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DETAINED MAIL EXAMINED

Dear Oji-san,

The clock is ticking so loudly in the office. There's only one person here, lazily rustling the papers and reading the day's grim news. Today, things are rather quiet. Last night, though, the office was buzzing with Issei, excited over the report that all aliens must clear out of the Puget Sound area. Hashiguchi-san came in from lunch, green as an apple, and said, "Well, I'll have to leave soon!" Of course, we didn't believe him until the papers came out and confirmed the report.

In a few days, we'll know definitely whether we shall have to move or not. I don't know what will happen at home but we're carrying on for the present anyway.

Oji-san, it was so thoughtful of you to send that Valentine message. All of us had a good time remembering that it actually was Valentine's day. (Wish the world had as much love as St. Valentine, neh.)

We were glad to hear that your trial went smoothly. Rev. Murphy was here yesterday and told us that your case had gone well at the trial. We only hope that Washington, D.C. will release or at least parole you, Oji-san, for I can see nothing that you could have done against this country. He, Rev. Murphy, clarified the fact that you had forgotten to mention the guest's accounts kept in our safe that night. When I received your letter, I was not quite sure whether you had notified the board or not, and wondered whether I should go to Mr. Hile and ask him about your case. Now, I find it will be unnecessary to do so.

While you are kept in camp, we out here are filling in blanks and making various reports. With this letter, I'm enclosing five sheets of Form TFR-300. Four of these must be sent to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Seattle Branch. Would you please fill them out, have them notarized, and send them. One copy is to be kept by you. To help you, I've partly filled out one copy in pencil, giving the figures of the hotel account as of June, 1940 and Jan. 1, 1942. These represent the total figures. Although your interest in the business is only $\frac{1}{4}$, the total amounts of the enterprise must be given so I have filled those in. Oji-san, if you have any other personal accounts at any banks, (perhaps the Sumitomo) that, too, should be reported. Any "yokin" payable in the United States must be stated.

BY FEB. 28

Under Class D-19, machinery for business use, your Packard may be listed. However, since its value will be less than \$1,000 you will not have to explain it on Part B, Schedule III. In other words, all property owned by you must be reported on page 1, but only those properties totaling

over \$1,000 must be explained on page 2.

I called the Mutual Health & Accident Company for a valuation of your policy, but they said that since the policy was not a life insurance, there is no surrender value on it. So it's not listed under Class I.

Form TFBE-1 which is required of all businesses with a valuation of \$5,000 or over has already been filed for this hotel (the latter part of last year) so you will not have to worry about that. Perhaps you may have forgotten the date at which Papa-san included me in the partnership; it's about Nov. 9, 1940, when Mr. Nakashima sold his interest. Therefore, all reports made have as the partners, the 3 of us; $\frac{1}{2}$ interest to Papa-san, $\frac{1}{4}$ to you, and $\frac{1}{4}$ to me.

I think that's about all. If there is anything which I can do to help you with this, would you please write or wire? The deadline is February 28. I think, though, that the authorities will give consideration to those who are a little late in filing from Montana, because of the lack of time and information.

Ichi Motosaka just told me that two signatures will be as good as a notary for the internees. I would, however, make sure of this before filing. Get a notary if there is one in camp.

Let me see, that seems all for the present. I'll send the income tax returns as soon as I get them straightened out. Until then, Oji-san, this ought to keep you busy, neh.

Well, keep healthy, Oji-san! We're missing you so! And write whenever you have time. Let us know if you need anything or want to eat something Japanese, neh. We'll send it if it lasts the trip to Montana. (By the way, did you get the mochi-gashi? Hope it was edible.)

Love,

Fumiko

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Hello from the "gang." Everybody fine but worried. Papa-san is still feeling bad.

Unable to show liability item of balance for Hotel property purchase as no record available here.

