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Dearest Oji-san,

Sept 5, 1943

This is just a little note to thank you for the box of "goodies" which you sent us some time ago.

We divided the contents with Midori, Ayoko, and Kazumi. The tablets are going to be very useful and all of us like "cheese tidbits" very much. I'm sure that you must be saving your canteen stamps in order to buy such things for us and we want you to know that we appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you so much!

Here in camp things are running along as usual and with an added excitement because on September 25, 500 Tule Lakers will arrive here to make their homes in Minidoka. On that same day about 200 evacuees from this camp will leave for Tule Lake.

They are segregants who have shown by word & action that their loyalty is with Japan and not with the U.S. My employer is on the committee in charge of this segregation movement and everything we have been doing these past few days weeks has been on the topic of segregation. Hearings are being held to determine the loyalty of the Kibei who mostly answered "no" to the loyalty question last February.

Last Sunday a number of people left Minidoka for New York. They were the repatriates, some from the Topaz center, who are sailing for Japan on the Gripsholm. Until the day before departure Seiko Tanogawa and Lillian Fujihira were scheduled to leave, but through the efforts of some government officials, they, because of their citizenships, did not have to leave. Seiko has announced her engagement to Pvt. Masao Ikeda who is at Camp Shelby. They plan to be married soon.

I can hardly imagine that she is as young as I and was in my Japanese school and high school classes.

How have you been these last few weeks, Oji-san?

I hope your high blood pressure is not bothering you.

It has been amazingly cool these last few days and it certainly does feel as though autumn is already here! This month makes exactly one year since we were relocated to Idaho. It has been such a long year. Soon, I hope to go out as so many of my friends have already gone. I am not very definite yet - my plans are still vague, but my hopes are high. I'll keep plugging until I strike something good.

A few days ago I had the good fortune of going into Twin Falls and I found some packages of carrot juice mixture. I thought if you're drinking carrot juice and so I'm sending it to you.

I hope you can and will use it.

Love Miyoko,

p.s. Thank you again!

p.s.s. Every one is fine - no one is ill, so please put aside your worry.