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Dear Oji - ~~son~~

It was so good to get that photo from you, after not seeing you for 2½ years. Next to having you home again, seeing you in the photo was best. We're thankful that you don't look half as old as we thought you would, and you appear quite well. Thank you for sending that photograph. It reached us when Fumi-chan was still here and she also received your letter. Probably, she'll be writing to you soon.

Fumi-chan came so unexpected.

ly, but so long, it was nice to have her home again. The only trouble was, that her two weeks stay ended so quickly, that we hardly had any chance to have some good long talking. When she went back on the 7th of this month, Nei-san and I went to Shoshone with her ~~and~~ to see her off, but it so happened that her train got late and she had to see us get on our bus for home. However we did see the train pull off. Shoshone is such a small town, but across from the station was a small park, so we went there and ate our lunch. It was such a peaceful place with green grassy lawn, a bridge across the

small river, and children swimming in the pool there. She sent us a post card recently, saying she reached Ohio and was planning to leave for Philadelphia on the 19th.

Just recently, a large swimming pool, with the aid of black volunteers, was completed, and Midori, Ayako, and Kazumi, all go there during the noon and evening. Every time they come back, they're much blacker, but they have a lot of fun. The pool is built so that one side is shallow while the other side is deep enough for diving. Even tho' it might be windy, there's always someone there. By the way, how are you feeling

These days, and have you heard
the results of your re-hearing?

Last week, besides being able to go
to Shoshone, I went to Shoshone
Falls and the Sawtooth Mountains.
Mother and Kat-clan, & I went to
Shoshone Falls, and it was a very
beautiful and peaceful place, with
several water-falls cascading down
between huge ledges of natural rock
walls. All around were immense
rock cliff-like ledges, and it felt
as tho' we were in a small valley.
The Sawtooth Mountains were where
many different groups of boys and
girls went for a week's camping.
Midori & Ayako went and had a grand
time. It was their first time being
away from home so long without

their parents. The ^{workers in our} office (Community Council) were permitted to go to this camping ground to get these ~~people~~ campers home safely, so I too had a wonderful time seeing the forest again. It certainly reminded me of mushroom picking in the Int. Rainier. The forest was full of pines so it felt more like Washington than Idaho. I also saw the famous Sun Valley on the way to this Sawtooth. That, too, is a beautiful place, but is only open to service men, at present.

School will open to its doors to students again, next Monday. It is unbelievable how fast the days

ply. I'll feel funny not going back
to studies again, after 12 years of it,
and I feel rather sad that I am no
more a student. I'll have to think more
of the future now, and I'm wonder-
ing whether I should go to college. I
know that Fumie-chan thinks I should.
Things are terribly indefinite and I'm
rather confused as to what I should
do. I believe, I'll give more thought
to this problem, and try to reach a
definite answer.

It's getting rather late, so I
shall close now, but please take
good care of health. Good-Night-

Love,
Yoshiko.

8/16 PC
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