

Feb. 17, 1944

Manzanar Calif.

Dear Lily:

Hoping you all in good health, so as ours. Well, we are leaving for Inle Lake on Thursday Feb. 24th, 9 A.M. in order to reach destination before sun set on Friday after noon.

Our location will be 7814 C-D.

Thanks for the Valentine cards Sayuri and Misaki sent to our children. Sayuri mentioned that Tatsuo was getting release on that day (Feb. 11) so he must have happily reunited with family by now. All of you must had a grand time to have him back, I could imagine.

Come time early part of November last year when I noticed in the paper about the tanjiko boys were arrested, I just counted him and later was so proud of him learning it was true he was pulled in. Of course, for you it was very sad matter and I should have write to you immediately after the truth was learned, but I'm sorry I neglected to do so. I could see how hard it was for you to manage while he was away, and only thing I could do now is to praise your courage and patience highly.

Man must have his policy and stick to his right even if you had to sacrifice yourself. Useless one if he is to act cowardly only to meet convenience. Naturally I do not agree to violate the peace of community welfare for reasons but I would fight to protect the human right, especially anything involve the right of citizens of Great Empire.

Today. I received the message from Mother.
 TOKIO TOTSUO gata mina buyu ka Konoko mina buyu gogeten ni ke
 saying "泣いた 遠くの方 皆無事。此の方 皆無事。五月に布地
 tuita fuyuto kono ureshikatta koto."
 著いた。有難い。大層うれしかった。母

And again to-day received another notice of message arrived so I'm going and find out what it's about.

Tokiye is awfully busy sewing so she may not be able to write to you before the departure.

Being so busy packing since the beginning of moon and feel real relief after the freight picked up.

Now just waiting for the day to see you all and talk things over, until then,

Tokio

P.S. Miyamoto's leaving on Feb. 21st, reach there Tuesday after noon. Jimmy is leaving some time during march, he says.
 Tokio.