

Tuesday — April 8, 1952

Dear Kirie — The package from home came as an unexpected surprise — please thank papa & mama — the girls dresses are very cute — I'll have to do a bit of talking on both of them — but they love dressing alike for some unknown reason — so with their red coats & patent leather shoes (1st time they've had fancy shoes) they'd be a cute looking pair of kids — Andy thinks his shirt is real sharp. Mama said something about thanking everyone for Xmas presents — I had a feeling Mili had written — maybe the letter never got there — in any case I'm sorry — so let them have one of the stuff & thanks to everyone.

Did I tell you that Al & Lonnie Clemens are back — we have seen them twice — that child drives me frantic — even can get so worried when he's around — If Lonnie ever asks me to keep an eye on him I will simply have to refuse. He's worse than any child I know — it's all her fault because she's so damned tense but just the same the less I see of him the happier I am. They've brought some property about 60 miles from here & will probably put up in Donato's house.

We have seen the Nip architect again - He stayed over the  
week-end & tried very hard to convince us that we should apply  
for a Ford foundation grant and go to Japan for a year. It's  
all well & good but I don't know if Kan will benefit enough  
to warrant pulling up stakes here for that length of time. The  
guy is convinced he knows Kan - his methods of design etc.  
but he sure has been figured out wrong in many respects - & the  
most important ones. - Well - he'll be here for a couple more  
months - I will probably see him more & more but that doesn't  
mean anything. So never mind telling your ma about this -  
they'll get unnecessarily excited & it really doesn't mean very  
much.

We have met another Nip who is here on a 4 year research  
scholarship - I must say he's a pathetic creature. Speaks very  
little English - takes 2 million courses - lives with bushi in -  
never meets Nixon in - 1st time he'd spoken Jap. &  
later with bushi since he came here. - Honestly -  
something ought to be done about these lonely guys -  
I don't feel quite up to having open hours every weekend but

they certainly should be helped by someone.

Have haven't been here for a while but I guess child comes  
later. Will probably drag her out to the 200 which is  
something we've done for years on Easter Sunday.

The circus is in town & I guess will have to be certain  
about getting the kids there this year. Got seat for tickets  
which cost fifteen dollars - but I guess it's worth it.

Hope everyone is well - thank you for the painting embroidery  
It's really quite nice.

Love

Sally