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Happy

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New Year! Uncle!

Last year, I had hoped that we might be able to celebrate a New Year with a family reunion with everyone together, you and Fumi-chan, all the Fujii's, and the rest of us, but instead of a happier one, it is a worse New Year with both you and Fumi-chan gone. Are we still going to spend a lonelier New Year in 1945?

Oh all, Oji-san, did you all have "Ozoni" this morning, as we did? Snowball just jumped off from my lap, so now I can write with greater ease.)

I just finished writing a thank

your letter to Mr. Namliu for that beautiful chest he sent to me.

Those delicious cookies which you sent to us; thank you for those, & ji-san. All of us, <sup>especially Father,</sup> like cookies so much. Even Snowball. Whenever we eat those cookies you sent us, Snowball sits down right by us, ~~and~~ cocks one year up, and looks at us eat, with such wistful looking eyes, that we just have to give her some of the cookie. It seems as though Snowball's diet consists of only chicken, beef, and sweets.

She is very choosy about her food, and unless it's anything like the 3 above, she won't even try eating them.

How are you these cold days. You haven't caught cold, have you? We haven't had snow very often.

but it's very cold in the mornings, and evenings. When I go to school at eight in the morning ~~if~~ it feels as though it were evening because of the darkness, and the occasional stars dotting the black sky.

Before, we used to have to walk to evening typing classes to the administration area which is about a mile away from our place, twice a week, and it was so inconvenient, but now we have classes in the regular school hour schedule.

By the way, I told you about the Dining Hall contest on Christmas, and we came out with 5<sup>th</sup> place. Our Dining Hall was nice, though!

Nowadays, there are so many with colds that some schools outside have had to close. The doctor said it's a

slight epidemic, so please take  
good care of yourself and try  
not to catch colds, Oji-san.

Thank you very  
much for those good  
cookies.

Good-bye

Lovingly  
Yoshiko