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Dear Oji-san,

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West Branch  
Theriot Falls, Idaho  
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Yesterday, after dinner, we were sitting around, waiting for the mail carrier to deliver our mail to us. (The service is so slow!) We were pleasantly surprised to receive that unusual stationery of yours. And thank you for the letter, itself, too.

New Mexico must be rather pleasant, now, what with fall in the air. It seems that this desert of ours has no spring nor autumn, for even now, while the afternoons are hot enough to eat ice cream, the mornings are as cold as  $38^{\circ}$  above zero. Our stove pipes are finally distributed to us yesterday, but since they are not installed, we must just look at the pot-bellied stove and shiver in our boots. The people across the way still have not even received their stoves. Hot water in the laundry and showers is yet to be a common luxury. The plumbers are working hard, but we have had no running water, either hot or cold, for the last three days. Soon, though, the pipes will be in and we shall have hot water, galore.

(I think.)

Each day goes by with our having accomplished every little that we can point to. Mopping twice a day to clear away the dust is a job in itself. Miyo is not working yet, and I've yet to be assigned to a job, too. Knitting and reading, fun as it is, gets a little tedious. What do you do, Oji-san, when the day's work is done?

Do you read? Do you study? Or do you play baseball? Mr. Mitamura who is back told me you were quite a player. He has made many clever things out of rocks which he polished.

Oji-san, I noticed that the power of attorney which you sent me while we were in Seattle, is not sufficient. So, I am enclosing one which I wish you would please sign and get notarized immediately. Will you please send the notarized Power of Attorney to Mr. Robert Morris and he will then send it to me. I am enclosing the stamped, self-addressed envelope in this letter so that you may send the Power of Attorney paper direct to him. In this way, we can save time and I can get the license business cleared up sooner. I should very much appreciate your tending to this to-day.

Nii-san is leaving for the post office now

so I shall have to say good-bye for the time being.

I'll write again and hope that all is well with you.

Lovingly

Fumiko.