to send all of the notes in tomorrow and forget about the whole thing. But I do feel so responsible. I know very well that I'm in the best position to write the Poston report. I woke up last night suddenly and I thought to myself that it was quite a shame that I didn't complete it. I know I can complete it by December 31st, but I have crossed the Rubicon already and there is no turning back. Dorothy has no other choice but to accept my resignation. It leaves a very bad feeling on the part of both of us and that is too bad. But I am an impulsive person. You have to be a crackpot to be an anthropologist. If Dorothy had only left me alone, I know that I would have gotten on very well in the next few months. I was just getting warmed up to the thing and I would have settled down and turned out a lot more sections if that letter from her had not arrived."

I continued to press the point that it was too bad that the report was not completed because it was for her own good that she finish the project. Tamie then began to reveal more and more of her real attitude towards it. She is very disturbed about the whole thing but she feels that nothing more can be done about it. She wondered if I could write a letter explaining that she was not loafing on the job and that she was getting under way. I didn't want to commit myself but I felt that some re-negotiations could be made if some of the misunderstandings were cleared up. Tamie kept pressing the point about me writing a letter so I agreed to it. I said that I would write the letter and that she wasn't supposed to know anything about it. Tamie then began to tell me of things to put in the letter. She said to emphasize the point that she had high professional standards and she really wanted to complete the report. "I realize that Dorothy holds a club over me and she could blacklist me in any other research project I ever worked on. At the same time I realize that I hold a club over her because of the Poston report. We have personalities that just don't agree. I don't seem to be able to work with other people at all. I hate X's guts and I'm not close to anybody



but you. But it does tear me up inside because I know I'm running out on everything. I'll tell you the real truth. I'm very jealous of other people in the staff because I have inferiority complexes about my own material. I've only got about 70 pages written and that is the reason why I was afraid to send it in. I've got the whole thing worked out in my mind but I just couldn't get down to business. I was just getting to the point where I had the data all organized in my notes and in my mind so I could have gotten the sections out quite rapidly. I don't want to back down on this whole business and I don't think that Dorothy will either. But I would like to complete this report regardless of our personal feelings towards each other. I know that it would have some academic value and my whole time would be wasted if I didn't finish it. I don't think that my report would be outstanding or anything like that, but at least it would be a basis for comparative studies of the various centers. I could write 100 pages on just the political section alone but I won't have time for it. Do you think that Dorothy would be willing to re-negotiate if you wrote a letter explaining my viewpoints. That would save my face because I wouldn't have to back down then. I would be perfectly willing to compromise. If Dorothy let me work on it until December I could guarantee completion but I would have to be let alone. It clearly indicates that she has no confidence in me when she asks for weekly reports. She doesn't do that to any member of the staff. I realize that I have been slow but that is the way I work. I would be willing to send in a monthly report. I think I could finish up quite a few sections in a month. In your letter to her, be sure to mention that I do feel a professional responsibility to the study and that I have high standards. You can also mention that I did do seven pages last Saturday when you visited me as that would indicate that I have settled down to business. I regret that I was in such a bad mood Monday when I got her letter as I interpreted it as a distinct ultimatum and I blew up. I think that after two weeks' rest away from the Study I could get down to business and concentrate on it but I don't suppose there is any chance for that now because Dorothy can only accept my resignation since she has no other choice. I don't think anything can be done about it now. It really does bother me about that report. I've never left anything uncompleted like that before and I know that it will always be in my mind that I was a failure this time if it is left like this. I wish that I didn't have such an inferiority complex about my writing. Do you really think that Frank meant it when he said that my completed material was good stuff? Maybe if Dorothy saw it, she would have more confidence in me if it is as good as Frank says. I was afraid to send it in because I thought she would blow up and say that she didn't want tripe like this. I know I made a mistake by not letting her know definitely of what I was doing but that is my nature as I rebel against close supervision of that sort."

I didn't care to commit myself to Tamie because I realize that you would probably explode when you read the nasty letter which she sent to you. However, I believe that several things should be considered. The most important thing is, just how important is the Poston report to you. It seems that you have



gambled for two years on Tamie and your administrative problem is to decide whether you can afford to gamble for six more months on her. I wouldn't ask anyone to back down to Tamie, especially after all you have gone through with her. I realize that you have given her every consideration and that she has failed you on most occasions. At the same time, I do believe that Tamie is capable of producing a first-rate Poston report and that if reconciliation could be made this time, she would settle down and produce what you have been expecting of her. This has been a major crisis with her and it might be a turning point if you decided to reconsider. I don't recommend anything because I know that it is a most difficult problem for you and it would be a terrific gamble. Furthermore, I have no business sticking my neck out in administrative problems of this sort. However, Tamie feels that these "misunderstandings" were due to the great distance between the "boss" of the study and the workers. She feels that it would never have occurred had there been closer relationships. She recognized that a lot of the fault, most of it in fact, was due to her own personality complexes, but I don't think that she would ever admit this to anyone else. In a way, I am betraying her confidence by revealing the things that she said, especially during the early part of the conversation when she was so worked up about the whole thing so that she could justify herself.

I merely wish to present as many facts as possible so that you will have some basis for decision. Tamie wanted to send in all of her notes to you tomorrow but I persuaded her to hold off for a few days until she received definite word from you. It puts you in a very difficult position, I realize, because I know that your patience has reached its limit. I don't know how the problem could be worked out if you decided that you would allow yourself to "lose face" for the sake of the Poston report. I have a feeling that Tamie would come through with it this time because she would be practically giving a guarantee and her professional status is at stake. I might add that during those moments when Tamie let her hair down, she did admit that she sympathized with your administrative problems because of the difficult personalities on the staff. She said that there was every reason why she should be fired. I suspect that the whole incident was a great blow to her prestige as she felt that the "club" which she held over your head was sufficient to give her the upper hand. She suddenly realized that you mean business so like a spoiled child she sent you a huffy letter as an act of rebellion. But after cooling off she realized that she was only cutting off her own nose to spite her face. She has no guarantee of a job in Hawaii as far as I could gather. But she will not admit this because she doesn't care to expose her shaky prestige any further. I have no doubt that Tamie does have high professional standards and that she has been working much harder on her report during the past week than before.

Tamie also made the suggestion that if I wrote to you as a sort of "middle man", I could also mention the fact that she would be willing to go to Berkeley to complete the report. "I don't think that Dorothy would hold the whip hand over me day and



night because I would be able to work much more efficiently there. I miss the University atmosphere. If I went to Berkeley~~x~~, I could work in the stacks as I'm sure Dorothy would get me a library permit. I would have a much more orderly routine of work. Out here I get discouraged so easily and I don't push myself because it is difficult to be alone in this room all day along. I fiddle away a lot of the time. If some re-negotiation could be opened up, I would be willing to go to Berkeley. Then there would be a definite understanding that I could arrange for a job and a return to Hawaii at the same time. I didn't like the idea that Dorothy assumed I was going to walk out on her. I had no intention of doing that last March when the subject of the Army job was first brought up. I like to make my own decision and I didn't like the idea of her telling me what the most "sensible" thing was to do. I know that I could produce if these misunderstandings were cleared up because I am at the point where I can turn out quite a few sections now as I have ~~mulled over~~ mulled over it a few months. I thought Dorothy expected me to turn out at least 500 pages, but from what Frank says this is not the case. The thing that griped me was that she asked me for a weekly report but she doesn't ask Frank for one even when he tells me that he has less than a hundred pages completed."

That's about the full story of our conversation and you can see from it that Tamie is definitely greatly disturbed about the whole affair. I don't know whether she could untangle herself from her emotional complexes now and settle down to work. That would be the gambler's chance that you would be taking if you decide to open up negotiations and make the first step towards reconciliation. Personally I think that this is a little too much to be asking of you and that Tamie does expect you to make the first move so that she can save face. She is quite serious about joining the WACs as an escape but at the same time she realizes that she is not being honest to herself or fair to the study. It is pretty difficult to figure out a personality of this sort and I certainly am not recommending that you take another chance with her because that is a matter that you will have to decide yourself. I only wish to present these facts to you so that you will have more to go on when making your final decision. As a personality, Tamie is an individual that few people can get along with and I don't know where she gets the idea that I am so close to her. I guess I must be quite a hypocrite for leading her on like this. My whole interest in the affair is that I think that the Poston report is important and that concessions have to be made to a screwy individual who is the only one in a position to write it up. Perhaps I over-estimate the importance of the Poston report and it may be that X can write it up just as easily, I don't know. It is a very difficult problem to draw the line and stop making concessions and I know that any normal person would not ask for further concession. But Tamie is not a normal person and it is up to you to decide whether to take another gamble or not. I would certainly hate to be the one to make this decision because I know how difficult a matter it would be.

Well, that's the whole sad story of the Tamie affair and the



rest is up to you--whether you can stand any more of this prima donna behavior for the ~~xxx~~ sake of the report you don't know if you will get or not. I don't know whether Tamie would really come ~~thru~~ through even if you backed down and asked her to reconsider because she is such a difficult individual to understand. However, I do believe that you may get some sort of a decent Poston report because Tamie realizes that her professional standing would definitely be at stake this time and that she would have no excuses if she did not produce. On the other hand, Tamie is a very unpredictable person and she may suddenly change her mind now and decide not to go back on the study at any cost even if her professional life is at stake. Maybe I am making your problem a little more difficult by presenting these facts because I presume that you have definitely made up your mind to accept her resignation upon receipt of her letter. I might add that she ~~xx~~ claims that she made a typographical mistake in her sarcastic remark about an "armed chair" sociologist. She said that she meant to say any "armed chair" sociologist and not you directly. It is difficult in handling a person of Tamie's disposition because she interprets every letter of yours as a command, and she will object to it on general principles. For example, she was quite angry about you suggesting that she go to Berkeley to finish up, but today she thinks that it is a swell idea. I had brought it up to her before and she was agreeable to the idea at that time. Maybe if you could arrange to put Frank in a position where Tamie would be responsible to him, that might solve the problem. Tamie makes frequent outbursts against Frank but at the same time she feels a certain kinship because she stresses the difficulty he is having with the Tule Lake report. I'm sure he would be in a position to encourage her along in the Poston report. I am not trying to slide out of the mess but I don't think I could do much in the way of encouragement because she uses me as a listening post for her frequent outbursts. I don't know whether it would work out if you brought her to Berkeley but I think that she might produce. It would be some time before these arrangements could be made anyway so that she would have to continue working out here if you decided to take the gamble. Tamie does need some kind of supervision to spur her on but the big problem is how to do this in a way that would not be interpreted as supervision. I guess I've only succeeded in making the problem more ~~complex~~ complex for you but I am sending this letter with the best intentions, and I am thinking of the good of the study rather than personality differences between the boss and a very obnoxious and emotionally disturbed assistant. I hope you don't mind my interfering into your administrative problems, but I excuse myself by believing that I am working "under orders".

Sincerely,

Charlie.

P.S. Please excuse the times I repeated myself but this has been a hard letter to write. OK

We have not received diary entries that I sent in from Lisa yet, New batch of diary sent in yesterday.



4743 Drexel Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois  
August 3, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

I received my check for July with the increase in salary. Thank you very much. It was in the amount of \$156.00 so that my taxes must run around \$19.00 a month. I was wondering if I still get exemption for two dependents. As you know Bette was 18 on July 3. I understand that the tax is based upon the number of dependents as of July 1. Does this mean that I will get the deduction for her for all of this year? I was wondering whether I could get my mother listed as a dependent now that she is unable to work in camp and she would be a relief case if I did not send a small amount each month. I have already listed Miyako as a dependent and I don't know if it would be possible to list another member in camp or not. Could you find out for me? I would like to make the claim anyway just to see what happens.

My mother is having an operation again just as soon as we inform the doctor in camp whether we are coming to camp to be there at the time or not. I don't think any of us can make it, but we are going to find out first just how serious it is. I don't think that it will be as serious as the last time, but you can't tell about these stomach operations. It has been of some worry to us.

I still have not got Bette's school clearance arranged for as it takes so long to get the Sixth Service Command to take action. The University of Chicago has accepted her. We are not going to worry about the finances until we know for sure that she can get in. I just got a notice to go to the admission office but I don't know what it is all about. I will go tomorrow.

Tamie took the whole thing rather calmly and I helped her to ship the things in. She is keeping a few things like Haas' weekly reports, but most of her data is being sent in. Tamie is going to join the WACS, but it is supposed to be a secret. I won't have to see her anymore after the railway express picks up her notes. I guess it was best for all concerned that she resigned as she was in such a mess. You certainly did give her every chance.

We have been having terribly hot weather lately. I am getting a number of interviews in spite of the humidity, sent in #42 and #43. #44 will be delayed as the subject is busy with some night work for a couple of weeks. Intensively finished two Stockton zoot suiters by working afternoons and evenings on them, and I have one more of that group to do. It may take a little time to do the dictation as Tom has been using Louise quite a bit for his study and he has just



received a notice to report for induction on the 30th. I think that he will be placed upon the reserve and sent home. Frank has been busy with the statistical stuff and he hopes to finish it up before very long. We are planning to all go down for a couple of days and devoting our time to it so that it can be wound up in a hurry.

No other office news for the present. I suppose you have received my latest diary entries--July 17 to Aug 1-by now. Now that I will be busy with case reports, I won't be able to write so intensively in the diary for a while.

I am quite pleased with the results I am having with the Stockton boys as I was a little afraid that I would not be able to get into this group after what Tom mentioned. However, I have had no difficulty at all. I have cut down a little on the time of interviews as I realize it is quite a strain for a person to be talking for four or five hours. It hasn't made too much difference in my progress to date as I think I will still be able to complete three or four cases a month. I won't put up a definite goal for myself as it makes me press. I am quite anxious to get my first 50 cases tho. I don't know if I am really getting a wider spread, but I think I am. I didn't think so a couple of weeks ago but that was because I was discouraged at my slow progress. This hot weather does slow one up and it is true that contacts are a little harder to get since I have to start in on new groups now. I think that my second 50 cases, if I have the time, should be better than the first set since I have the added experience.

I had not heard from you for quite a while and I thought that maybe you might have been a little displeased because of the interference in the Tamie incident, hence this letter. I also have a guilty conscience about not getting in more cases! Actually, Tamie did take a lot of my time even if it was a lost cause. I still am babying her along, but I am going to drop it after one of two more visits since the Study is no longer at stake. Tamie is definitely neurotic and she doesn't know what she wants. I thought I might try a hidden interview on her and get her life story, but I dropped the idea as it would take too much time and I don't want to be bothered.

Oh yes, these Stockton boys are race track fans and I might go out with them one of these days to "observe" what is going on since there are many Nisei who try to make a living on the horses now. It is claimed that at least 50 Nisei are out there every day at the minimum. I won't make any bets "on the Study" though! I took the liberty of putting a couple of drinks on my expense account as this was the way I made my inroads into the group. However, I am not going to bother about attempting a group study as I don't have the time and I don't want to get away from the individual case approach.

Best regards to WI.

Sincerely,  
Charlie.



Aug 22, 1944

Dear Dorothy,

Just a brief attached note on Tamie. She is up in the air and quite angry as she feels that she is being persecuted. I just didn't commit myself on everything. Only joted down the pertinent points of her remarks and did not include all of her ravings. You are not supposed to know that she is going into the WACS.

I going along pretty well on my cases now, but you may not get the typed copies ~~xi~~ until next month because Tom is very busy with Louise and I feel that he should have the chance to finish up as much as possible before being inducted. He may be put on the REserveCorps, but he is not counting on that. I am sorry that I could not send in Ch45,46, and 47 all in one batch as it would have given you a better picture of the group, but my dictation time has been cancelled for the rest of the month. I still have to complete the interviews on Ch-44 and 48. I don't plan to start 49 until next month. Soon my goal of 50 cases will be reached and I find that I am not as far behind my schedule as I thought because it has only been a little over a year since I did my first case. I think I am getting pretty good spread in my sampling now. As the resettlement period gets longer, the interviews also get longer and I find that it takes me about four or five visits to finish up a case now. On this basis, I should still be able to do my three or four cases a month. I don't know if you consider my progress too slow. I hope to work a little harder in September as it will be between quarters.

Family developments: Mother will have operation late this month or early next month. Rather serious. Jack and Dolores got secretly married last week. Mariko definitely getting married next sunday, she says, but struggle with Mrs. T. still goes on. Alice coming down for wedding but will return to Minn. until after baby is born. Emiko finishes summer session and now looking for job Before entering Mt. Sinai in Oct. Bette finally got clearance and scholarships so will start U. of Chicago next month. Chas finishes summer session but thinks he flunked.  
I will send in diary at end of month.

Sincerely,  
Charlie



# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY  
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Sept. 1, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

Following is my expense account for the last month:

|         | carfare | phone | others |        |
|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------|
| July 31 | .25     | .05   | .15    |        |
| Aug. 2  | .20     | .05   |        |        |
| Aug. 3  | .20     | .20   |        |        |
| Aug. 4  | .20     | .05   |        |        |
| Aug. 7  | .20     | .05   |        |        |
| Aug. 8  | .20     | .05   |        |        |
| Aug. 9  | .00     | .10   |        |        |
| Aug. 10 | .25     |       |        |        |
| Aug. 15 | .20     | .05   |        |        |
| Aug. 17 |         |       | .75    |        |
| Aug. 21 |         | .10   |        |        |
| Aug. 22 |         | .30   |        |        |
| Aug. 26 | .20     |       |        |        |
| Aug. 28 | .20     |       |        |        |
| Aug. 29 | .20     | .10   |        |        |
| Aug. 30 | .20     | .05   |        |        |
| Aug. 31 | .20     | .15   |        | 4.90   |
|         | 2.65    | 1.30  | .90    | \$4.85 |
|         | 2.70    |       |        |        |

The August 17th expense of 75c was for three stiff folders with metal clasps. I purchased them at the bookstore but I mislaid the receipt somewhere so I am unable to send it in.

We are in need of some small <sup>9/5</sup>denomination stamps and airmail stamps since Tom needs quite a few in contacting the employers for his occupational study. Tom was put on the reserve so he is back in the office and I suppose you will be hearing from him in a day or so if not already. Frank has been working so hard recently that I rarely get to speak to him. I think he is trying to make some kind of a deadline or something like that. I am back in the full swing of work once more and I have enough cases lined up for this month to keep me busy. I will also have to catch up a little on my dictation and I shall be able to do this now that Tom is not so pressed for secretarial assistance. I will try to contact Kiku Tomita, the girl you mentioned, in the near future.

In regards to the Cleveland trip, is it necessary for me to make up my mind immediately? I suppose I could fit it in rather easily but I would like to get a little more work out in order to justify myself. Could you send me Mitch's address so that I could write to him since I haven't written him one letter since leaving Tanforan. I think I would rather enjoy a short trip to Cleveland and I am sure that Mitch must have a lot of valuable data in his files. Is it necessary that this matter be taken care of immediately or could it wait until the pressure of my work lifts a little?



Frank mentioned this morning that I should ask in regards to a vacation for Louise. She has been working very hard during the past month assisting Tom with his project and I think that she could well use a rest period of a week or so in order to recuperate before I start my slave driving on her with my piled up dictation. Louise has been working in the office for over a year now so would it be agreeable with you if Frank arranged with her for a vacation? Frank would like to know as soon as possible so that we will be able to coordinate the office work.

I suppose you will get my Diary entry for the period, August 17 through 31 by the time this letter reaches you. In regards to Mariko's wedding, the fireworks have not begun yet. Last night Madame T. made some secret call on a few of Mariko's friends in order to worm the truth out and one of my cases CH-44 inadvertently let the cat out of the bag. The last I heard was that Mrs. T. was making a bee-line for Mariko's apartment and we managed to warn her in the nick of time. I don't know what the outcome was so you will have to wait until the next chapter of my Diary arrives! I think it's going to be a continuation of the Battle of the Century. Madame T. doesn't like us now because we don't show the proper Japanese courtesies!

Everything else has returned to normal after a hectic two weeks of various developments. I think I shall be able to settle down to some real work now although I've been following the family developments rather closely as I thought it would be interesting in regards to the generation conflict. Alice looks very pregnant now. She sends her regards to you and W.I.

Some mention was made in the Diary of a possible job with the Illinois Public Aid Commission on a part time basis, but I haven't followed that through yet, and I would not make any moves without consulting you or if I felt that it would not benefit the Study. I was primarily interested in the suggestion as I felt that it would be a good source of information, but I don't think that I would have the time. The S.S.A. has granted me another tuition scholarship for one course.

Very truly yours,

*Charlie*

Charles Kikuchi



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Sept. 26, 1944

Uninhibited reaction to proposed Berkeley Conference.  
Dear Dorothy,

As much as I would like to see California again, I find that there are a couple of obstacles in the way which would not make it practical.

From your circular, it appears to me that the emphasis will be placed upon the relocation center aspects of the study and therefore I could not contribute a thing.

I still do not feel that I am ready to start any sort of an analysis of the case documents. Part of this resistance is due to my desire to reach my goal of 100 cases and part of it due to the fact that I do not have enough confidence in myself and I am afraid that I will get too much pressure on me when I am not prepared yet for this project of analysis.

It would mean an interruption of my work here and it does take quite a while to get rolling again. That is why I slowed down after the Salt Lake Conference. I think that this document collecting is my primary contribution to the Study and I get impatient when I get out of the routine I have built up.

It would be an unnecessary financial expenditure to give me a "forced vacation" of this kind as my presence there would not be justified. What I would have to contribute would be very little at this time. I would have a guilty conscience being in the presence of others of the conference meetings who would have a lot to contribute.

I am registering for another course this quarter and the conference falls right in the middle of it. Of course, I would be willing to stay out of school this quarter if you felt that it was advisable and in that event I could attend the conference. The only thing is that ~~xxxx~~ I ~~xxxxxxx~~ started my graduate work in 1941 after two years out of college and I would like to get it over with eventually so that I will have my M.A. degree to add to my ~~xxxx~~ collection! I realize at the same time that my work comes first of all and I shall not question any decision you make.

My draft deferment ends Nov. 4, I believe, and I do not know if it will be extended.

The above reasons will also apply if the conference were arranged for Salt Lake.

It would be easier if the conference could be held in Chicago, but that might inconvenience you so I have no other suggestions to make. We shall therefore await your decision. I would like to see California though, but...

Everything is going along smoothly and I have started on Ch-51 now. Emiko will be going to nursing school next week and Bette has started the University. Alice is six months pregnant now and she thinks it will be a girl. I started class this morning.

sincerely,

Charlie



Dear Dorothy,

I still have ch 50, 51, 53 and 54 to dictate. They are longer than this one I am sending in and much more interesting, I think. It takes time to get these dictated up as we have to share Louise . I'll try to get them in as soon as possible. I sent in Diary entries and a couple of cases in to you last week, COD! I have some letters to attach to Ch-48 but I have to go thru about



500 of them firstx and pick out the most representa-  
tive ones since we can't copy them all and I have  
to return them. No other news this time.

My draft deferment is up on Nov. 4 and I was  
wondering just what steps you plan to take, if any.  
It keeps me up in the air.

I am working on ch-55 right now and I have  
tentatively lined up 56 altho it may be cancelled  
as we had a difference in political opinions and  
I forgot my scientific attitude and aired my  
views which didn't go over so well! charlie



ck



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Oct. 18, 1944

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I received a card from my draft board this morning saying that my classification would be 2-A until April 12, 1945. I did not know that action had been taken on my status. This means that I will have time to continue my work. I'll probably be sending in ~~x~~ another case in a few days if I can get it dictated ~~x~~ by then.

Sincerely,

Charlie.



23 October 1944

Dear Dorothy,

I suppose you have received my card by now telling you of my further draft deferment. It is until April, 1945. There might be a possibility that it might even be extended after that date.

In regard to your question about tentative plans to carry on my work, I certainly would stick with the Study above any other choice of work. I have not made any definite plans about anything else as you may have noted in my journal entries. I most certainly would like to continue if your plans of refinancing is successful. I would like to complete the work that I have started, but I am not sure that I would be of any use to the Study once the analytical work is commenced. Maybe I will have more self confidence by the time this is started. I am just finishing up ch-55 but I find that it is getting a little harder to contact new cases so don't be surprised if I slow up a little. I was fortunate in making some good contacts in August and September, and also this month, so that I have been going along at a fairly steady rate. I still have several cases to dictate.

Your plan for a conference in March for me sounds very good and I know that I will be able to get a lot out of it. As far as I am concerned, I will be going with the idea that I will continue on the Study as long as I am able because I do want to get at least 100 cases finished up, and I also recognize that I will have to do some serious thinking about analyzing these cases at some time. I am hoping that your longer-time plan succeeds so that I will be able to have the benefit of your supervision for the future stages of my work. I suppose it is only natural for me to keep belittling my work and it does lift my morale when you mention that some of the documents are very good. I have my doubtful moments about that and to tell the truth, I expected to be about the first to be "laid off." I only hope that I will be able to do work to your satisfaction in the coming months.

I am continuing to take one course per quarter at the University. This quarter I have met my Waterloo, I think. I am in a course, Social Investigation, which requires a knowledge of some statistics and I find myself almost lost. I hope to be able to get by. I still have about five units to do after this quarter so that I could not plan on finishing up for my M.A. for quite a while yet at this present rate. However, I feel that I have to place a secondary emphasis on this since I am employed in a definite job.

Now about the conference in March: I hardly think that there will be enough time between quarters to take three weeks off for a trip to Berkeley so that I think I will not register in a class for the spring quarter. It might be possible that I could later make it up in some other way, possibly a summer quarter. There really is no rush about the thing since I have two field work courses to complete and that is going to be a problem later as each of these courses require about three days a week in a public agency. Therefore, if I did not register for a spring quarter, it would not throw me off too much. I still have to make a check on the schedule so there may be a possibility that



things may work out. I believe that the Winter Quarter begins in early January and ends on March 23. Then the Spring Quarter starts right away. The spring quarter ends in mid-June 1945 and the summer quarter commences immediately. The largest break in time comes ~~xxxx~~ between the summer and fall quarter but that is not of any use for your plans. Therefore, it means I would have to stay out ~~on~~ quarter regardless of when you wanted me to come to Berkeley and I'd just as soon go in March if you feel that this is the best time. I'm pretty sure that this is the way the school schedule works altho I looked at last year's program. Since my draft deferment is up in April 1945, it will probably be better if I go to Berkeley before then, if possible.

I have some personal feelings about the matter of finishing up with my M.A. work, but it is not resentment or feeling that I am imposed upon or anything like that. I was a little anxious about it for a while because of the draft possibility and the possible termination of the Study. But I have felt all along that my first duty ~~is~~ is to the Study and I feel lucky that I have been able to do some graduate work in the past year. For this reason, I hope that you will not be hesitant about asking me to come to Berkeley because of my ~~xx~~ classwork. Later on, I might ask you if you would be willing to write some kind of a note to the SSA as I would like to continue to get the tuition exemption granted to me from the department. It would take about a whole month for the study anyway if you were to have me out there for three weeks. It would mean about a week more in traveling. The only thing that bothers me is that I will be such an expense and I never can justify these trips on the "study."

I don't know if you feel that I have disobeyed your orders to go to Cleveland, but I just don't seem to be able to get around to it without disrupting a lot of things. I would like to go, but it takes so damn long to make new interview contacts and I still have to catch up on my dictation so that it will not get too cold. Maybe I'll be able to catch up on dictation when the rest of the staff goes to the Salt Lake Conference. There isn't any rush about the Cleveland trip, is there? Maybe one of the others of the staff could go. Why couldn't Morton go there on the way back from Wash? I won't feel that I am missing out on anything.

In my recent cases, you will notice that I have put in excerpts from my diary in connection with the individual. My reason for that is that much of my impression of the person is "cold" by the time I get around to dictation so that I thought the diary entries might have some suggestive notes and there are also some informal notes on the person jotted down in my diary and usually not included in the case document proper. I also thought that these notes might give some picture of the setting. I would like to hear your reaction as to whether this practice is advisable or not.

Best regards to WI. Bette also sends regards.

Sincerely,

*Charles*

Charles Kikuchi.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY  
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November 22, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

I have wrestled with my conscience but I couldn't completely decide on what I should do about the employee's exemption certificate. However, I am sending you the certificate which claims four dependents--mother, Bette, Miyako, and Tom. In the one I sent yesterday before I sent the one yesterday, I didn't include Bette as I didn't know persons over 18 were eligible for exemptions. Under the new income tax regulations Bette would definitely be listed. In fact, I suppose I could also include Emiko if she were under my complete support at the present time. But I only partially support her now that she is in the nursing school.

This is my argument for claiming four dependents: The WRA figures that it costs \$20.00 per month per individual in the WRA centers. From this basis, it costs the WRA \$60.00 a month for the maintenance of my mother, Tom, and Miyako. Assuming that it costs \$60.00 a month for the support of Bette, this would total \$120.00 a month if I were paying the full cost. The tax regulation states that if a person receives one half or more of his ~~income~~ or her support from me, they would be eligible for deductions. If I rationalize a bit and include the extra allowances I give to Emiko and Bette, my total expenditures for a month would add up to well over \$90.00 a month (including also gifts to family in camp). Would it be possible for me to assume that the \$90.00 (which is well over half of the \$120.00) is for general family support and therefore I could rationalize and claim the three individuals in camp and Bette as my dependents? The effect of my expenditures would be the same because I actually do spend that much or more per month for the general family (although the larger share of it is for Bette's and Emiko's support). However, if I do get a further deduction, I will send the difference between my present income after taxes and what I will get with the four exemptions to the family in camp.

I'll leave it up to you as to whether I should submit the enclosed withholding certificate or whether I should use the one I sent in yesterday. Of course, it is understood that the whole responsibility is mine in the event that the Treasury Department raises any question. I'm willing to take a chance because I don't think I would be gypping the government and in a way my claims are justified. I plan to bring Tom out next spring if possible and I would like to build up a little fund for his support.

I sent in CH-53 and Diary entries up to November 20 by express so you should be getting it this week. I'll have some more things to send later. I hope that the conference in Salt Lake turns out well. The agenda looks very interesting and I'm sorry I have to miss it. Best regards to W.I.

Sincerely

*Charlie*

(over)



I further appease my conscience with the  
fact that I paid taxes and I had no deduction  
for Smiler for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  yrs when I was fully supporting her.  
Under the new regulations, she would be counted  
as an exemption even tho the law is not retroactive.

Further, my family in camp does not receive "other  
income" of over \$500 a year. Even if my mother worked  
on the project for a year, the wage at \$16 a month would  
only amount to \$192 + clothing allowance of about \$100.



Dec. 12, 1944

Dear Dorothy,

I hope that you do not mind getting this stuff so late. This batch completes all of the backlog of cases that I had. From now on, I will be working on current cases. I have about four in progress, but the work has slowed up due to Xmas rush of interviewees, etc. I guess you will note this failure to meet my expectations in my diary comments. That is one of the reasons why I delayed sending it in as I wanted to get well started in work again before you noticed the lapse in my progress. It is unavoidable and not entirely due to my lack of initiative. Another reason why I did not send in the stuff earlier was that I knew you would be busy with the S. L. Conference and there was no rush for my material. I expect to get back into a fuller swing of things after the holiday season.

Best regards to WI.

I am assuming that I will go to Berkeley in the spring quarter so that I am enrolling for another course in the winter quarter. (Jan. thru. March.) Frank will probably tell me more details when he returns.

Charlie (over)



We have not been able to find the yellow chemical second sheets in the bookstore out here, but we will look around at some of the other places. All of the second sheets in the store here is of a much cheaper and absorbent quality.

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Cheap white bond paper is 70 cents a ream, while yellowchemical second sheets, which Mrs. Wilson listed, is about 65 cents a ream so that we may get thebond paper if we cannot find the other.  
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Am now working on Ch-56, 58, 59, 60.

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Dec. 14, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

Frank and I have discussed some details of my immediate work plans. I don't know whether I'll be able to do much in helping to bring the Chicago material together but I'll try my best with yours and Frank's guidance. I hope that I am not a big disappointment. I feel that I can do better work in fact gathering but I agree that it would be a good experience to start doing some reports. Frank and I will get together the first of the week to tentatively make some classification outlines so that I can begin marking up the case documents under the different topics. We will send it in to you for approval. I shall continue on with the collection of my case documents, but it will probably be at a much slower pace hereafter. I would like to get my 100 cases but I don't see how it will be possible now.

I will definitely plan to get out to Berkeley by Feb. 1 so that I would like instructions on what steps I should take. I had tentatively signed up for another course for the winter quarter but I shall cancel that the first thing next week. The school will probably give me another scholarship tuition for the Spring quarter which starts in mid-March. That is why I would rather be in Berkeley in February than in March as I might have to miss a two quarters of work if I went in the latter month. I still have about five units of work in the S.S.A. so there is no hurry for it. It has been a minor crisis for me to learn that the Study might definitely close up next summer, but that is a personal problem. I might even get drafted before then since the Selective Service is tightening up in the 26-37 age group and my present deferment ends in April.

In the meantime I shall try to get organized on my future plans altho I confess that I am a little confused right now. Part of the reason is that I have only slept 3 hours since last Monday because I have had to cram for my finals, and consequently, I feel a little groggy. I am looking forward to going to Berkeley and I hope that the permit will not be delayed since it is important that I get there as soon as possible. I sent in another Diary entry and a few cases yesterday so that you will be receiving them in a short time. I sent them collect because I felt that it would be cheaper than sending that bulk of material by first class mail. Incidentally, I sent Christmas cards to all my case documents and I have charged the stamps to the Study.<sup>90+</sup> Is that permissible? It's one way of keeping up contacts in the events that I do follow-ups, which I expect to do eventually. I am working on 3 or 4 cases now but my work has definitely slowed down this month due to the Christmas season.

I shall be waiting for further instructions from you.  
Best regards to W.I.

Sincerely,

Charlie.

(over)



P.S. It just occurred to me that there may be a problem, if I cut up and mark the copy of the case document I have here. When I go to Berkeley, it will mean that I shall have to send them all there. That means that I will have to send the stuff a little ahead of time so that it will arrive by the time I get there. If I arrive in Berkeley by February 1, it will mean that I won't have much time to work on the classification here, only about 3 weeks at most. However, this is only a minor problem but I thought I would mention it. I would like to know as soon as possible if the permit will definitely ~~be~~ come before February 1 as I am not registering for a class this quarter.



## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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December 19, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

I have received your letter proposing that I write a formal air mail letter to the commanding general of the Western Defense Command, Presidio, San Francisco, asking to go to Berkeley for the month of February. I am not acting upon this letter because of the recent Army announcement that the exclusion ban has now been lifted.

I phoned Mr. Booth of the W.R.A. office this morning and he informed me that as far as he knew, I would not have to get any sort of a clearance. He said that unofficially he would suggest I just get on the train and go. Not all of the details for the return to California have been announced, but Dillon Myer is supposed to send out a form letter to all evacuees informing them of the procedure. I looked at a copy yesterday very hastily, and my interpretation was that the W.R.A. will have complete charge of approving any plans for resettling back to California, except those who are on the Army Exclusion Order list. This "approved plan" is only for the purposes of granting transportation and subsistence to those who have a sponsor in California. This would not affect me in the least since I am only going for a temporary visit. I shall wait for further word from you as to whether I should go ahead and arrange for my transportation without taking any other steps. There really does not seem to be any other procedure for me to follow because my position is status quo as of December 6, 1941, as far as the Army is concerned.

Frank and I will commence outlining some of the headings we shall use for classification of my material this afternoon. I don't know whether we will get too far with it by the time I am ready to leave for Berkeley. It is an immense job and we should get the outline for classification into you for approval before we proceed marking up any of the case documents. I hardly think that I will be ready for even a preliminary analysis of my data by the time I get out to Berkeley. I assume that the object of the Berkeley is to get me started on this work. I am willing to see what I can do with it, but I must confess that I am extremely doubtful that I have sufficient analytical ability to write up a report such as you would want. Perhaps I am getting into a state of anxiety too early. I think I have mentioned these feelings in my Diary entry which you will get shortly. I'm willing to go ahead and see what I can do if you have the faith in me. I think that you might be very disappointed. I know that Frank will be able to guide me quite a bit and I am counting heavily on that. Perhaps I am getting jittery because the end of the Study is rapidly approaching and I have some other personal problems on my mind, such as resettlement for my brother, completion of my M.A. work, and continuation of Pette's schooling. However, I need not burden you with these things since it is aside from any



connection with the Study. I am looking forward to going to Berkley and I am sure that I will be able to arrange my school work with the Dean of the Department when I see her this afternoon. I will definitely plan at that time to drop out of school for the winter quarter. The spring quarter starts sometime in late March, I believe, and I will be back here in plenty of time to enroll for that. I really don't have to see the Dean but I am hoping that she will make arrangements for the continuation for my tuition scholarship as I don't seem to be able to get sufficient money ahead to pay for it myself. I rashly spent too much money for Christmas presents and I am contemplating the purchase of a new suit so that I can re-enter California decently clad, and that has depleted my savings for the past six months!

Incidentally, the announcement by the Army to open California has not caused much excitement among the Nisei that I have talked to. I have some comments on this matter in my Diary notes. I hardly think that there will be a large scale migration back to the Pacific Coast although there may be some students, domestic workers and agricultural workers who will want to go immediately. The people I have talked to out here are waiting to see what develops and I don't think that too many of them will go back. There may be some excitement in the centers because a sentence in Myer's letter to each evacuee mentions that the camps would be gradually closed. This will no doubt throw the people into another emotional state because they will fear that they are going to be dumped out immediately.

Brother Jack is the first one who has made plans to return to California immediately from this area. He is hoping to leave within the next two weeks. He would like to get the transportation money from the W.R.A. before he goes. However, he will just get on the train and go out anyway if there is too much red tape to it. The W.R.A. apparently is not going to create too much red tape in this matter. Jack may go to Gila for a couple of weeks to visit the family first. I am helping him write up his program for resettlement back to California so that he will have an approved plan and be eligible for the transportation grant. Full details in Diary!

I hope that W.I. is in the best of health. Please extend the best Christmas wishes to him from the assorted Kikuchis. The same to you. We probably will get down to real serious business in the office after Christmas is over.

I shall wait for your latest instructions before arranging for my transportation and I'm pretty sure that I'll be there around the first of February. I have to arrange for Bette's care while I am gone since Jack will be in California by that time, he hopes.

Sincerely,

*Charlie*

Charles Kikuchi



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Dec. 28, 1944

Dear Dorothy,

The arrangements for my trip have been made. I went down to the ticket office and bought my tourist class reservation for Jan. 27, 1945. I will have to get my return reservation for a berth after I get there as I do not know the exact date of returning. The round trip ticket was \$93.60, I believe, and I will have to pay about \$14.00 more for the return berth. I may be able to cut it down a bit if I go to Los Angeles by coach. The ticket agent said that I could do this on my round trip ticket.

I wanted to get your permission about plans for my return trip. I would like to come by way of Gila so that I can drop off in camp to talk over plans for my brother's resettlement with my mother. It would mean a few days delay in getting back here, but at no extra fare. I will talk these things over with you after I get there. Travel seems to be very heavy so that reservations have to be received a month ahead of time.

I have not done too much in the way of preparing for the conference. Frank has given me some valuable suggestions, but I am a little confused as to what I am going to do with the data yet. I thought I might as well get there with an open mind! I have ch-59 and 60 ready to dictate now, and I will finish up ch-56 and 58 as soon as possible. The holidays disrupted my schedule completely. I expect to have all of these cases done by the time I leave here, including the dictation. I may do one more case and then spend the rest of the time reading over some of my cases to get an idea of what is in them. Frank has suggested that I take a couple and put main topical headings on them, but we have not worked up any sort of an outline for classification yet.

Will it be necessary for me to bring a copy of all my cases. Frank thought that I might have to start cutting up some of the cases and there is only one copy in Berkeley. I have the office copy here and also one of my own. If you want me to bring the office copy with me, I will plan to ship it out so that it will be there when I arrive, or shortly afterwards. I probably would be able to send it through on my baggage ticket if you think it is advisable to bring it.

I have not made any sort of housing arrangement for my stay out there so that I will have to depend upon you for it. I will leave Sat night, Jan 27 so that I should be there by Tues the 30 or the 31 at the latest.

Louise has been going down to the WRA office to finish up the files and she expects to complete it in three or four days. I might have to ask her to come back to the office next week if I think my dictation is going to pile up. I hardly think so. No other new developments here. Frank is hard at work on his stuff.

Sincerely,

Charlie.



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April 13, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

I am sending you a box of data today: diary entries, follow up interviews with Blackie and Endo, a new case (ch-61) on their friend, and the rest of the single men job analysis (8) and four of the single women job reviews. I have six more of the single women

finished on the job sections, but Louise has not had time to type them up yet. I plan to go right through the single women and then go on to the married men and women. I think I am making fairly good progress now as I have established a sort of pattern. I don't know if they will meet with your approval or not. Frank has been very conscientious in making stylistic changes, which are numerous. If you will note Ch-17, you will find it too long and most of the background section can be cut out radically. That was the first case I did upon return and it took me a little time to get back into the swing of things after I left Berkeley. I don't know if the other cases show any improvement or not. Some of them go along easily, but others are slow going. I try to finish at least an average of one case (on jobs) a day, which I consider as a fairly good rate. I am not doing the four cases left with you. (Frank's etc.)

I plan to index the new case and work on that since he is a single man, but I have not done anything about the new material on Blackie and Endo. We have not received the diary index yet and some of my follow up material will be found through that source. In fact, I have only received the case history index so far. I just assume that the Berkeley office is very easy and I don't want to put any pressure on beautiful Jonny as I hear that she has to entertain all of her soldier friends on leave right now!

I know that you are very busy (after getting a sample of the Berkeley office schedule!) so I don't expect to get a complete case analysis from you for a while. I ~~don't~~ will need one for a guide eventually, but there is no hurry about it since I am going to the ~~job~~ <sup>home</sup> section next and it will be some time before I come to the difficult social attitudes section. However, I have run into a couple of complications. In the single women cases, they all speak of marriage as the goal. Technically, that would come in another section so I have only been mentioning it in passing. There are also certain social attitudes mentioned in connection with jobs, but I am passing all of them up for a later review except those pertaining to attitudes on job futures and discrimination in work. It is a similar problem to what we ran up against while I was in Berkeley.

I am beginning to get steamed up to this report as it is beginning to take definite shape in my thinking now. I could only see it vaguely before. I realize that there will have to be a lot of cuts in the sections I am doing. I am no longer worrying too much about the next big step or how to include the diary data, etc., as it is best to work only on one thing at a time. Incidentally, I think you did your work of stressing the necessity for objectivity and elimination of judgmental opinions too well as I find that I am in conflict with my case work course in psychiatric child welfare case work. The analysis which are being done in that class is full of opinionated attitudes and a generous application of terminology which really don't mean anything.

the index, recollections, shows that in the single girls have a lot of the implicit, the show family conflicts in the family section, got a family section.



I am not going to rebel in that class since I am only interested in the credit, but my eyes certainly have been opened. Writing judgmental sentences is in perfect good taste in that class it seems. The habit is a bit hard for me to break, but Frank said that I wasn't doing much of it any more and most of the changes he makes are stylistic, which is encouraging to me. I don't know how it will be when I get to the social attitudes section.

I have not received my 1-A notice, but I expect in within a few days. Should I wire you about it for an appeal or will that be taken care of? I certainly feel jammed up because I don't know what to do about my personal affairs. (see Diary)

Frank is still working hard on his Tule stuff. He bemoans the fact that he did not stay there longer as it is difficult for him to get the feeling for things from second hand sources. He did not say when he would be finishing, but I believe he even works nights on his reports. He is always the first one to the office in the morning also. I am anxious for him to start on the Chicago report, because I know I am going to be lost when he leaves the study (if I don't get drafted first.)

I haven't approached the SSA about my master's thesis yet, but I think that I won't have any trouble on that. I still don't know what to do about finishing up as I have four more courses after this quarter and two of them are field work which require 20 hours a week. I haven't thought about it much since the draft situation is so immediate. Honestly, I can find more worries for myself, but I try to keep it in my diary most of the time!

Morton arrived a few days ago and he seems to be happy in his new setup. He is having housing problems now. He mentioned something about a riot at Santa Fe after the Tule people went in.

I hate to bother you with this problem, but would you delicately suggest to Dick that I don't want any of my cases shown to anyone outside of the study as I have guaranteed the cases that they would be confidential. I got wind from James Yamada that some girl in Poston said she read some of my documents. I assume that she got it from Dick altho I was not aware that he had any of my case histories. None of the material has been disguised, except for flimsy pseudonyms, so I am a little worried--as you know how the Japanese gossip. Most of the cases do not matter but there are a few that I wouldn't want to get around. I guess you will be able to handle that situation without upsetting Dick so I leave it up to you!

How is Jimmy coming along? Extend my best regards to him. Naj was in town yesterday. He is on the way to NY where he has a temporary 90 day appointment. He got an extra Army allotment for room and board as he does not have to stay in a barracks during this period so he seems to have a nice setup for the next three months.

Best regards to Mrs. Wilson, and could you please tell Jonny that she is breaking my heart by not writing me a letter! If Rosalie is around tell her I send regards too, but I assume that she is still at Tule trying to create a revolution. Regards to WI and Geo. also.

As for other developments, I shall have to leave it to my diary for explanation!

Sincerely

*Charlie*

PS. Just how much of a priority should I give to follow ups? I haven't done too much on it yet, but I am sort of paving the way. Do you want me to devote the major portion of my time to it if I get 1-A. Please instruct.



April 19, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I have not heard from you yet about the aspect of my work on which I should place the largest emphasis. I am feeling pleased today as I just finished up my last single girl work analysis! I will have them sent in to you as soon as they are typed up.

My follow up interviews having been coming along at a slower pace since I have not been concentrating upon it. I wanted to get some definite instructions as it is difficult to divide my time. I would be able to work this out in time, but my draft status changes the picture somewhat and I would like to know what you consider more important: the follow ups or working on the report as much as possible. I suppose I can do both, but I will have to concentrate on one or the other if it appears that I will be drafted soon.

I don't think I will have too much difficulty with the follow ups. It's a matter of getting up enough energy to start going out at nights again! I will review the present status of the cases for you so that you will have a more complete picture of where we stand on the follow ups:

~~xxxx~~ Seven of the cases are not being used so I don't have to bother with them.

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| Ch-5  | Ch-28 |
| Ch-10 | Ch-29 |
| Ch-18 | Ch-38 |
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Eight cases are terminated because they went into the Army.

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| Ch-11 | ch-45 |
| Ch-14 | ch-46 |
| ch-33 | ch-47 |
| ch-34 | ch-53 |

Two cases went to camp and will be drafted shortly

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| ch-50 | ch-52 |
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Two cases are in the WACs

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| ch-25 | ch-12 |
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Seven cases have permanently left Chicago

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| ch-1  | ch-24 |
| ch-3  | ch-27 |
| ch-13 | ch-44 |
| ch-23 |       |

One case leaving permanently soon.

ch-6

Two cases temporarily out of town.

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| ch-4 | ch-54 |
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Five cases, addresses unknown.

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| ch-2  | ch-26 |
| ch-15 | ch-43 |
| ch-21 |       |

two cases already followed up

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| ch-31 | ch-32 |
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In addition, last seven cases are so recent, we do not have to have immediate follow ups. So that only leaves about 18 or 20 cases for follow ups, and I don't think that this will be too difficult. For

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that reason, I might have to line up some new cases, but I will hold off for a while to see how things go as the follow ups may be more difficult. On the other hand, the writing of the report is going to take a lot longer, so it will be up to you to decide which should be stressed right now. If I get another deferment, or it looks like, then I can do both. But I feel under stress right now so I would like you to make a tentative decision.

Frank thinks he will finish his report by May~~xxx~~ 1 and then he will start the Chicago report so that I will be able to call upon his help more. He does not have to make too many stylistic changes now as I seem to be getting more practice. I don't expect any great trouble until I come to the social attitudes sections. Some of those job reviews were pretty difficult to do and I expect that you will have many changes to make. I can't seem to cut them down much more.

Regards to the office staff, particularly Jonnie because she might overwork herself! Morton still fretting because he has nothing definite to do yet. At his salary, I wouldn't worry. I'll try to send in the single girl cases next week. Frank is having Louise finish up the WRA files (latest entries to be put in and the whole batch will be sent in early next week.

We need some carbon paper, but we can buy it here. We also plan to buy paper here, but it will not be the yellow chemical. I told Frank that your instructions were to buy all supplies here if possible. Is that official? Frank will hold off until you let him know for positive! We will be able to use Barry's typewriter until July so that problem is taken care of.

I plan to do the married girls next since the females of the species are much easier to analyze than the more complicated males! Yoshie, ch-9 and Chiyo ch-48 were rather difficult tho and I had to spend three days on those two, some night work included at that. I'm trying to keep up a pace of one case a day or a minimum of five a week and I am well up to schedule right now, in fact ahead of it. It is very boring and distasteful work, and I squirm all over the place and feel frustrated three-fourth of the time. How is Rosalie coming along? I bet she is about ready to start a revolution too. Frank goes along in his amazing smooth and calm way all the time. He is planning to send you more segments of his report next week, I believe.

Sincerely

Charles Lee



May 16, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

I am sending in diary entries, two follow up interviews being excerpted. Also all of the married women work analyses, except Ch-55. Some of the married men work sections are also being sent. I have not received your revised analyses (the reason why not explained in your letter) so that I suppose you will be most unsatisfied with the results. Unfortunately, (For me) Frank has been hibernating at home finishing his report so that I cannot call on him temporarily for his excellent stylistic suggestions on these analyses. I only have two more to do on the work section, and then I can go into housing. My next great crises will not come until I hit the social adjustment section, unless you want me to rework the work sections first! I have been busy on the follow ups, but not progressing as fast as I should on it. As the diary will indicate, I have been going through some worries on the family resettlement business, but not too much so that it interferes with my work. My class work has suffered, but I am trying my best to make a good impression on teacher so that

she will grade me subjectively. I haven't heard about the draft lately and that keeps me occupied. You may tell Jonnie that she can send me a letter of condolence sometime when that slave driver George gives her a breathing space.

I plan to start one new case document this week, which isn't exactly in line with your request to stick to the follow ups, but I got stuck on my schedule so I thought I might as well be doing another case in the interval.

I am sorry to hear that Rosalie got exiled~~x~~ from her Tule haunts, but glad to learn that she got sufficient data to do her report.

She certainly must have been a good participant up there to get special attention from Myer.

I guess that is about all the news for now. Best regards to WI, Mrs. Wilson, and the rest of the staff.

Louise is working on the diary index to keep it up to date, but a copy won't be sent in for quite a while yet. She has a job possibility lined up for after the end of June doing publicity work with the Chicago Housing Bureau. I have been thinking that I may discontinue my diary after June (or do it on a very limited basis) as I wouldn't have time to do all of the typing by myself. If you do allot some funds for a part time typist, I may be able to arrange with Louise to dictate in the evenings, as it would be a little difficult to break in a new person. But I guess we have to wait and see how things turn out first, as I might get drafted before then. I haven't arranged an interview with the SSA in re: to my thesis yet, but I should start thinking of it soon. I don't know what to do about the rest of my courses as I have four more units to go, and I take one per quarter. I suppose I could take two courses in the summer quarter and it wouldn't interfere with my work too much, but there are still two field work courses to do.

I will send my stuff out this evening so you should get it in a week at the most. No luck on my suitcase yet, but I might get \$5.00 out of it!

P.S. We need 23¢, 4 airmail stamps + carbon paper. Charlie



June 4, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

Unfortunately I got a bad fungus infection on my right foot after one of my blisters broke (see Diary) so that I have been confined in bed since Thursday night. I just came down today to see the doctor and he feels that I should stay off of my feet until Wednesday when I am to come and see the University dermatologist. I haven't been able to get much work done because of this complication but Louise is coming over to my house tomorrow and I will dictate to her. My analysis of the housing section has been very slow because of my follow-ups and other work. I am just getting started on it and I have a few to send in. I'm not clear as to whether I should include pre-war housing in this section or not because I do not have a "model" to follow.

I am sending in a big batch of Diary data and several follow-up interviews and several housing analysis, plus the rest of the work section analysis. Could you please check and see if I have sent in all of the work section? I don't know if you received the last bunch of stuff I sent in on March 15 (Diary, follow-up, work analysis) but I assume that you have. I think that I have been making pretty good progress despite all of the difficulties, and I am hoping that my foot ailment will be cured up in a day or so.

I haven't any comments to make about your suggestions in regards to going to the coast in 1946, but I presume that it will be okay since I would like to stick along with the Study as long as possible. I have submitted a tentative thesis outline to the SSA and I hope that you will not be displeased because I used a lot of stuff which you had in your annual report! And then Frank re-worked it for me! Now I don't know what I am going to do about the thesis. I would like to finish it up and I don't think that it will be interfering with my other report since it is very similar, if not the same. Of course, I realize that I have to have your permission first to do this. In regard to the rest of my M.A. work; I guess I will just have to let it drop since I couldn't possibly do the two field work courses which have to be done consecutively. By the end of the fall term (December, 1945) I'll have completed all the units except the two field work courses. If I can get my M.A. thesis completed by then, I will be very happy because I know that I will have a most difficult time doing it later on. However, I shall worry about these problems later.

My foot infection was a result of the many blisters I got on my foot from house hunting one day. No luck in housing at all; it is worse than in the Bay Area because so many war workers are coming in from the smaller localities as the plants close down. I haven't heard anything about my draft status either.

*Charlie*  
Charlie

P.S. I am completing Ch-62, Isao Fukuda tonight as he is coming over to my house for the interview. The mountain comes to Mohammed! I think that Aiku Tomita is sending me her autobiography soon and that will be the basis for Ch-63. The follow-ups are coming along fairly well and you will be receiving the Railway Express package shortly.



June 15, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I'm still plugging along, but my progress has been slowed up a bit because of all my worries! However, I am sending you my diary notes for this month, up to now. The railway express package also contains Ch-62, Ch-63 (autobiography written by Kiku Momita), and a follow up on Ch-40. I guess it isn't much to send in since the last batch, but Ch-62 is a long case (186 pages) and I had started on it before the draft board sent me the denial of appeal for deferment. Frank tells me that Jimmy also got 1-A so I suppose you are having many administrative troubles. Frank is still working at home on his report so I don't see him often. (I forgot to mention that I lost the better part of a week's work while I was laid up with my infected foot--full details in diary!)

Like an impractical person, I am going ahead with plans for family resettlement, and I will look for housing until the last minute. I'm in one heck of a pickle because I can't get anyplace on that and the time is running short. I have not been working on my Report too much, but I did finish the first draft of the housing adjustments for the single men (Frank will look it over before it is typed.) I plan to continue on it, but my major time will be spent on the follow ups. So many of my cases have left town or have been drafted. I have some new contacts, but I guess I'd better not start on any with my present situation so indefinite.

The railway express package was sent out today so you should be receiving it shortly. How soon do you think I will be getting my induction notice. Tom is coming out on the 26th, and I don't know if I should write and tell him to hold up leaving for a while or not.

Incidentally, Tom S. won the Culver-Rosenberg Award (\$200) for having the best thesis in the dept. (the rumor one).

Louise will stay on for another months.

Charlie.



*Mrs Wilson - Please note*

4257 Cottage Grove  
Chicago, Illinois.  
June 28, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

Note new address--I have to let my draft board know immediately. After many ups and downs, indecisions, etc, I finally found housing, but I am in a rush to get this out so that I will have to let you read of my ~~trial~~ and tribulations in my diary entry which I am sending in this afternoon.

I am also sending in follow ups on Ch-16, 42, and 54. I believe that I sent in a couple earlier in the month so that five or six follow ups a month is not too rapid a pace. However, I assure you that I have not been idle! I know that you are anxious to get all of the follow ups, but progress is not so slow as it looks since so many of my cases have gone into the Army. 29 of my cases are out because of draft, left town or other reasons. In a rough count, I find that I have made brief or intensive contacts with 20 others since my return. That only leaves 14 and some of them are recent new cases, particularly the last three, so that I don't think that there will be too great a gap in the event I am drafted within the next month. I have "lost" some of my cases so that it may take longer to make the contactx after this.

I have also started writing up my life history for the period between 1940 and the war as you requested and I'll get that out of the way before I am inducted, if possible. I have been writing up my family resettlement history in my diary notes in detail as it might be useful (I don't know for what?) and that takes up more time. And this month, I have been spending outside time (and some office time) on house hunting. In addition, I just signed up for a summer session course. I guess I am being an optimist!

I have also finished up the single men's and single females housing analysis during the past two weeks and they will be sent in the batch of stuff going out late today or early tomorrow. I thought I might as well try to get the housing ~~analyses~~ completed before induction. I don't think I will be able to do much with the social adjustment section. In the housing analyses, Frank did not look them over since he is also under pressure so that you might not think very much of my sloppy job. Anyway, I have been very busy on everything--work, moving, classes, etc--- so I hope you will understand!

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I am sending the expense account for only a two week period because I may be drafted before July is over. Can't they make the date more definite?

sincerely,

Charlie

*Tom S. is at Smelling now!*

*Mrs Wilson  
Please note*



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July 3, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I have received my notice for induction for July 26, and I am asking my draft board to transfer it out to the Local Board out here. The notice was no surprise as I had been expecting it right along, but I do realize that it will complicate your administrative task. I will try to complete as many of the follow-ups in the remaining time, but unfortunately some of the people I had counted on are unavailable on account of vacation or else I lost track of them. In my summary to you, you will notice that I have completed a fair proportion of the follow-ups available. I doubt if I can make it 100% complete but I will try my best. I feel obligated to do that much. I will also plan to complete the housing adjustments section on my Report and I am just about completed with the first draft of my life story for the period between 1940 and the evacuation. It is not over elaborated at all and I have ~~excluded~~ excluded many of the specific details I had in mind because of the pressure of time. I will send it in as soon as it is completed. I just have the married women housing section to complete and that will finish up that particular section for the four groups (except for the four cases that you are doing and domestic workers).

If there is anything urgent that you want me to do immediately, could you please write and let me know as soon as possible. I have planned to lengthen my daily schedule of work so that I will be able to take care of some of my other business. I have to get my family out here and complete the painting of our new flat. I will be able to do that evenings and week-ends when I can't get my interviews. I hope that you will not think that I am slacking down on my work because I have been spending considerable time at it even though the results may not indicate this. I don't want to make any promises, but I have been thinking of taking one of those large journal books to the Army with me so that I will be able to make some brief notes in my Diary. It won't be as extensive as in the past as I will be too tired from the drilling. I don't think that I will get rejected for physical reasons.

I don't know what to do with all my papers in the office here but I have been thinking of packing them in a box so that Frank will be able to use whatever data I have on Chicago resettlement when he starts writing up the general Chicago report. I think I will drop my summer session class in order to have the extra hours available for other things. Unfortunately I can't impose too much on my interviewees since they only have a limited number of hours available in the evenings.

How is Jimmie's draft status? Frank is working hard and Louise will remain with us this month as I stated previously. Frank will be able to forward any mail to me after I am inducted. Best regards to W.I., Mrs. Wilson, Jonnie, etc. Hastily,

*Choli*



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4257 Cottage Grove, Apt. 1  
July 5, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

This is more in the nature of a personal letter. I have been trying to arrange for a Class B Army allotment for my family after I get inducted. I am also including Bette even though she is over 18 on the basis that she is needed at home since my mother is in poor health. There will be no regular income after I go into the Army so that I want to get my application papers in order immediately so that there will be no delay in the Army grant. One of the requirements is that proof of status by affidavit (of two disinterested persons attesting to the relationship and to the dependency) is required. Since you know all about my family dependency problem, I wonder if you will be so kind as to write one of these letters and send it to me so that I can take it to the induction station along with my other papers. I assume that the letter has to be notarized.

I have been the head of the family since early 1942, and I now have the full responsibility of the full support of my mother, Tom, Miyako and Bette (my mother's name is Mrs. Shizu Kikuchi). I would appreciate a statement from you saying that the above are related to me and that I am responsible for 100% of their support and since the outbreak of the war. If the Army allotment is any smaller than the full possible grant based on my family's 100% dependency on me, they will not be able to get along out here. I am hoping that Miyako and my mother will get here this month. Tom is already with me.

I am gradually getting settled down in my new flat although I haven't bought any furniture yet. Bette received another \$200 scholarship from the Kobe College Corporation and that takes care of half of her schooling for the next year. We still have another application in with the Student Relocation. My work is progressing fairly satisfactorily although I am having some difficulties lining up my follow-up cases because some of the people are now available. I am sending you a report on the present status of my cases and the underlined ones are the individuals that I will have to contact yet. (See attached) I also forgot to include the receipt for the ream of paper I purchased on June 20 when I sent you my monthly expense account so will you please give it to Mrs. Wilson.

I haven't made any plans about storing my papers as I think that Frank would like to use my Diary for the Chicago report when he starts it. I will have him send them to my house or give him some other instructions if necessary. Frank will have to take care of the closing of the office even though he will be in Berkeley by the time I am inducted and you will have to give him instructions about the rest of our papers. (Tom's papers are also in a couple of boxes in this office. The University here might take our office away from us so that Frank will have to make the arrangements to



keep the office during the time he is away. If it is at all possible, could you ask Mrs. Wilson to arrange for the sending of my last check to new address since there will be no one here to forward and I think that my family will probably need it until the Army allotment starts coming in.

There are many other office details which have to be arranged for, but we will still have the rest of the month to work on it. I haven't talked any of these things over yet because he has been so busy with his work at home. Louise has not been able to make a follow-up on the addresses of the names you sent, but she may be able to do it after I am inducted. She is staying until the end of the month but I haven't discussed her other plans beyond that too much. I suppose that you will be sending her instructions in a short time. Louise has not a definite job lined up after the end of this month but she has some leads.

I dropped my summer session class the other day but I still haven't been able to get my \$20 registration money back even though I only attended one class.

I assume that I will be getting a letter from you before this reaches you, giving me latest instructions on things to do. I hope to finish up the rest of the housing analyses before I leave and as many of the follow-up interviews as possible. If there is any other urgent business which you want me to take care of, I will be glad to do it. However, I know that you will understand that my present state of mind is very restless because of so many things that have to be done, and I may not be in a very efficient condition! This office is getting to be similar to the confusion and excitement which went on in the Berkeley office when I was out there, and when I did get so much done!

It is no longer a rumor that Tom is at Fort Snelling. I suppose you have heard from him by now.

Best regards to W.I. and the staff.

Sincerely,  
*Charlie*



July 6, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I forgot to ask in the last letter about the procedure for me to go about getting the money back which had been paid into the UC Retirement Fund. Do you think that I should ask for it back now? Can Mrs. Wilson arrange for it and have it sent to my home address? Or do you think I should just leave it?

Frank is trying to scare me by saying that I might ~~not~~ get inducted. It is a horrible thought to contemplate since I will have to go through the mess of getting everything back into order. My work is still progressing satisfactory, and I am doing some painting of the house in my spare time. Yesterday, I worked in the office 8 hrs, went on a 3 hr interview, and then went home and scraped the old paint from the ceiling for 4 hrs. Then I read for an hour before retiring. This morning I got up in time to get to the office by 9. I don't think I can keep up such a schedule, but I have to take my interviews when I get them. And I am trying to get the house prepared since I have just heard that my mother and Miyako are leaving Gila on the 17th.

Charlie.



July 20, 1945

Chicago

Dear Dorothy:

I am sending some things in with Frank's material. It is quite a big batch, and I am nearing the end of my follow ups so I am quite optimistic about completing this phase of my assignment. Besides the follow ups and the diary notes, I have sent my life story for the period you requested. It's only a rough first draft and I did not rework it at all. I left much of the details out as I thought that I was being drafted on the 26th at that time. I also sent in the completed housing analyses of the married men and women, expect for those cases you were going to work upon. If I find time on my hands I shall go ahead and work on the social adjustments section a bit, but I don't think I will be able to get too far with that.

I don't know when my new notice for induction is coming, but I think it will be soon. I feel that I got quite a bit accomplished with the deadline pressure, but maybe it will not measure up to what you expected. Things were complicated by the painting I had to do on my new flat, and I was working about 15-16 hours a day on both jobs for the past two weeks. My mother and sister arrived yesterday, and they are happy to be here. (attached my last diary entry, which you can add to the other stuff on the way.)

Frank is leaving for Berkely tonite and he will no doubt be there by the time this letter arrives. Louise is planning to remain with us next month until I am inducted. She will work on the address files which you wanted, and I am having her complete the indexing of my diary. I am working on that right now during the lull in my follow ups so that we will be able to complete this job by the end of the month, I hope. It's too bad that I don't have more time because I have a couple of new cases lined up; but it's no use starting on them with things so indefinite.

I have a small expense account for this month, but I will hand on to it until the first of August as it's no use in sending in these accounts too frequently.

I understand that Jimmy is going to Ann Arbor to teach. It's too bad that your plans for making the comparative study of the centers has been hit so hard. Tom was in on a pass from Snelling the other day and he is typing up a report on some kind of a disturbance at Ft. Mead. I asked him if he were going to send you a copy, but he seems to be under the impression that you are finished with him because you "did not like any of my stuff." I think he is being too sensitive about things, but he will no doubt send in his report. He said that taking these notes was the main thing which saved his morale.

Best regards to WI and the Staff.

Sincerely,

*Charlie*  
Charlie.



August 1, 1945.

Dear Dorothy,

Ten days from now I shall be inducted, August 10. I just got my notice. This means that I will be very busy trying to clean things up. I have started a new case, Dave Okaña, and I have one more long interview scheduled with him. I will have to dictate it up after that and I only have up to next Thursday as I report at 7 ayem on Friday. I also have a follow-up interview for this Friday. I don't think that I will have time to contact Fukiko as she never seems to be home. I also have to take at least one day to pack my papers in boxes, and to arrange for the shipment of the office copies of the cases to you. I have things pretty well organized so that it will not take too long. I am leaving all of my personal papers in the office and I will label each box so that Frank will know where things are. After he finishes with them, he can send them to Bette. I sent back Barry's typewriter at the beginning of the week.

I don't know the exact date of Frank's return, but I thought that I would keep Louise on until he came back. I will be keeping her busy until almost the last minute, and she still has to spend a little time in tracing down the addresses which you wanted. During the lull we had in the past weeks, we have finished up the Diary indexing, and a copy will be sent to you. Louise has to type out one batch of a section yet. It is a complete index -- includes ~~xxx~~ total indexing of Tanforan and Gila (including family); family indexing from March 1943 to date, Complete indexing from March 1945 to date. I will leave one copy of this index with my Diary. I am having some difficulty in getting the right kind of boxes to put all of my papers in. I didn't realize that I had accumulated so much! Frank will take care of sending Tom's things to his Dad when the office is closed up so I am not doing anything about that. I saw Tomi this morning and she said that she was leaving for Minneapolis to join Tom this afternoon. He is a PFC now. There are a few other office details, but I will take care of them when I think of them. I haven't forgotten that it is your fan which I have at home, and if you want it back I can arrange to ship it out. I have been using it at home because our office here is so cool and we never use the fan which is already installed. My mother isn't used to this heat yet so that the fan has been very much of an aid.

I have two copies of my incomplete "analyses" report and I will leave them with my papers, unless you need them. I sent in my last expense account (for July ~~22~~) to Mrs. Wilson. Could you tell her to add about 40¢ to it for the anticipated carfare and phone expenses I will have until August 10?

My family is fairly well settled now, but I have been having some trouble with the ~~xxxxxx~~ "broken promise" of an initial resettlement grant from the WRA, and I have given it up as a lost cause. If my mother gets the full allotment, I think we will be able to manage since Mariko and Jack are going to contribute something each month. I have about 80 pages of diary material accumulated from July 20 but I won't send anything more in until just before I leave. It's past page 8500 now. I guess you got the last batch which I sent with Frank's papers.

Could you let me know if it is okay to tell Louise to stay on until Frank comes back. I will give her enough things to



do to keep her busy, or perhaps you might have something you would like to do besides the completion of the address files.

The following is the present status of my follow ups:

|       |                                      |       |                                |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| ch-1  | New york                             | ch-54 | Follow up made; Minn.          |
| ch-2  | California                           | ch-55 | Follow up made                 |
| ch-3  | Minneapolis                          | Ch-56 | app't for Aug 3                |
| ch-4  | Follow up made                       | ch-57 | Follow up made                 |
| ch-5  | Not used                             | ch-58 | "                              |
| ch-6  | Planning to leave for Hawaii.        | ch-59 | Not contacted                  |
| ch-7  | Not used                             | ch-60 | not contacted, but diary notes |
| ch-8  | Brief diary follow up                | ch-61 | Recent case                    |
| ch-9  | Follow up made                       | ch-62 | "                              |
| ch-10 | Not used                             | ch-63 | "                              |
| ch-11 | Army                                 | ch-64 | Will complete next week.       |
| ch-12 | Wacs                                 |       |                                |
| ch-13 | Detroit                              |       |                                |
| ch-14 | Army                                 |       |                                |
| ch-15 | Army                                 |       |                                |
| ch-16 | Follow up made; leaving for Minn.    |       |                                |
| ch-17 | Notes in Diary to date               |       |                                |
| ch-18 | not used                             |       |                                |
| ch-19 | not used                             |       |                                |
| ch-20 | <del>xxx</del> Follow up made        |       |                                |
| ch-21 | Army                                 |       |                                |
| ch-22 | Follow up made                       |       |                                |
| ch-23 | Minneapolis                          |       |                                |
| ch-24 | L.A. or Salt Lake                    |       |                                |
| ch-25 | Wacs                                 |       |                                |
| ch-26 | Wisconsin for summer                 |       |                                |
| ch-27 | Urbana                               |       |                                |
| ch-28 | not used                             |       |                                |
| ch-29 | not used                             |       |                                |
| ch-30 | Follow up made                       |       |                                |
| ch-31 | Follow up made                       |       |                                |
| ch-32 | "                                    |       |                                |
| ch-33 | Army                                 |       |                                |
| ch-34 | "                                    |       |                                |
| ch-35 | Follow up made                       |       |                                |
| ch-36 | "                                    |       |                                |
| ch-37 | "                                    |       |                                |
| ch-38 | not used                             |       |                                |
| ch-39 | Cadet Nurse                          |       |                                |
| ch-40 | Follow up made                       |       |                                |
| ch-41 | Can't locate her; but in Chicagoyet. |       |                                |
| ch-42 | Follow up made                       |       |                                |
| ch-43 | Army                                 |       |                                |
| ch-44 | Army                                 |       |                                |
| ch-45 | Army                                 |       |                                |
| ch-46 | "                                    |       |                                |
| ch-47 | "                                    |       |                                |
| ch-48 | Follow up made                       |       |                                |
| ch-49 | "                                    |       |                                |
| ch-50 | Army                                 |       |                                |
| ch-51 | Follow up made                       |       |                                |
| ch-52 | Army                                 |       |                                |
| ch-53 | Army                                 |       |                                |

I did manage to contact and follow up most of the available cases. Only two actually left out and I don't know the address of one of them. The Army took care of most of the departures from Chicago, but that is significant too. I wish I had the time to get the last two, but I think it will be impossible now since I have to write up ch-64 in a rush yet.

Best regards to WI, staff members, and Jonnie!

Sincerely,

Charlie.



*Thanks very much for the fan!*

August 6, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I am sending you my last hasty progress report. By tomorrow I will have finished the dictation of my last case. I shall send it in to you along with my Diary material on Wednesday or Thursday. I have been working extra hours in order to be able to take the last day and a half off in order that I can relax. I'm fairly well satisfied with my results on the follow-ups because there was only one person which I failed to get. The others were brought up to date through the diary or through formal interviews, except those who went into the Army, left town, or who were not located because of changes in address. I'm sorry that I couldn't get any further with my analyses report, but that will have to be a post-war project along with the completion of my M.A. work. I'm looking forward to Army life altho I realize it will be rigorous and that I may become frustrated under a strict regimentation system. But if 10,000,000 other males were able to get through it, then I can. Tom Shibutani places bets that I will be sent to Snelling, but I think I would practically rebel against the Army if they did such a thing to me! I'll let you know later where I am sent for training, or I will send a telegram immediately if I am rejected. I am sending in our office copies of the case documents to you on Wednesday or Thursday and I will also have an index of my personal files for Frank's use.

Since you did not outline any specific task for Louise, I am asking her to complete the address files until Frank's return. She is also planning to spend some time if possible on her father's life story.

My family is getting settled down and we have had a brief breathing spell from the hot weather. Some in-law "conflicts" seemed to be in the offing (with Madame T.) but I won't be around to follow that up. Too bad! If the Army life doesn't prove too strenuous, I might take some field notes for a journal because it seems to be a force of habit. I am taking one of those large ledger books for me to write in, but I am not getting around to it. I'm not promising anything! I'm sorry that I didn't get a chance to see Rosalie, but I'm sure that she will make a social call upon my family after she gets out here.

It has been a very satisfying experience to be working on the Study during the 3 years that I have been connected with it. I don't know if I was able to contribute anything of much value to the Study even though it did seem at times that a lot of "pages" were being sent in. Anyway, I hope that you will be able to publish a whole series of monographs and I shall be looking forward to them. Do you think that Gov. Warren will appoint himself to Johnson's vacancy in the Senate?

Also tell W.I. that I profited a great deal from his informal comments and it goes without saying that his advice on case histories really helped me. I am enclosing the letter I sent to Adamic.

Yours sincerely,

*Charlie*



Dorothy



August 15, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

For the first time, I have an easy detail. I have to type in the postoffice. Up to now, I have been cleaning latrines for all of the barracks and other tasks of that nature. I shall be the best ~~typist~~ latrine cleaner in the whole army by the time I get out of here. Army life is not bad so far. We were just waiting here for our assignments to the training center, and we expect to be out of here by the end of the week. I shall let you know of my new address as soon as we get there.

Now that Peace is here, some of the boys are hoping to get an immediate release, but I don't think that we will be that fortunate. I really do not care too much yet as it is good physical conditioning, and the hard training has not come yet. If I had not been inducted for five more days, I would not have been called as all men over 26 were exempted. But, there are other advantages to be in the Army and at least I shall have the veterans status if I stay in for 90 days. I have been so tired up to now that I haven't done a thing except go to bed immediately upon eating my dinner. We have to drill tomorrow if we are still here, and learn how to salute the officers.

I thought that I would be able to keep up a diary, but I don't seem to have too much ambition yet, although I am taking a few notes. I don't know if you want it or not, but I will send it in if I ever fill up the 500 page book which I brought along. I suppose you are breathing easier now that the draft will not bother any more members of the study. How are things progressing? If you want me to get any certain type of data from Nisei boys in the service, perhaps you could let me know later and I will try to keep my eyes open for it.

I sent in my last batch of stuff just before I left for induction so I suppose you will have it by now. Well, I have to go back to work now so I will write again later when I have more time on my hands--which won't be too often from the way things look now. I left my family in good shape and there were no outstanding problems so that is off of my mind. I think that your letter will take care of the dependent allotment for them.

Best regards to all the staff, WI, etc.

Sincerely,

Charlie.

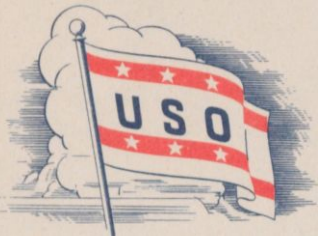




Aug 24, 1945.

Dear Dorothy:  
After a 36 hr  
ride, we have arrived here  
in Camp Lee! We came by  
way of Wash D.C. where we  
spent an hour. It looks like  
we will be getting some sort  
of specialized training since  
there were only 34 in our  
group. Most of them were  
technicians of some sort in  
civilian life so I don't  
know what I will be  
assigned to. It may be  
in some sort of psychiatric





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case work. However, there  
is still a chance that ~~we~~  
I will end up in the in-  
fantary so that I am not  
building my hopes too  
high. The trip was rough &  
I am tired so I shall close  
with this brief note.

Incidentally did Louis  
Adams write to you? In his  
letter to me, he gives you  
permission to quote freely  
from the chapters in his  
books.

Regards to all,

Charlie.





Aug. 29, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

I'm finally settled down in a regular company here so I can start to receive mail. It's a pretty rugged life but I have no complaints so far. We start our basic training next week, but it will only be for 7 weeks instead of 17, for which we are grateful. After that, we go into some sort of technical training, but I don't know what I am slated for. There are no other men in our company so I guess I won't be able to get any notes on them for the study. From a personal point of view, I like it much better. I am keeping my diary in one of

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THE SALVATION ARMY • THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS  
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those big journal books, but I  
haven't had much time to 'get  
down' anything because of all  
the K. P. I have been doing!  
If you are interested in having  
it, I will send the volume  
along when filled - which  
will be a long time hence  
as my entries are small. In  
case you have it typed up,  
will you send me one copy.

But, we can discuss this more  
later since I haven't done  
anything yet.

How is the study coming  
along? I suppose you are  
breathing easier now that the  
draft will no longer cut  
into the staff. I really regret  
that I couldn't complete my  
report, and I doubt if I  
can ever use the data for a  
thesis. There isn't much  
chance that I'll get one of





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the Army for a long time. I must be the single type because I haven't rebelled against it too much yet. Of course, it may be a different story when I start the basic training! We may get a 3 day pass, but it won't do me any good as I don't know anyone out here. I'd like to go to Wash D.C. but I lost the addresses of my friends. We passed thru it briefly on the way down - and also through Baltimore where I think you said was your birthplace. At least, the Army gives me a chance to see a bit of the country & I always like to travel. I hope I'm not sent to the Orient tho in case I have to



go overseas. I'd rather go to Europe.

I don't like what I have seen of the South - in social conduct. For the 1st time in my life, I have seen the Negro segregation on streets & in public places - in Richmond Va. A lot of the fellows are very prejudiced, and unsympathetic if I use my WPA camp criteria! I have discovered that giving is a universal trait & in getting the other side of the picture now so that I can evaluate the Nazi camp sentiments more objectively - now.

The other night I spoke over the Virgin radio, but I didn't know about it until it was over. It was a damn & I cast doubts on the ability of a military regime to spread democracy in the Orient. They thought I was Filipino until I informed them otherwise. Best regards to WI & the staff.  
Charlie





SERVICE CLUB  
CAMP LEE, VIRGINIA

Note new  
address.

Sat. Sept 8, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I'm really thrilled & excited about your publication plans. To think that I had a small part in it too! I hope that everything will go along as you have outlined it. I just received your letter this noon, and I'm out in the woods right now enjoying nature - as it is too noisy in the barracks.

It feels good to have the afternoon off, but it is spoiled by the thought that I will have K. P. duty tomorrow! Our 1st week of basic training was rather strenuous, and I am creaking at the joints. The



Army insists upon giving us so many things to carry on our backs. We are literally busy from sunrise to sunset, and I assure you that those Army cots look good when we flop into them exhausted at night! We have been told that the training gets tougher as we go along and I believe it. In spite of some dumb propaganda with which we are indoctrinated, my morale is fairly high — and I think I'm even enjoying some of it! It's all in the mind, I suppose. We have a nice bunch of fellows in our barracks, along with some very dumb ones, and I rather enjoy talking with





SERVICE CLUB  
CAMP LEE, VIRGINIA

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them. Of course, there is nothing like being a civilian, but it's no use in fretting about that now. I find that my existence in an Army camp has many parallels with living in a WKA center.

Has the WKA changed its policy yet? All of those things seem to be so distant now. There are no Nisei in my company so I don't know much about happenings in the Nisei world.

I have some diary notes in one of those 500 page volumes, and I have tried to keep up with the daily entries, but



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it's getting harder all the time.  
I have the volume about one-  
half filled now & I'll send  
it in to you after I complete  
it. Thank you very much  
for the extra "vacation pay".  
It's certainly was kind of you  
to do that. I wish I were on  
a vacation right now. My  
weekend is strictly budgeted  
as I have to wash clothes, clean  
my dumb rifle, and do K. P.  
There isn't much I can do as  
a pass anyway so I might as  
well keep busy.

Glad to hear that Frank will  
go back to the U. of Wash. Best  
regards to the staff & W.I.  
Sincerely,  
Charlie.





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P.O.C. 144444 46036127, Comp 2c  
Dear Dr. Thomas:

Hitch hiker

around a bit on a day  
pass to Wash. D.C. I'll

let you know when I'll

be sent next if I'm not

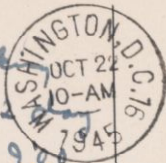
stranded at I.C. Did you  
get the volume yet? I sent

it over a week ago. Best

regards to Mrs. W. & the

staff.

Charlie.



Post Card

Dr. D.S. Thomas.

338 Giannini Hall

U of Calif.

Berkeley 4, Calif.



Oct 23, 1945

Dear Dr Thomas,

I am  
enroute to Long  
Island where I'll be  
trained at Wren  
General Hospital for  
either psychiatric  
case work or general  
flunking. I'm traveling  
along on special  
orders so it is  
fun. More later.

Sincerely,  
Charlie.





FROM Pvt. C Kilmer  
46036127  
Am 12 T344  
Camp Lee Va

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TO -

Dr D.S. Thomas  
338 Dahlia Hall  
Uz Calif.  
Berkeley 4, Calif.





SERVICE CLUB  
CAMP LEE, VIRGINIA

Oct. 12, 1945

Dear Dorothy: I'm sending in my diary in a few days as we finished our leave today & we will be leaving for a week's bivouac. If my diary doesn't reach you in a reasonable time, could you let me know. After you finish with it, could you send it to Betty to hold for me? In case you decide to type it up, could you hold one carbon copy for me as I'm barely able to read my own writing!! I have a couple of letters from Jonnie in the diary so I hope she won't see them or I may get my



honorable neck chopped off!  
(If she is still around, will you  
tell her that I am waiting for a  
letter + it is cruel not to send one!)

I may be shipped out of here  
after the weeks bivouac. It's still  
a mystery where I'll go, but I can  
take my choice of a number of  
rumors to believe:

- ① Back to Camp Lee.
- ② For O'Leary - Personnel training
- ③ For O'Leary - psychiatric course.
- ③ Long Island - dumb language course.
- ④ For Snelling - Counter Intelligence training
- ⑤ For Myers - Counter Intelligence training
- ⑥ A no. of infantry training course.

I like the Long Island deal, but I  
won't have any choice.  
Immediately, I have only tomorrow  
to settle the allotment mess. My  
mother only got \$37 + I can't under-  
stand that. I've got gray hair  
before long if this keeps up! I  
can still be contacted here for mail  
for another week at least, but I'll  
keep you posted on any more. Best  
regards to W I + staff. Sincerely,  
Charlie.



PUBLIC TELEPHONE CENTER  
MASON



GENERAL HOSPITAL

EDGEWOOD DIVISION  
BRENTWOOD, LONG ISLAND

October 24, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I am sending you my most  
sincere diary entries. Did you get the ~~the~~ other  
volume yet? The total this time will cover  
Oct 13 to 24, and they are in four separate  
envelopes numbered on the back. I don't  
know what plans you have for them; but  
could you send the originals to Beth at  
your leisure, or after you have them typed  
if that is your plan. In the event, I  
would appreciate it if you could send  
a typed copy for me, <sup>also</sup> as Beth may misplace  
the original. He is still trying to get the  
allotment difficulties straightened out as  
#3, a month is not enough for a  
family of 4 to live on!  
If Louie & Mrs Wilson want to



read my diary entries. It's okay. You can  
do as you like about it. I don't think  
I'll have so much time to write now  
as I'll be studying a bit of my  
present assignment on psychiatric social  
work gone out to my interest. I think  
I got quite a break this time. Regards  
to W.I.

Sincerely,

Charlie.

P.S. a little later on after I get  
settled here, could you send me some  
of those blue volumes or something  
you have available for me to work  
my journal notes in as I can't find  
any good ones here. The tablets are  
okay, but I find them too expensive for  
my limited pocketbook. But I save on  
postage!! I don't like to carry too much  
stuff around as it's too heavy when I  
move. The first has surprised that my own  
work ~~was~~ on the study sounded like W.I. & what  
person as a model even before I mentioned that you  
were the director & that I knew W.I!!! I felt  
fettered.



11 December 1945

Dear Dorothy:

Just a short note to let you know that I am being transferred to Fort Hancock in New Jersey (Along the Atlantic Coast) about 60-80 miles from NY city. It breaks my heart to leave Mason after my good social adjustments here, but that's the Army! I hate to leave all my friends behind, and I think that some of them will miss me too. It's lousey, that's what I think. But this place has to be decentralized, and Hancock is being built up. It will have General prisoners brought from overseas there, and I will be getting social histories to help the psychiatrists determine if the boys should go to a Fed. penitentiary to serve full sentence, or if they should be sent to a NP hospital for treatment. Most of the GP's went AWOL in combat, and the books were thrown at the poor boys. At least, it is hopeful when the Army recognizes that they may need psychiatric help.

I haven't gotten over the shock of leaving here yet; that's my immediate concern and I think that Hancock just couldn't be as good as here but I'll find out. I guess there are good points to everyplace so I should reserve judgment about whether I'll like it there or not. I'll let you know my address as soon as I can.

Sincerely,  
charlie.