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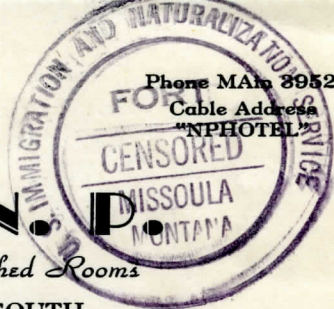
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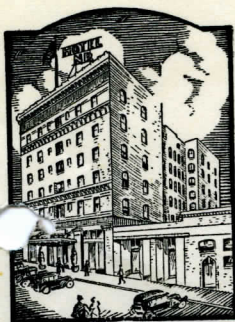
Dear Oji-san,

It's been such a long time since I last wrote. How have you been since? Your letter of March 10th just reached us two days ago. I wonder whether you are still there in Montana.

Spring has come at last to Seattle and we are enjoying wonderful weather. But we do miss our rides to the country, since the curfew orders restrict us to within five miles of our place of residence. You've heard of this curfew, already, haven't you, Oji-san? It means that after 8:00 P. M. and until 6:00 A. M., aliens and Japanese-Americans cannot be out on the streets.

We went out to celebrate the few nights before the order, and you should have seen the Nisei! Everywhere we went--shows, eating places, the Japanese were out getting their last taste of night fun. It was lots of fun while it lasted. The sad side of this curfew order is that most of the Japanese operated cafes such as Jackson, Tokyo, and Paramount as well as Gyokko Ken and Nikko Low have had to close early. The hotel is suffering too, because the Japanese from inland points can't come out.

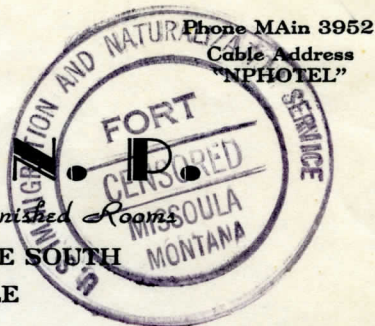
Very rapidly, the Coast is making preparations to move us to reception centers. In Washington, the place selected is the Puyallup Fair Grounds and the Longacres race track. Within a very few weeks, we'll be living in barracks and leading quite a different life from the present one. Bainbridge Island Japanese were moved on the



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30th of last month. Pictures in the P. I. showed them carrying one suitcase apiece and walking toward waiting trains, headed for Owens Valley, Calif.

it is up to you
We're about to lease the hotel for two or three years; yet a good lessee is hard to find. The last two weeks have been spent interviewing real estate men and figuring a price for the hotel. What do you think, Oji-san, would be the best thing to do? Lease it out or let a company manage it?

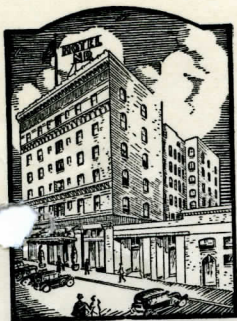
It's exciting, this evacuation. Many hotels have already been sold, eating places are closing down, and Higo Ten Cent Store is barring up their windows.

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Dye works, dentists, and laundries are doing a rush business. We've bought some luggage, too. By the way, Oji-san, we sent the clothing you wrote for in your last letter. It should reach you by express within a few days. Also, please collect \$3.46 from Mr. Ajisaka for his express charges. He wrote in his letter that he would pay you, if we sent his trunk prepaid.

4/6/42
By parcel post, we have sent a box of "kastera." We hope you'll like it.

Oh, yes, about your car. Mr. Mac Kaneko has a prospective buyer and we should know by tonight whether we can sell it or not. Two of my friends spent all day yesterday polishing up the car and brushing out the mold on the seats. You see, it's so damp in New Eagle that everything was moldy and cold. I think, though, that we should have a buyer decided quite soon.

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Haven't you sent in your TFR-300 yet? The



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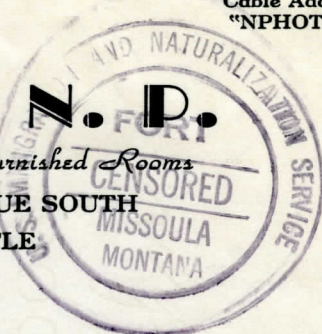
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deadline was Feb. 28. If in case you are exempted because you are interned, I don't suppose it will be necessary for you to report. What have the others done?

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Did you send in your income tax return? Remember, it is due on the 15th of this month. Please follow the instructions I wrote in the last letter. Include the extension of time notice, figure the interest charges, write your check for the total amount and mail with the return.

Oji-san, will you need your suits? Can you wear them on Sundays or week days? If so, please let us know and we will send them to you right away. We'd hate to let the moths get at them. (Much as we take pains to store them¹)

Well, Oji-san, everybody sends their best regards. Father says not to worry.

'Til next time, then---

Lovingly,

Sumiko

Niisan just sent us a picture today. He seems to be getting along fine. Can you, or rather, are you allowed to write from your place to his?