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Dear Oji-san,

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We were all shocked to hear from your letter dated March 29, that you were again moved to another location. I feel very sorry for you because you have already been moved about from place to place four times. You must be terribly lonely now since you were separated from most of your old friends. Everytime Mama thinks about your present situation, she cries since your heart is not very strong and you have to live at a place where the altitude is so unusually high. Truly, Oji-san, are you healthy and well? As for us, we are all quite fine as usual.

Fumi-chan left on the 15th of March for Antioch College in Yellow Spring, Ohio.

There were last minute changes in bus schedules, so instead of leaving in the morning, she left with a friend Yoshiko Yano, in the afternoon of the 15th. Yoshiko, as you might recall, is the daughter of the butcher on 12th and Jackson in Seattle. Mama was relieved that Fumi-chan at least had someone she knew to go with. Miss Yano was to find work in Chicago, so Fumi-chan stayed there for about 2 days and then went on to her town.

In one of her letters, she mentioned that Yellow Spring is a very small town, but she likes it there very much. Before she had gone, she had just recovered from a bad cold, but she caught another one during the cold ride through the Rockies. However, she is well now, so don't worry about her. As for Yasutake-san, they rode on the same train as Fumi-chan and separated at Denver Colorado. At Chicago lived a man who used to come to the hotel before, so he must have sort of entertained Fumi-chan while she was there. He also met and sent her

off at the station. It was very kind of him to do so. I believe that she will write to you whenever she has time.

Referring to your letter, it seems as though you are having nice weather there. For the past two or three weeks we have been having beautiful weather. In fact it is getting so hot that I'm wondering what's going to happen to us when the real summer comes. Probably roast a way.

Outside of our porch on either side we have made two small gardens and have planted some flowers and vegetables.

Our radishes are already coming up. All our last year's plants which we brought with us from Fuzellup, have died.

The rabbits also came and nibbled the leaves off.

Mama and Nei-san go twice weekly to grape crepe paper flower making classes held at our Dining Hall. They have learned to make many flowers including the beautiful cherry blossom. We hope to sometime send at least a branch to you to brighten up your room a bit. Your room must be quite bare?

Ka-chan is such a naughty child. She is always trying to get her own way by crying. No tears come out of her eyes, but she just makes those crying sounds.

Midori just got 11 yesterday and she has started to take music lessons. Up to now, both Ayako and Midori were learning odori.

Things will be different at your new location, won't it? So would you please inform us more about that place? I will be anxiously waiting for a letter from you.

Lovingly
Yoshiko

P.S. How is your blood pressure these days?

Please take the best care of yourself.

Y.S.

If in case you may need Fumi-chan's address, this is it. % Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.