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Hello! Oji-San!

There's a dust storm going on outside just now, so we'll have to be cleaning and dusting the room again. Everytime after a dust storm, there's a thick layer of black dust all over. Really disgusting!

Thank you for your letter dated April 28, which we received yesterday. By the way, how are you these days? Just a few days ago, I read in a news paper about internees being drafted into doing roadwork on a certain road which is nearly completed. You aren't working, are you? At any rate, since the high altitude is bad for you. We were glad to hear that the weather doesn't get so hot there as it did in Loddung.

Here, we have the "craziest" weather. One day it's warm as in spring, the next day it's windy and cold as in winter, the following day hot or something else. It's always changing, so we can't put our winter clothes away for fear a cold day would come, nor can we leave over summer clothes packed away, since it does get terribly hot on some days. It just drives a person "crazy" (meaning it drives you crazy).

The appearance of our room has improved greatly since we have been able to buy a few green ivies and flowers, at the flower shop. We have a few framed pictures hanging above our beds and they're quite nice. The rock vase which you sent to us is on our home made bureau with some crepe paper flowers in it, which Mama and we made. Real flowers would look nicer in that vase, though.

The camp looks nicer too, since each block has several trees planted.

This is the first time in 7 months that we're seeing real trees. Besides the trees, every family is busy at making their "Victory Garden". The Fujii's and we have planted vegetables as well as flowers

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in our tiny gardens, and hope to have them grow so large as to be able to eat them.

Did I tell you that at school, we often work on gardens too? It was hard work digging & raking that hard sandy ground, for 2 weeks!

We receive a letter from Fumichan at least once a week, and she likes her place very much.

This morning, both Medori and Ayako came home from school feeling sick in the stomach, but now, both seem to be quite well. (5:45 PM)

They will be going to school tomorrow of course. Kazumi finally started to go to the nursery. 説服 all this time we had persuaded her to go, but she didn't go, ~~course~~ <sup>course</sup> her Mamma couldn't stay with her. 遊書 Everyday, she brings home her funny scrawlings.

Since the Baseball season is here, Kii-san has been playing with some other men in our block. He's very good too, so he was one of the 3 men chosen from our block to become a member of the section team. Quite soon, he'll be playing tennis too. Do you play Baseball there, Ajis-san?

Well, Mamma-san says for you to take good care of yourself. Please.

One of us will be writing to you again, soon, so until then,

good by  
With Love,  
Yoshiko.