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Hi ya Joe,

This morning I finished ironing .  
The house we are living in has not  
changed yet but if papa has some time  
he might make a side door in order to  
keep the house more cooler.

Boy the weather has been really  
hot and you cant keep cool either.  
Remember when we put the plaster boards  
in the house, well it makes the house  
more hotter because the heat goes  
against the house and it doesnt go  
away. One day of the last week it was  
very hot and I took a better look at  
the thermometer and it was 102 degrees.  
The next time I heard the man across  
the street say it was 105degrees.  
The next day mama came into the house  
and said it was 108 degrees and then  
it was worse yet the next day so it  
was around 110 degrees. Boy, hot huh?



I had shorts on in the house and had cold water. It is so hot some times ~~th~~ that you go outside and the hot wind comes from the mojave desert and it doesnt feel too good. Gee it must feel horrible to have good weather and then all ~~of~~ a sudden it begins to pour. Has the weather changed any?????

It seems that I write two letters evry day with this typewriter and it is a lots of fun. I wrote a letter to the varins this morning and now this letter is for you.

You said you went to Riverside and enjoyed the amusements that they had. Gee the things are pretty high arent they. But I thought I was pretty high when they charged me 10¢ for a game but I guess it wasnt. You really are pretty <sup>6</sup>lucky to get to go to a store and buy things freely than go to a place like the canteen and find a person wearing the same clothes you are .and then buy the same stuff they do.



Whoops, the typewriter would have to rip the paper.

In front of the house we have some things growing such as cactus, lemon trees, snaps, pine tree, melon, and some others that I dont know the names of. All the neighbors have made some flower gardens and vegetable gardens.

They eat the vegetables but when they give you plenty of food at the mess hall you really dont need to eat it. Thats why we didnt plant any food garden. The people who eat too much in between meals get sick like the next door lady but now shes home. Sometimes theysell fish at the canteen and the neighbors frie it and it stinks in the house. On the side of our house inbetween macs barack they planted peanuts.

You remember the bachlors that used to live in front of our barrack, well those things are really begining



to be anuse~~nee~~ to us. Every night we have to keep the light off because they look into the house and stare all the time. Boy if you dont stare baek at them they stare all night and day. Hay, did you think the meal at the chinese restarant tasted good? Are there many chin ese store around there?

That must have been swell to haave george sakats come over. I wish I could be with you~~x~~ when you go to the zoo and aquarium and museum. I can hardly wait to see those pictures.

Towru will have to go to summer school next week and then he will be through with school.

When you didnt write for four days we all misssd the letters and waited and waited and finally this morning the mail man brought a letter and were we happy. Were glad that you like the snap shots and glad that it keeps you more happier. did you compare yourself with the picture?



All of the neighbor boys are all gone. ( practically). The Iiyamas family goes like this. Hinee army. Take furlough. ~~Wey furlough~~ Matsu furlough. Kenny M. furlough. George O. furlough. Mr. Odahara furlough. boe hamamoto chcago. and many others.

Mac goes around with masato, roy higa, sus,ioki, min ioki, and some more.

I dont have any thing to do in the summer because it is so hot and loafing is about the only practical thing to do in the hot days.

Gosh I write so much that I dont have any thing to tell you. Let see now,

Oh yah you said you played the piano. Gee you are ppretty lucky. I hardly know how to play any more but I am trying to keep my finger limb by typing all the time. I hope it is helping a little bit.

Yes mama will make you some crepe paper roses as soon as possible .



Yesterday I borrowed a tennis racket  
and tried to play and boy am I corny.  
The only thing that I can do is to serve  
with that tennis form you showed me with  
but gee it really is a lots of fun.  
If we ever get together as a family would  
you like to teach me how to play tennis?  
Well joe this letter is a letter of no  
~~inter~~ interest so I will end now.

Masako

P.S. It seems that I m the only one that  
write all the time so I will tell Towru  
and mama to write more. ~~Maybe~~ Maybe  
papa too.

typewriter isnt going too good so excuse  
the mistakes.