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Dear Ojio San, July 6, 1943

Thank you for your letter which arrived to me. I had meant to write you long before this, but so many of my friends are leaving camp that I was hardly in a mood to write any letters. Thank you also for your wonderful package of candy, peanuts, etc. We all liked it very much and are saving it for a time when we are hard up. With your scout allowance, I'm sure the candies must have left a big hole in your money-bag. Please don't trouble yourself by sending us such goodies as we are the ones who ought to send you packages.

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As I was saying - oh before I forget, I wonder how you are. We were all very much concerned over your health and surprised to learn that you were confined to the hospital for two weeks.

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We had not realized how ill you were until we heard of your hospitalization. Please take care of yourself and don't overwork your body for after all health is of primary importance, as you so often say.

When we heard of the fire down in Santa Fe we were again worried, but later I heard that "everybody was all right" though a telegram from some internee down there to the administrative staff up here and we were considerably relieved. How and what caused the fire? It must have been quite a big one.

I supposed the heat had something to do with it if it is so hot down in New Mexico as it is here in Idaho. The last few days have been really hot, sweating, to say the least, and many of us have not felt at all like working. Of course, this dry heat is much easier to endure, but it is hard to take just the same. Perspiration drips down our forehead even if we sit quietly. It is a fortunate thing that we girls ride down to work on the trucks - otherwise I don't think I would

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work for it isn't worth walking in the hot sun for a mile or so and ~~after~~ all ~~that~~ only \$16 a month.

Of course, I try not to think of the wages - that the experience I'm getting is a good deal more than \$16. Twice about a month ago I transferred to the administration building from the hospital and have been working as a secretary for Mr. Townsend, Chief, Community services of the project.

Under this department comes community government, education, recreation, clubs, movies, etc. It's really a huge division and a great deal of work is involved.

While Mr. Townsend was here, I was busy every minute of the day, but now that he is gone there is not much to do. You see, he quit yesterday and left today for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to become a personal personnel director for the Naturalization and Immigration Service. That is a permanent job. He was here since August, 1942, the beginning of this center and so I'm sure we will all miss him for he was such a kind, understanding, friendly person. I'm glad I was able to work for him and hope my future employers will be as nice. Not that I plan to stay here very long.

I'm sure, Oji-san, that if you were in my place you would want to relocate, too.

Every day sees people leaving and recently families have been leaving the camp, too.

The Hatanaka family are leaving for Chicago this Thursday to work in the ~~the~~ dye-works of the Edgewater Beach Hotel - a high tone place.

Mr & Mrs. Imai (new to camp) are planning

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