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DEAR SALLY:

Gee! how are you honey! I feel real sorry that I can not be there to help you. When I read your letter which came today, I laugh one minute and want to - well feel real bad the next. But write that way, I understand. I like that kind of a letter, the kind that is long even though it takes all week to write. I'm trying all the time Sally, about the house. Last Saturday I was out as I told you and I had a letter from the man (real Estate). He said that house was for sale only. (\$8,000). It's a little too much. It isn't a new house but it is beautifully located. Well maybe I can find something next Saturday. It hardly worth while going to a real estate to rent a house. I better try a bank. I'll try much harder again this week end. I was going out last Sunday but it rained.

About the balance, I think my brother drew the \$100.00 out already, because the amount left is just about what I figured after he had drawn the amount out. I think there was over \$200.00 balance - or wasn't there. I have \$180.00 in travelers cheque left. Altho I'm spending money for boxes of either candy or cookies as you suggested, I'm finding that I am catching up on my salary. I'm having more and more left each week! The first week and a half was even. Next week, I know I'll have more left. If I weren't looking for a house on week ends, I could

2. work on Sat. and Sunday for pen money. Enough to pay for the room and board. It will take some time yet to save up as much as I spent in trying to find a job. Sally, you are wonderful in not saying anything about it. I feel real bad in leaving you all alone there. I miss you and the kids awfully. But you know we would have been broke long ago if we came out together or you came out earlier. I'm glad that you feel that since you waited this long you could wait a little longer. All my friends in Baltimore wish you were out here too. Many of them offer to help us out to until we get settled. Mr. Saegusa from Manchester just wrote and said that if you wanted to stay for awhile out there, just drop him a card and you and the kids can stay any time. Something unusual in a Japanese man. This fellow Kavonczyk is the same and the Longo and the Simons said the same.

The box of art equip. came today and I'm so happy. I rummaged thru the box and it did my heart good. I miss you more than ever and while I was going thru the box I wondered if Mike wasn't cursing either you or me for having sent "her" box away. Gosh! I will be glad to pay Kiji $\frac{1}{2}$ of the round trip ticket from Granada to N.Y. if she would help you. That is if she would be getting a government grant to come all the way from Topaz to N.Y. If stopping at

3. Granada is extra. I'll pay the extra besides, don't you think so! If she is still set on Michigan. Tell her to get a Grant to N.Y. Will pay her ticket to Michigan when School starts, what do you say, besides giving her the amount I mentioned before. You see if I went back, I would have to pay the round trip ticket anyway besides losing at least one week to 10 days from work. It will be worth the difference. Altho you know my financial standing as well as I do its worth it, don't you think so.

Sally, I sure did laugh at your first page of letter. Especially what you said about it. Say! guess who I bumped into on 57th St and Madison, David Sugimoto. The little fellow who used to teach. Do you remember Don Akamatsu, the fellow who was in Landscape Design. He is here too. There is a Johnny Swatsu, architect major at Cal. Grad. around '38 I think, who is here working for Ramsey & Sleeper - (The Arch. Stand. Graphic fellows). He is working on a housing problem.

The weather is just right. I go around without overcoat or hat. It will be getting hot pretty soon they tell me. Work is going along O.K. Improving my drafting all right but my letters still slant too bad. I had an idea that they may use for Greeting Card stand. If they don't, I'll see if I can sell it because there are plenty of stores that handle that sort of stuff. I'll write about it more in detail later.

4. Please don't mention it to anyone but if you think I didn't try hard to look for a job, you ought to see some other fellows go about it, namely, Johnny & Ken. Johnny can talk but he is young and can't get enough courage up to make cold contacts. Ken feels well he isn't the aggressive type. They do write letters but gosh! what time they waste just waiting. Johnny has got around to it this week. I guess I must scold him too much but I like him and he knows that I'm really concerned about him. Ken, I don't say much to. He is rather sensitive. They kid me and yet when I kid back, they don't seem to like it much. I quit. I used to go out and eat supper with them but I go by myself or with other people now.

Oh! by the way your letter, air mail, was stamped May 8, and today is the 10th. 2 days to come here. I guess it isn't much quicker than regular mail. If Granada had an airport of its own, it would be another matter. Better save money and send just plain 3¢.

I almost keeled over when you mentioned George Aer. Don't worry about the trees and etc. of our block, it's alright, ~~sure~~. Gosh! honey, if Kizi would come out and she can get a government grant, probably she could come to Granada right away and stay with you until you are ready to come. In this way you would be rested up a bit for your trip and the same time the kids would be used to Kizi. If it's too hard, send for her, I'll pay the trip.

Mr. Simon was looking for a gardener to help him
do you think your father would know anyone for
that job.

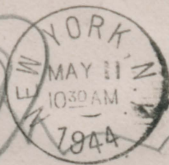
Well good night
I hope you can make something of these things
What can I get for you
Ma - for Mother's day?

Oh! I hope you will like it
May 8, and that is the date I hope to come here.
I guess it isn't much quicker than regular mail. If
I made had an air of it over, it would be another
month. But some more and send just plain 3¢
I almost held over when you mentioned George's
Don't worry about the two and a half of our black it's alright.
Just! Well, if I could come out and see
can get a Government post, probably he could come to France
right away and stay with you until you are ready to come.
In this way you would be saved up a bit for your trip
and the same time the kids would be used to going
if it to him, send for her, all day the trip.

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