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Poston, Ariz.
Dec. 19, 1942

Dear Mrs. Gates,

Please do forgive me
for being so negligent
about keeping in touch
with you. We do think
of you often — and were
so delighted to get the
happy news of the
safe arrival of your
baby.

Since October I have
been working in one of

the administrative offices,
my particular assignment
being student relocation,
which is right in line with
my past interest in college
students' problems. Working
full time and being involved
in a number of community
activities have kept me
very much occupied, and
time has passed quickly for
me.

Recently there was a strike
at Porton which seems to have gotten
nation-wide publicity - publicity
which does not begin to interpret
the situation in its true light.

It's a long story if I try to explain
it and so I'll refrain from doing
so - but I will say that people
on the outside will never be able
to understand what occurred without
having experienced that sense of
complete frustration which has
overtaken so many of the residents
here as a result of the tragic
situation in which they are caught.

We have been made to understand
that the government is not interested
in making these H.R.A. projects very
comfortable places in which to reside
as these projects were not meant to
be ^{for} resettlement, but rather were
intended to be stop-over places until
such time as we could individually
resettle ourselves elsewhere. However,
under the present policy no one is free to

go out and look around first before settling upon a plan for the future — one must have a job and home arranged beforehand to have one's application for release considered. As the people have hardly any friends or connections in the mid-West or East, we cannot see the way clear for any large-scale resettlement without a great deal of help from the outside. Thus the life here is one of merely marking time. In the meantime, however, financial reserves are being drained because very few families earn enough to keep up with their expenses. The wage scale, as you perhaps know, is ^{\$}12-¹⁴ per month — and at that, the payment of wages is three months in arrears. September wages were paid just this week.

The year just drawing to a close has been a most trying one for us, but our spirits have been sustained by the kindness and understanding of friends like yourselves. If only the world had more people like you and others whom it has been our privilege to know, then we could have "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Hope this finds you all in the best of health. Our thanks to you for everything. Sincere wishes for Christmas & the New Year.
Kiyoko Masuda





Christmas Greetings
and
Best wishes
from
The Masudas
and
Mrs. Otani

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