CHILDREN AND FESTIVALS

I. New Year Festivities (January 1st—3rd)

The great holiday of the nation is at New Year. In every household preparations are made to celebrate the occasion. The front entrances of the houses are decorated, usually with a pair of pine-trees called kado-matsu, on both sides of the entrance. At the back of each pine-tree are placed three stems of bamboo. Across the top of the gate or at the entrance to the house is hung the shime-nawa, or taboo-rope. It is a rope with tufts of straw and strips of white paper which hang from it at short intervals. Placed among the decorations are fern leaves, an orange, and a small lobster, representing good wishes for a long, strong, and prosperous life. The pine-tree, because of its hardness, denotes long life; the bamboo stems, constancy and virtue; the fern, with its multiplicity of fronds, suggests an expanding good fortune throughout the coming year; the orange daidai has the same pronunciation as the Japanese word signifying "from generation to generation", and therefore could not be left out of the good wishes; and the lobster is supposed to suggest old age because of its curved back. Since the lobster's back is bent, this symbol expresses the special wish that one may enjoy a very long life until one's back is bent like that of the lobster.

The first day of this season is spent in visiting the local shrine and exchanging visits with friends and acquaintances. The whole family dressed in their best clothes usually participate in the shrine visit. The second day is devoted to ceremonies for the beginning of all sorts of activi-
rise, in the hope that everything will go on in the same happy way for the rest of the year. Young
school children study calligraphy for the first time in the year.

In the streets and open fields, boys fly kites and girls play shuttlecock with battledores arti-
tically decorated with figures and flowers of silk.

The indoor game of this season is the kyuhou-inobe, a card game with many variations
which is played only over the New Year holidays.

II. Girls’ Festival (March 3rd)

Hanamizakura, or Doll’s Festival observed on the third day of the third month with the display
of beautiful dolls as its main feature, was originally a girl’s festival but it is now enjoyed by the
whole family.

The dolls to be displayed on this occasion are not those with which the children of the
household play every day. Instead, ceremonial dolls, many of them handed down from generation
to generation as household heirlooms, are placed on display in the best room of the house for the du-
nation of the festival, after which they are carefully boxed and stored away until the following year.
Parents who do not possess such heirlooms buy new sets of dolls for any daughter born since the
preceding festival, and relatives and friends make gifts of dolls. Generally a set consists of fifteen
dolls, usually in ancient costume. Besides the regulation dolls, the display is not complete unless it
includes miniature household articles and appurtenances, which are often exquisite examples of art.

The dolls most highly valued are the Denzi-ense, which represent the Emperor and Empress, dressed
in resplendent ancient Court costumes of silk. They are attended by their ministers and other
dignitaries, Court ladies and musicians. All are displayed on a doll stand or hibachi which is a tier
of shelves, usually five or seven feet wide, covered with bright red cloth. The Denzi-ense invariably
occupy the top shelf, the Emperor on the left, the Empress on the right as one faces them. Behind
them are miniature folding screens, which also form a background for decorated toy candle-stands
and vases with peach blossoms. Court ladies and musicians, ministers, Court officials, and delicacies
of many kinds in beautifully decorated miniature boxes are placed on the lower shelves. Peach-
blossoms, symbolizing happiness in marriage, are indispensable decorations of the stand. Being full
and round, peach blossoms also signify the feminine characteristics of softness, mildness and peace-
fulness. The daughters of the house and their friends gather before the display and are most cere-
monious in their greetings, practicing the rules of etiquette they have been taught.
On the second day of the New Year, all the members of the household practice caligraphy.

Girls playing a card game during the New Year season.

Balls' Festival is a happy day for girls all over the country.
When the festival is over, the dolls and attendants are carefully packed in wooden boxes and stored away until the festival next year. To open up these boxes, take out the dolls and beautiful furniture and arrange them on the shelves in a scene of great joy to the little girls of the country.

III. Boy's Festival (May 5th)

Boy's Festival on the 5th of May, which has been celebrated for centuries on the 5th day of the 5th month, is as much a day of happiness for small boys as March 3rd is for girls. Since World War II, it has been designated a national holiday and is known as Kodomo no Hi or Children's Day.

On a tall bamboo or wooden pole covered in the past or present, are tied paper or cloth streamers in the shape of a carp, which fly out in the wind and appear to swim in the air like real fish. A carp was honored originally for each son, a very large one (of perhaps fifteen feet or more in length), for the eldest, the others ranging down to a small one if there is a baby boy in the house. Several legends account for the choice of the carp, the most popular being based on the fact that this fish has the energy and power to fight its way up swift-running streams, cascades and waterfalls.

Because of its strength and its determination to overcome all obstacles, it is held to be a fitting example for growing boys, typifying strength, energy, strength, perseverance, and the will to overcome all obstacles. This is the fundamental idea of the festival: the encouragement of manliness, the overcoming of life's difficulties, and consequent success.

In the older homes a ritual similar to that of the Doll's Festival is erected in the parlour and on it are displayed dolls representing famous feudal generals and a paradigm of scenes: a muromachi, a beautiful, samurai, etc. Among the dolls usually displayed are representations of the generals Toyotomi Hideyoshi, Katō Kiyomasa, Mōri Terumoto and Kusunoki Masashige. Other dolls popularly presented are those of Kintoki, the Japanese Hercules, and Momotaro, the Japanese version of David the Glenn-Killer.

While the origin of this festival is not definitely known, scholars trace it to a court function observed in the days of the Emperor Regent Suiko (599-604 A.D.). The practice became popular with the military class and commoners during the Edo Period.

IV. The Star Festival (July 7th)

The Tanabata Festival of July 7th is picturesque and romantic. It originated in the old Chinese
tradition of the Star Weaver who is separated by the Milky Way from her lover, the Altair, and meets him once a year on the evening of July 7.

As weaving was one of the important tasks of women in ancient times, they prayed to the Star Weaver on this evening to make them skilful in weaving. Then in the seventh century, Tanabata became an important national festival. Although the Chinese tradition of the stars gave romantic and picturesque features to the festival, Tanabata was originally one of the rites held in July for remembering ancestors.

The Tanabata Festival is still very beautiful and is observed all over the country. The people, and particularly children, place long bamboos in their gardens, or in their rooms if they have no garden. On the bamboo branches they hang cut decorations of coloured papers, and also long strips of white paper on which they write poems or wishes.

It is believed that by tying these coloured papers to the branches, they offer prayers to advance their learning and particularly to become skilful in calligraphy. Old-time women prayed for skill in weaving and many girls pray for dressmaking ability.

Sendai and other cities are particularly famous for their Tanabata festivals, on which they are gaily decorated.

V. Shichi-Go-San (November 15th)

The Shichi-Go-San (Seven-Five-Three) rite, observed on Nov. 15 is the most picturesque event in the autumn season. On this day, parents take their three-year-old children of either sex, five-year old boys and seven-year old girls to the parish shrines dressed in their best dresses. There the guardian spirits are thanked for the healthy growth of the children and prayers are offered for their further development.

All new-born babies are taken to the local shrines on the 30th day after birth in case of girls, and on the 31st day in case of boys, to be presented to the shrine deities for blessing.

On the occasion of the Shichi-Go-San rite, the parents express thanks for the protection given by the local shrines and pray for further guidance.

On this day, all shrines are crowded with gaily costumed children and happy parents, and stalls selling various gifts to the feted children are opened.
NATIONAL PARKS AND EQUIVALENT RESERVES IN JAPAN

The National Parks Law of 1931 set the precedent for the establishment of the national parks and quasi-national parks of Japan. The system includes nineteen national parks, embracing 4,364,516 acres (1,745,806 hectares), of which 63.1 per cent is land owned by the State, 16.7 per cent is owned by the prefectures, cities, towns and villages, and 20.2 per cent is privately owned.

These are areas of the greatest natural scenic beauty, administered by the National Parks Division in the Ministry of Health and Welfare. The Natural Parks Deliberative Council, comprised of scholars and appropriate governmental experts, advises the Minister of Health and Welfare on pertinent matters. Two non-governmental organizations, the National Parks Association of Japan and the Nature Conservation Society of Japan, co-operate with official agencies in an advisory capacity.

The quasi-national parks are administered by the local prefectures, in co-ordination with the Minister of Health and Welfare and the Council. They include about 525,000 hectares of scenic areas, of which 37.6 per cent is State-owned, 15.2 per cent is owned by the local governments, and 47.2 per cent is privately owned. A large proportion of the government land is under the Forestry Bureau.

In contrast to the situation in the United States, Canada and other countries where most or all of the land within national parks is owned by the federal government, the mixture of land-ownership in the Japanese national parks has led to a pattern of zoning. The parks are divided into special protection areas, special areas, and general areas, designated by the Minister of Health and Welfare. The Minister, and the Governor of the respective prefectures in the case of quasi-national parks, regulate the activities permitted within each category.

1) Excerpt from UN/ECE Document E/3436 (15 Feb 61)
The special protection areas are those in which primeval conditions are maintained. Special areas preserve natural beauty whether it possesses the primeval character or not; these comprise the largest parts of the parks. Without permission of the Minister or Governor, building construction, mining, water development projects, livestock grazing, collecting of specimens, and other specified activities are prohibited in the special areas. General areas may be used for agricultural, forestry or other purposes under less rigid restrictions, and visitor accommodations and recreational activities are contained in them.

Scientific research is carried out in national parks and quasi-national parks by staff members of the National Parks Division, by members of the Council, universities and others. Publication based on such research is issued by the National Parks Association of Japan.

Ten public and private museums have been established in the national parks, and exhibits are planned for installation in administration offices and ranger stations.

Guided field trips and lectures are presented to visitors, especially during the "Movement for the Communion with Nature" from 21 July to 20 August. The parks are easily accessible from centres of population, and some 30 million people visit them annually.

National Parks

Akan National Park - 87,498 hectares (218,745 acres), in eastern Hokkaido - established in 1934. The region is occupied by active volcanoes and the famous caldera lakes of Akan, Kussharo and Mashu, and other mountain lakes and hot springs. Virgin conifer forests characteristic of caldera regions are mixed with rhododendrons, yezo azalea and birches. The spherical green Marimo weed (Aegagropila suteri kutsing), endemic to Lake Akan, is of scientific interest. Brown bears, squirrels, Ezo snow rabbits and other wildlife inhabit the park, which is also the home of the primitive Ainu people.
Aso National Park - 73,087 hectares (182,717 acres), in central Kyushu - established in 1934. Mt. Aso has a vast atrio or basin formed by the sinking of its crater, ringed with high mountains, and with five dormant and active volcanoes within the basin. To the north in the park, the Kuju volcanic block forms a gigantic plateau, with many peaks, abounding in alpine plants. Between the two mountain elevations stretches a grassland wilderness. Parts of the park are under cultivation, and the Aso basin supports a large human population which is dependent on the adjacent land for its livelihood.

Bandai-Asahi National Park - 189,661 hectares (474,153 acres), in Honshu - established in 1950. The park is in three disconnected sections. In the north, the Mt. Casson volcano dominates the Asahi range; Mt. Iida, in the central section, is a granite peak clad with virgin forests, and Mt. Amuma and Mt. Adatura are volcanic. Mt. Bandai, in the south, blew up in 1888 in a tremendous eruption, and produced some of the largest dated volcanic lakes in the world. Broadleaved and conifer forests cover the mountain slopes, and bears, monkeys and antelopes (Capricornis crispus) inhabit the Iida and Asahi areas. Several villages with cultivated lands are located on the plateaus near Mt. Bandai, and Lake Inawashiro is a source of hydroelectric power.

Chichibu-Tama National Park - 121,600 hectares, (304,000 acres), northwest of Tokyo, - established in 1950. Sedimentary ranges, ravines, rivers and forests characterize this park, affording spectacular scenic vistas. Dense groves of dwarf bamboo carpeted with mosses are overtopped with virgin pine, and spruce fir forests. A number of villages are located within the park.

Chubu Sangaku National Park - 169,768 hectares (424,420 acres) in Honshu - established in 1934. Known as the Japan Alps, the towering peaks in this park, interspersed with beautiful gorges, are covered with verdant forests. On the summits, alpine flowers grow amid the perpetual snows. One Hundred mountain huts and trails serve alpinists, and campgrounds and excellent accommodations are provided. Skiing conditions are exceptional on some of the slopes.
Daisen National Park – 12,403 hectares (31,008 acres), on the central sea-coast of the Sea of Japan in the Chugoku District – established in 1936. Mt. Daisen is a coni-tholoidal peak rising 1,713 metres above sea level. Its lower elevations are covered with pine forests, above which stand virgin beeches, while the summit is heavily clad with snow. Many other mountains are in the park, and there are extensive grassy plains. As is true of other parks in Japan, there are important religious shrines here, and the beauty of their settings has been safeguarded by the shrine authorities. Mountaineering and skiing are popular sports, and good accommodations are available.

Daisetsuzan National Park – 231,929 hectares (579,823 acres), in central Hokkaido – established in 1934. This largest of the national parks protects the "roof of Hokkaido", three large groups of volcanoes and part of the Ishikari mountain range. Vast alpine meadows stretch across the higher elevations, and the slopes are covered by virgin conifer forests of exceptional beauty. The landscapes formed by cliffs, gorges, lakes and waterfalls are famous. The Mt. Tokachi area contains the finest ski slopes in Japan. Yesso brown bears (Ursus arctos yessensis) are numerous, and the rare crying hare (Ochotona hyperborea yessensis) finds its only habitat in Japan here. There are a number of villages in the park.

Fuji-Hakone-Isu National Park – 94,814 hectares (237,035 acres), 60 km. west of Tokyo – established in 1936, enlarged in 1938 and 1955. One of the most beautiful symmetrical volcanic cones in the world, Mt. Fuji has been interwoven into the religious, social and artistic life of the Japanese since time immemorial. It rises 3,776 metres directly from the sea, surrounded by virgin forests, and five scenic lakes, while vast plains spread out from its base. The Mt. Hakone area includes several volcanic peaks, hot springs and rivers. The volcanic Izum Peninsula is noted for its hot springs. Mountain climbing (especially on Mt. Fuji), camping, boating, riding, golf and other recreational activities attract some 12 million people to this park, which has excellent accommodations.
Satoyama National Park - 318,000 hectares (1,238,000 acres), 300 km northwest of Tokyo - established in 1958. The park contains several volcanic peaks and hot springs, as well as a variety of rare and endangered species. The Satoyama regions are renowned for their rich biodiversity and cultural significance.

Suwa-Niigata National Park - 111,000 hectares (433,000 acres), 150 km northwest of Tokyo - established in 1945. The park is home to several volcanoes, including Mt. Suwa, one of the highest mountains in Japan. The park is a popular destination for mountaineering, hiking, and cycling.

Shirakami National Park - 21,450 hectares (53,000 acres), located in the northern part of Japan - established in 1954. The park is home to several extinct volcanoes and hot springs. The park is known for its rich biodiversity, including many rare and endangered species.

Nikko National Park - 144,600 hectares (353,700 acres), 100 km north of Tokyo - established in 1934. The park is home to several active volcanoes, including the famous Mount Fuji. The park is a popular destination for hiking, cycling, and cultural tourism.

Exceptional scenery in Japan is found in the Nikko volcano area, the great peaks interspersed with lakes and marshes, and the diverse flora and fauna. The Nikko area is a treasure trove of cultural and natural beauty, a place where visitors can experience the unique and fascinating aspects of Japanese culture.

In summary, Japan offers a wide variety of national parks and protected areas, each with its own unique attractions and cultural significance. Whether you're interested in hiking, cycling, mountaineering, or simply exploring the rich biodiversity of Japan, there is something for everyone in this stunning country.
primal area, access by automobile is provided to scenic places through much of the park. A number of villages are located in the park, and Lake Chusenji provides hydroelectric power.

Rikushu Kaigan National Park - 8,614 hectares (21,335 acres), in northern Honshu - established in 1955. The park consists of 90 km. of Pacific Ocean coastline. The northern part is uplifted with 100-metre cliffs and rocky islands rising from the sea. The southern part is submerged, with cliffs 250-metres high sheltering sandy beaches. The area is covered with pines and deciduous trees, and forms the northern limit for subtropical flora. Birdlife is very abundant, and several of the small coastal islands have been designated as national monuments to protect their nesting.

Saikai National Park - 24,324 hectares (60,810 acres), in western Kyushu - established in 1955. The park includes a portion of dendritic submerged coastline and myriad small islands, facing the mainland of China. The Kujiku islands dot the serene waters and support a subtropical forest growth that has been protected for centuries. A larger island, Hirado Island, is hilly, affording magnificent scenic views. Offshore, the Oto archipelago presents unusual phenomena of volcanic geology, the principal features being protected within the park. Because of the number of good harbours, this region marked the sites of the first contacts between Japan and western civilization. The best way to explore the park is by boat.

Soto Naikai National Park - 65,910 hectares (164,775 acres) on the Inland Sea, off Hiroshima - established in 1934. The park includes about 600 islands and islets and part of the coastslands, providing spectacular seascapes. The islands were produced by intersected faults followed by volcanic activity. Tidal rapids flow in tremendous torrents through the four straits leading from the ocean to the Inland Sea, and violent whirlpools form in Naruto Strait. Fishing villages and terraced farmlands add to the picturesque scenery. Fine views are afforded from hills and peaks bordering the shore. A number of ancient religious shrines are centres of pilgrimage.

Mt. Takasaki-yama is the habitat of about 450 Japanese monkeys. Many resorts
are located in this area, and boat cruises are available. Swimming, fishing, hiking and camping are favourite forms of recreation.

Shikotsu-Toya National Park - 98,660 hectares (246,650 acres), in south central Hokkaido - established in 1949. A remarkably beautiful region of volcanoes and caldera lakes, this park is one of the most scenic areas in Japan. A number of the volcanoes have erupted recently, one, the Shova Volcano, having been created in 1944. Virgin conifer forests cover the park, the Yezo-spruce forest around Lake Shikotsu being especially impressive. Alpine flora is outstanding. The park is inhabited by brown bears, Yezo squirrels, Japanese sables, voles and migratory birds. Hydroelectric power is generated in the park, and some agriculture occurs. Hot spring resorts attract visitors, and the park affords excellent mountaineering, skiing, boating and fishing.

Towada-Hachimantai National Park - 82,351 hectares (203,378 acres), in northern Honshu - established in 1936 and 1956. The northern section of the park includes Lake Towada, a famous double caldera lake of exceptional beauty, the headwaters of the scenic Oirase River, and the Hakkoda volcanoes. The lake and river are bordered by a magnificent growth of primeval deciduous forest, while the volcanoes are clad with dense conifers and alpine flora. The Hachimantai section embraces a range of striking volcanoes and a Tourist accommodations are excellent, especially in the Towada section, and skiing conditions in the Hachimantai section are exceptionally good.

Unzen-Amakusa National Park - 25,600 hectares (64,000 acres), in western Kyushu - established in 1934. The northern Unzen unit of the park consists of the plateau of Mt. Fugen-dake and other volcanic peaks, with many hot springs, overlooking the Sea of Aria. The area is noted for its azaleas, box-trees and deciduous forests. The Amakusa section is on an archipelago, a more gentle landscape, and contains a number of villages and historical relics of Christianity in Japan. Accommodations are good, and golfing, horseback riding, camping and hiking are favourite pastimes.
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Unusual features of island volcanism; natural forests.

Eroded coast of Sea of Japan, with spectacular tunnels and cliffs, and sand dunes.

Lower reaches of Tone River, with lakes, swamps, and varied flora; two religious shrines; bird refuge; agriculture practised.

Seashore headlands and embayments and islets, with sea birds. Amano-hachidate granitic gate is one of Japan's most famous scenic beauties; Five Lakes of Mikata; shrines and temples.

Adjacent to Aso National Park; complex scenic volcanic geology; religious relics; biological research laboratory.

In addition to the national parks and quasi-national parks, Japan has many other reservations to protect and administer natural features. There are 5 integral reserves, 141 geological reserves, 515 botanical reserves, 109 zoological reserves, 93 forest reserves, and 285 regions designated as wildlife sanctuaries, totalling 84,780 hectares (211,950 acres).
Dear,

Well here I am at the Mission Inn, the Spanish dream castle I've heard so much about. From the moment I entered the doors and passed the salutation “Entrée en Casa Amigo” (Enter friend, this is your house), I felt at home.

That word “unusual” used so freely by Californians certainly applies to this famous Inn: there is absolutely no place like it in the world. Its architecture is a combination of California Mission, Spanish, Mexican, and Oriental. Its atmosphere is very international especially in its collections of interesting things from the countries. The bells and crosses collected by Mr. Miller, Master of the Inn, are the finest to be found anywhere.

The Cloister Music Room resembles the great hall of a Spanish castle. Here fine organ concerts are often given. It is hard to believe that
The Mission Inn was not one Mission, but over one hundred years ago, but true to its "Mission Style". Again I saw it in all its beauty, almost all your swimming pool in the Garden Court. It reminded me of the big size was unique and antique images and other features, including the statue, the birds, and the fountain. Joseph and Napoleon are very unlike the modern and beautiful today. The guest rooms of course have all up-to-date comforts, but the historical atmosphere is fascinating.

The Presidential Suite has really been used by presidents, and many famous authors and musicians have been here for rest and relaxation. The specialty of the job however is St. Francis, with graved for the site of the mission. Many hundreds of visitors have pleased this truth in the St. Francis Chapel, the name Jacob Bond Roman and the elevation of the air, but the most beautiful piece of all is the Chapel named for St. Francis of Assisi, and dedicated as an International Shrine for travelers. I cannot account of his love for St. Francis is considered the patron of those who believe. Many hand-made and their bric-a-brac like the impressive portal of the Chapel. The golden, leaded glass of the Tiffany beyond, the gold framing, altar, and the Tiffany beyond, windows so beautiful my description, you simply must see them and the black marble with its gold and aviation collections as well.

The Galeria nearly has some fine paintings and the Italian scenes, full of birdsong and beautiful things from China and Japan. The enormous things from China and Japan is especially theSTRING Temple. San Diego is especially impressive. The Rialto and Italian are very fast.

The International Rotunda is worth both old and young. The International Rotunda is worth both old and young. The International Rotunda is worth both old and young.
When you come here be sure to bring this map showing two of the floors of the Inn. You'll need it.
Dear Chipwah,

I must tell you about one of the most beautiful spots in Japan. After climbing up a twisty hairpin road that would make your head spin, you would find yourself surrounded by the most peaceful and picturesque Japanese scenery. The turns and tides of the mountainous region are absolutely breathtaking.

Streams and waterfalls seemed to be running at all turns and picturesquely Japanese scenes and forms of fields cultivated all the way to the hill tops certainly made an interesting approach.

The view from our window looking down in the valley and the old village looked like a scene from a picture. I have to say, the view was truly breathtaking. I have only two left of my film roll in Japan, but it's too early to buy more. It's horrible!

They have 3mm black and white film, but I prefer 16mm. It's a bit too small for my liking. They have 8mm black and white film, but it's too small. I prefer 35mm for my work.

I would love to get a hold of some of the latest picture spots on the bus or being told in the quiet, polite manners of the guide that buses are leaving.
What is happening to us is fantastic! At first we were happily amazed. Then slightly appalled. There was more to it than appears in print. The welcoming of the B.C.A. was special. This and special that amounts to the treatment she would have received. The embarrassing until you get used to it. And we're not. However, at least a day men are with us all the time. Heard, explaining mercy to our comfort. Buses with police escort all day yesterday. Reception by Mr. Yoshioka yesterday (former prime minister). And another reception thrown in last night by the Gov. of the Province.

Gifts of fans, parasols, towel, flowers in our room - I don't know if we'll be able to stagger on to the plane.

Three days (this is a secret!) we've been covered by Time & Life cameras. We understand it will be in Life International only. Dem
Andy, I've been alerted to watch for 26 and make 2 get us 4 copies. This trip
is something. I'm glad we can do it.

As usual it's the same old story. The last night pen gave out so lacking an excuse, I had to keep busy with
work. We have had the worst three
ingestion in two days. Even in the park lake
we've had 5.35 and then there was a girl so
bad it was 5.30 a.m. The area of travel is just to
tell in hanging out, running in parks
and just like Raggedy Ann doll but health other
wise good.

The food has been good, we eat as we have
an American breakfast of fruit, coffee with
eggs, toast, etc. The dishes are spread by the
cold meats, luncheons are spread by
cakes, cold meats,
rolls, etc. Some dishes seem to be salted. One only
got one with any meat. Also coffee as a problem,
and it comes in a tin box. Whether to order 4 or 5
to get 4 cups or none when we did we got 5.
have these in full. Last night when we served
fish from our own and ordered up a
beer (Japanese beer), we found two bottles quite size.
This morning we took in the room of
built Nogoya Castle and came over here to drink
for a luncheon party sponsored by the Governor
of Aichi and the Mayor. Vice Mayor Nogoya told
them you were almost a mayor and they
greeted and poured and painted and made merry.

This morning a very interesting place. Shown
how footings and handles and tops are put on
suspected smoothed, glazed, decorated and
packed. After the tour we all gathered for tea
(cock green tea) and coffee. The complimentary
pick-up was always preceded by a lot
of hot rolled towels for hands and face. The meals
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M. YAMASHICHI
PRESIDENT & MANAGER

These thermals full. Last night when we returned from fishing and fishing boat I ordered up a
beers. (Japanese beer is wonderfully mild, two
and dinner) we found a box the grand size.

This morning we took in the views of
built Nagoya Castle and came over here from
for a "luncheon party" sponsored by the town
of rich and the Mayor & Vice Mayor of Nagoya."
bent Nagoya Castle and came over here yesterday for a luncheon party sponsored by the Governor of Aichi and the Mayor-Vice Mayor of Nagoya. I told them you were almost a mayor and they guffawed and bowed and pointed and made merry, laughing about the "almosts."

After we also went through the chin factory this morning, a very interesting place. Showing how fastigia and handles and tops are put on suspect, ammonia, glazed, decorated and packed. After the tour we all gathered for tea (cool refreshment) and refreshments. The complimentory pickle repast is always preceded by a box of hot rolled towels for hands or face. The most
refreshing 이것을 저녁에 적당한 시간에 먹으시면 좋을 것 같습니다.

after several welcoming speeches made especially for us-no joking or banter.

Then after the weather was somewhat cooler.

The highlight of the trip so far was last night's

The Governor's Ball at the Hotel Yes-City Hall was lovely.

also had a cocktail reception on the lawn at a real Japanese Home.

The Governor of Oahu was the host and he was an excellent host.

He went so far that he understood that we were not expecting a garden and he was sure that more wine than we would compare with THE MOUNTAINS OF STAV.FELL.
refreshing custom one can imagine.

After several interesting speeches by trade
and friendship, we were all given a plate
made especially for us with a large red rose
Then after 200 the pattern was worn which
The highest of the day so far was had in
the Commissioner’s office. The second by bor from
Nagoya, the Doctor, (city) to Hifour city, saw one of
the first few states to come

We continued the Detroit trip to Yuzan — city famous for making lanterns, fans, and parasols and lanterns.

(Yuzan, by the way, while in that city from one to the other. As Hazel has the same one you can read about it in there.) When we arrived I bought some lanterns and some food. We had a supper reception on the boat from the real Japanese food (very new and good). After that, a police in welcome and gave us all a free parasol. He said, "I understand that we are in Japan. To see gardens and he was sure that more were saw would compare with the mountains of Yuzan."
the river. No one was in sight. It was beautiful and we went up with delight. So many of the people were delighted like children.

After supper there was a folk dance. The men in their coats and black trousers with fans 12 ft. above their heads made light and firework colors and attached to their backs did a bowing, dancing, dance with bass drums attached to their fronts. Then we all went down to the boats. Took off our shoes, silk stockings, socks, went on mats, under the cover with palm leaves sewed on both sides. We were poked out into the river, and kept going. Boats to the boats with runners, dancers, fireworks. There were even floating down the river, burning the dry fish that trouble was coming.

Finally down came the cows and boats, the birds tied to separate strings, swimming, being for the Ama fish which were attracted by a rather large basket of fish thrown from the boat over the birds. It was a
The river, Nagara. He is happy, it was beautiful and he squealed with delight. So many of the senior people are deliriously child-like and bowing.

After supper there was a folk dance & music in Happy coats and black trousers with jan 12 ft above their heads made of tissue and firework colors and attached to their backs. A bowing prancing dance with bass drum and after they were allowed d...
Fireworks colors and attached to their backs did a bowing, prancing dance with brass drums attached to their fronts. Then we allowed down to the boat to take off our shoes and put on socks + sat on seats under the cover with lamp and

were rowing on both sides. We were poled

and onto the river and deep stream. Boats to the

cross with samplers, dancers, and firework flames were floating down the river alerting

the big fish that trouble was coming.

Finally, down came the carmen and boats

of birds tied in separate strings swimming &
bobbing for the fish which were attracted

by a rather large bonfire of fire hemp in

front of the boat for the birds. It was a
Alien to us, but one felt a part of the festival, an unforgettable night.

We’re about to come into Banca. This time by private electric train. (A double-decker) which has taken us through scenic fields up into the mountains and more beautiful scenery.

We’re due for best clothes + napkin tonight and dinner at 7:30. "Tomorrow - What is That?" I seem to have left my deer hunter outfit at home.

One of the funny asides. The guide told us something not quite desirable - our mail bag landed over there. What was that she saw something we ate or some where we’ve been. And so it goes - be home three weeks from tomorrow. Love the golf games & tennis.
most exciting and interesting thing to 
watch the birds. Our boat men peddled along 
to keep up with the six ferry boats + 
every one clapped as it cheered as the boats were 
pulled in one by one to be disgorged of their 
load, then they were paid 
back to fish again. The birds seem to enjoy it 
de. But best of all was the lovely scene 
on the water with boats + lanterns and sailors
Alicia & we both felt a part of the festival 
an unforgettable sight.
We're about to come amidst Darkness. This
our unforgettable sights.

We're about to come into Oaraka. This
time by private electric train (a double
decker) which has taken us through fields
up into the mountains and more beautiful
scenery.

We're due for best clothes and bed tonight
and tomorrow. Tomorrow, what is
that? I seem to have left my motorbike
outfit at home.

One of the funny asides, the guide told
us some things not quite trueable. Our migh-
be looked over & c.c. What was that she said
something we ate, or some where we've been.

Good to have been back from

Tolono. Love always & kisses, [name].
Stamps from Hawaii 23rd 70 years old

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"FUJIYA"
K. M. YAMAGUCHI
PRESIDENT & MANAGER

Can Chipewah -
makes our rooms in one of the
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HET/461/1500
Dear 1275ers - This is our air plane & we are on it. Hazel says W.S. wants only a plane so he shall hear it. We met at proper time but lucky we it only 3:30 for me & cts 6:30 for the N.Y. ers. On the plane we've been game again a pr. of paper shoppers - ador mi. basket filling presents. Cindy. Not King Cole is on the plane & his orchestra. Pts to be 6 hours fly air time to Hawaii because they expect weather go - enjoy the show. - Thank you for being so brave & better one come. Love mom.
Thursday evening, May 16th:

I have tried to follow it through on our globe, but oh, says it must be 11 o'clock Friday morning in Japan, and if so you are visiting the Katsura Detached Palace and the mess garden. But if so confusing it may be Saturday where you are, and your week in Japan must have been full of so many strange and beautiful sights that you probably don't know what day of the week it is yourself. And don't worry!

A large package arrived from Sears in Honolulu; we shall not open it till you return and can explain it. They apparently dragged it behind the plane. I hope there is nothing breakable in it; at least it isn't stone lanterns which Fritz and I have been fearing.

Your two films mailed from California have come back from processing and are very good. They start with the blizzard in Plainfield and quietly shift to the clouds and the land (Denver) then snow-covered Rocky and a rusty scar that may be the Grand Canyon. Then (a) I think, and (b) little Frank sliding on the grass. Is that Barbara home with her dog? And apparently a motor ride to Frank's factory. Disneyland is wonderful and the children recognized all the sites.

Well, this will be the last letter; I hope these little folios go through all right. Prissy has been practicing her Dutch and she lovely done and has turned in, after hunting for Tib--he has to be hidden each night. Sarah likewise tucked in, protecting her neck from any possible cold kissess that might be circulating around. Kate at her usual 5:30 rising dike or tidying up her room, and Cindy working her usual three hours without complaint. We shall try to get the back out of the bathroom before you return or you won't have time to spend in the Japanese style even to the long futility of quartering the farm stock in their houses.

Kate had a pretty chapel service last night; all the children about to be confirmed attended with their parents. Rather sang a solo and the ministrant (the nice white-shirted one from Grant Chapel) gave it a pleasant talk; then there was music in the assembly room. She enjoyed it.

Dr. and Mrs. Mead were there and I had a chance to meet them and like them very much. She has a pleasant face and a friendly, natural manner.

Tonight I came out on the 4:15 clock train and ran into Sarah who was a good opportunity to see her. I had to pick up the Girl Scouts, minor servicing, and was home eating at 6:15. What a life! Then I simply and I went down down and bought some candy and afterwards stopped in at Market to her garden is at its best, and this cold weather is practically preserving it on ice.

Sunday was a lovely day, but then cold again and they say rain for tomorrow. We all hope it has been better on the other side of the world. Tomorrow night to Cousin Sally’s, although Bob will be in Alpine City. Heidi will certainly chaperone us: the last time there I found the way to sit comfortably away from that dog is to put a kitchen stool on top of a chair and perch up near the ceiling. Saturday afternoon the Gordons have asked us over for a cook-out; it will probably snow.

Everyone has been well and happy; not a sniffle or a murmur; I suppose they have been relatively unbusy, but they seem occupied enough to be interesting. You can be sure they have been on time, with Saldee as taxi cab.

Joe just came down and gave me their letter. We have been planning getting the screens up on Saturday morning; it has been such a wet spring we are said to be in for a gigantic plague of mosquitoes which are still in the deep freeze. He and Doug Rett are going out together Saturday night; I suspect Doug doesn't find it too friendly among their home although I understand he gets on well with his step-brother.

Well, a happy trip to you all the way. Everyone speaks warmly of you—Fred and Helen Nygatt at the station tonight, everyone on the train and at the church reception last night. We shall meet you wherever you are and then it will seem like hardly a day you've been gone! All send (((((((( and )))))))))))

P.S. I've decided that Sally is coming here for dinner tomorrow night. And now am a bit worried that Bob didn't sound more relieved. Have you been fed boiled seaweed yet? Shades of G-M Tracy-- she'll be at your elbow! Tracy phoned to say that one of her letters was returned from Hawaii. Ned will re-mail it tomorrow--hope it gets there. She says its 6 pages so it should be good reading on that long airplane flight.
Hi mom,

I am writing this letter to tell you how much I love you. I have been thinking about you a lot lately, especially when I am alone. I miss you and I wish you were here with me right now.

I am doing well in school and I hope you are too. I am happy to hear that you are doing well also. I have been trying to save some money for a rainy day. I have been working hard to make ends meet. I wish you could come and see me soon.

I wish you a happy birthday. I hope you have a good time celebrating with your family. I wish you could come and join us for a special birthday party. I would love to see you again. I love you mom.

Take care,

Love,

[Signature]
The Garden Club of America

May  Japan  1961
1961 Itinerary
FOR MEMBERS OF
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

May 9, Tue.  Leave Honolulu.

May 10, Wed.  ARRIVE TOKYO
Arrive at Tokyo international Airport by plane.

The party will be met by representatives of America-Japan Society, Society for International Cultural Relations, Japan Tourist Association, and other reception committees.

After arrival procedures, transfer to the IMPERIAL HOTEL.

May 11, Thu.  Morning at leisure.
Orientation lecture and movies on Japanese gardens at the hotel in the afternoon.
Welcome dinner party at the Imperial Hotel.

May 12, Fri.  TOKYO
Visit Imperial Palace in the morning to enjoy the Ginkaku (Imperial Court Music) as guests of the Crown Prince and Princess.

Return to the hotel for lunch.
In the afternoon, attend Kabuki Theatre.
In the evening, attend Welcome Party sponsored by the American Embassy.

May 13, Sat.  TOKYO
Leave for a 3-hour sightseeing tour in the capital city, terminating tour at Chrysanthemum Garden Restaurant for barbecue luncheon.
Demonstration of flower arrangements and tea ceremony there.
Leave for Mr. Shojiro Ishibushi’s private garden at Yushu.

Attend garden party, Mr. Ishibushi’s house.

Return to hotel for dinner.
Evening at leisure.
May 14, Sun.

TOKYO—YOKOHAMA—KAMAKURA—MIYAGISHITA.
Leave for Yokohama.
Here hands at the New Grand Hotel.
Continue to Kamakura, where visit will be made to "Daitokuji" or great image of Buddha.
Leave for Oka to attend garden party at Villa of Prime Minister, Mr. Shigoro Yanaka — Kiyotaki.
Leave Oka for Miyagishita — FUJ'IYA HOTEL — nothing for dinner and the night.

May 15, Mon.

MIYAGISHITA — NUMAZU — SHU — NAGOYA.
Detailed arrangements for this day will be supplied on arrival in Japan.

May 16, Tues.

NAGOYA — OSAKA.
Visits will be made to Namioka Colors Factory and Nagoya Castle, returning to your hotel for lunchtime.
Reception at Hachioji (665 Japanese Hotel's sponsored jointly by the Governor of Aichi, the Mayor of Nagoya and the President of the Nagoya Chamber of Commerce).
Transfer to Nagoya Station.
Leave Nagoya for Osaka by limited express train.
Arrive in Osaka. Transfer to the OSAKA GRAND HOTEL and the HOTEL—NEW OSAKA for dinner and accommodation.
In the evening enjoy Bunraku Puppet Show at the Bunraku Theater.

May 17, Wed.

OSAKA—HORYUJI—NARA—KYOTO.
Leave the hotel by motor-coach for Horyuji via downtown Osaka and Osaka Castle.
Arrive at Horyuji Temple, the world's oldest wooden structure.
Leave the temple for Nara.
Arrive at the NARA HOTEL for lunchtime.
Leave for sightseeing in the city, visiting Todaiji Temple housing the colossal bronze image of Buddha, vermillion Kasuga Shrine and the Deer Park, then proceed to Kyoto.
Arrive at the MIYAKO HOTEL and the KYOTO HOTEL for dinner and accommodation.
May 18, Thur. KYOTO

Garden tour in the city, visited Rikugien Temple Garden, Daitokuji Temple Garden, and Hoina More later Garden, terminating the tour at Namura Villa.

Attend Welcoming Garden Party and Luncheon at Namura Villa.

Return to the hotel.

Late afternoon, went the Kuroarai Theatre to enjoy "Miyako Odori" with the Dancers.

May 19, Fri. KYOTO

In the morning visit Kasumig Goshiki Palace and Moss Garden of Sankei Temple.

In the afternoon visit Kanazawa Imperial Palace, Ginkakuji Temple and Kinkakuji Temple.

May 20, Sat. KYOTO

Visit Imperial Palace Ground and Nijo Castle.

Optional excursion in the afternoon to Hama Rapids to shoot the Rapids by flat bottomed boat.

Optional Demonstration of Tea Ceremony will be arranged for those who are interested.

Dinner at hotel.

May 21, Sun. KYOTO – ITAMI – TOKYO

Morning at leisure.

In the afternoon leave for Itami (Osaka) Airport.

Leave the airport for Tokyo.

Rive at Tokyo International Airport. Transfer to the IMPERIAL HOTEL and the HOTEL NEW JAPAN for dinner and accommodation.

May 22, Mon. TOKYO – NIKKO (Excursion to Lake Chuzenji) – TOKYO

Transfer to Asakusa Station, Tokyo.

Leave for Nikko by limited express train, enjoying pastoral vista en route.

Arrive in Nikko. Transfer to the KANAYA HOTEL.

Sightseeing in and around Nikko, visiting vermilion-painted Sacred Bridge fabulous Yomeimon Gate and the Inner Shrine of Toshogu.
Ikeda in U. S.
To See JFK

Los Angeles (AP) — Prime
Minister Hayato Ikeda of Japan
and his party landed, looking
happy and rested, at Los An-
geles today on the first leg of
an official visit to President
Kennedy.

They were greeted by repre-
sentatives of the U. S. State De-
partment, Mayor Norris Poul-
son of Los Angeles and other
dignitaries.

“We’re very happy to wel-
come you here,” the mayor told
Ikeda as he passed a red-carpet-
ed reception line.

Accompanying Ikeda was his
attractive wife, Japan’s Foreign
Minister Zentaro Kosaka, and
other high officials. The Japa-
nese ambassador to the United
States, Koichiro Asakai, met the
party at Los Angeles Interna-
tional Airport and will ac-
company the prime minister
when he takes off tonight for
Washington and conferences
with the Kennedy administra-
tion.

Let’s Chuckle

Inflation has one good point.
Your kids can’t get sick on a
nickel’s worth of candy.
May 22, Sat. Continued

Return to the hotel for luncheon.
3 hour excursion to Lake Chuzenji, 4,194 ft. above sea level, visiting en route Kegon Waterfall, the outlet of the lake, and Ryuzu Waterfall.
Leave Nikko for Tokyo by limited express train.
Arrive at Asakusa Station, Tokyo. Transfer to the IMPERIAL HOTEL and the HOTEL NEW JAPAN for dinner and accommodation.

May 23, Tue.

TOKYO
Day at leisure.
Farewell Party in the evening for all attending members and husbands. Host: Mr. Hayato Ikeda, the Prime Minister of Japan.

May 24, Wed.

LEAVE TOKYO
Morning at leisure.
Rooms will be provided until check-out 12:00 NOON.
Transfer to Tokyo International Airport.

Sayonara
Optional Extension to Hong Kong

May 25, Thu.
Arrive HONG KONG.
After early procedures transfer to the AMBASSADOR HOTEL.
Morning at leisure.
After lunch there will be an excursion in KOWLOON, and the New Territories via Nathan Road, the main shopping centre of KOWLOON, Castle Peak Hotel, Fanling and the Shatin Valley to Shatin Heights. Return to the hotel via the beach and resort area. The excursion will take you to the nearest point of the "Bamboo Curtain", two miles from the Chinese Border.

May 26, Fri.
In HONG KONG.
There will be a full day of city sightseeing visiting Victoria Peak for a panoramic view of the mainland, harbour, Lamma Island and the outlying Islands. Thence motor along the Race Course to Tiger Balm Garden and Victoria Peak to Repulse Bay for luncheon. After luncheon return via the fishing village of Aberdeen to the hotel.

May 27, Sat.
HONG KONG – MACAO.
Day at leisure. Cocktails and dinner at Aberdeen Floating Palace, on the Island of Victoria, in Aberdeen fishing village, before boarding the overnight steamer to Macao.

May 28, Sun.
MACAO – HONG KONG.
There will be a sightseeing excursion in MACAO, visiting the Ma Kok Miu Cathedral, Guia Hill lighthouse, Grotto of Carmoos, Kam Yam Temple, Illas Verde and the Casino. Return to Hong Kong in time for dinner.

May 29, Mon.
HONG KONG.
Tour arrangements terminate after breakfast at the Hotel, and transfer to the Airport.

Useful Japanese Words and Phrases:

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Translation of Ieyasu Tokugawa's Precept:

Life is like a long journey with a heavy load.
Let your step be slow and steady that you stumble not.
Persuade yourself that imperfection and inconvenience are the natural lot of mortals, and there will be no room for discomfort and despair.
When ambitious desires arise in your heart, recall the days of extremity that you have passed through.
Forbearance is the root of quiet assurance.
Look upon wrath as your enemy.
If you know only what is to conquer and know not what is to be defended, wise unto you. It will fare ill with you.
Find fault with yourself rather than with others.
Better to possess less than more.
FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS OF Sakyamuni Gantama:

1. Existence is suffering.
2. The cause of suffering is craving.
3. The cessation of suffering is Nirvana, which is negatively the state of extinction of passions and positively the state of bliss.
4. There are Noble Eightfold Ways to remove suffering: they are right views, right intention, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration.

JAPANESE POETRY

WAKA is the most common—a short poem of 31 syllables arranged in 3 lines.
5—7—5—7—7.

HAIKU is shorter than WAKA—Basho is probably the greatest poet of Haiku—by some, the greatest poet that Japan has ever produced—Basho’s most famous Haiku is

“The old pond—
A frog jumps in—
The sound of water.”

Sleeve Poems (Tearful)—

“Like a great rock far out at sea
Submerged at the lowest tide
Unseen, unknown man—my sleeve
Is never for a moment dried”

Emperor Meiji’s poem—long been considered as the great expression of the universal desire for peace

“Surely in this world men are brothers—all one family!
Why then do winds and waves on all the seas rage normally?”
Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard C.  
Loudonville, New York  
Fort Orange Garden Club

Roof, Mrs. Raymond  
Paducah, Kentucky  
Paducah Garden Club

Rhine, Mrs. Herman D.  
New York, New York  
Fairfield Garden Club

Russell, Mrs. Carroll J.  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Memphis Garden Club

Sandford, Mrs. Webster  
Plainfield, New Jersey  
Plainfield Garden Club

Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Warwick, New York  
Garden Club of Orange and  
Dutchess Counties

Schluter, Mrs. C. M.  
Princeton, New Jersey  
Stony Brook Garden Club

Scott, Mrs. Harold B.  
Irvington, New York  
Garden Club of Irvington-on-Hudson

Scully, Mrs. Charles B.  
Islip, Long Island, New York  
South Side Garden Club of Long Island

Sebring, Mrs. H. Orvel  
Villanova, Pennsylvania  
The Weeder's

Seipp, Mrs. William C.  
Middleburg, Virginia  
Warrenton Garden Club

Senior, Mrs. John L.  
New York, New York  
Lenox Garden Club

Sheffield, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S.  
Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania  
Newport Garden Club

Smith, Mrs. Frank C.  
Houston, Texas  
Garden Club of Houston

Steinert, Mrs. Robert  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Garden Club of Dublin

Strachan, Mr. and Mrs. F. G.  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Garden Study Club of New Orleans

Sturtevant, Mrs. Paul  
Katona, New York  
Bedford Garden Club

Sommer, Mrs. Eva  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Garden Club of Honolulu

Swaitely, Mr. and Mrs. John C.  
Englewood, New Jersey  
Garden Club of Englewood

Symonds, Mrs. Gardiner  
Houston, Texas  
River Oaks Garden Club

Taber, Mrs. Walter  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
Relative

Taylor, Mrs. Irving  
New York, New York  
Garden Club of East Hampton

Thomas, Mrs. Landon  
Augusta, Georgia  
Sand Hills Garden Club

Thomson, Mrs. Archibald  
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania  
The Weeder's

Walker, Mrs. Merle  
Laurel, Mississippi  
Laurel Garden Club

Warner, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliot  
Winnetka, Illinois  
Kenilworth Garden Club

Waterman, Miss Helen  
Hartford, Connecticut  
Garden Club of Hartford

Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D.  
Islip, Long Island, New York  
South Side Garden Club of Long Island

Williams, Mrs. Andrew Murray  
New York, New York  
Piscataqua Garden Club

Williams, Mrs. Earl Kress  
New York, New York  
Winchester Clarke Garden Club

Wraith, Mrs. W. E.  
Washington, D. C.  
The Trowel Club

Yoars, Mrs. Harry A.  
Mt. Kisco, New York  
The Rusticus Club

Young, Miss Mazie Hopple  
Charleston, West Virginia  
Kanawha Garden Club

List compiled March 23, 1961
Jul 18
10 AM
MASS.

Mrs. Wesley Sandford
Pleasant Valley Rd
Wolfeboro,
New Hampshire

20 May 1961

Wm. Wesley Sandford
Mr. Japan Travel Bureau
1 Marunouchi

Japan
Dear Barbara,

The sea of letters overwhelm was lovely & what a surprise!!

They were as frank & still are that it is encouraging. I want to rehire with Barkey. I'm, Fawn & both Sunday night and wore them. Fawnie was fascinated. Thank you very, very much.

Our fishermen have been about 2 weeks late I think. I hope you were not too late in Japan.
To see the rose bushes Peters didn't post the paper over tied on the wires.

I am removing one of the borders in front of the roses needed to space so there would be so much to take care of and the hedge by the front sidewalk removed as it was so thin on one side because of the shade.

The lilacs turnip forget me not's roses hydrangeas tamarisk are all out.

I tried to telephone Secretary to your family but the circuits were busy.

The pump are gaining fast I seem to be doing better all the time.

Korea and Turkey are coming here for supper tomorrow.
Mrs. Jared Tracy
2905 Weybridge Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio

October 12, 19__

Dear Mrs. Tracy,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the kind gesture of offering a job to me. I was very happy to hear from you and your willingness to help. Please know that I am very grateful for your kindness.

I have been looking for a job for a while now, and I am excited about the possibility of working for your company. I believe that I am a good candidate for the position, and I am confident that I can contribute to your team.

I am available to start immediately, and I am willing to work any hours necessary. I am also open to the possibility of working from home if that is a feasible option.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything else I can provide. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Dear [Name],

I imagine a resident from [Place] might appreciate a reminder. You've got to do everything you can to keep the weight.

This is just a suggestion.

The announcement that next door is fixed really didn't go in here.

Weird stuff happens because of the cold.

I hope you are enjoying everything.

Be careful of water etc. - the water department did.

I am fine - get the house ready until everything is 0.15.

Lots of love.

[Your Name]
Mrs. Jared Tracy  
West Hyannisport  
Massachusetts

Monday night,

Dear Barbara —

The news about Tracy was very promising and I hope all goes well with both —

It was a short time wasn’t it for a fresh baby? You said 10:30 to 11:30 distinctly, you?

David claims I had just dropped something on my foot after working to get the black paint off our desk upstairs — we had been removing the paint in
This anniversary - and thank you for the great grandchildren! Yrinda called.

Jean, Bec, Sam, Tony, Bruce, Mike, and Penny are coming for dinner on Wednesday.

Tomorrow for Charlie's birthday we are going to be housewarming. Their house was done for years ago. They'd like someone to come around to look around with us. It would have to be a little earlier in the afternoon.

Lots of love, Grandma -

~ Betty~
West Hy/Larmer Front, Mass
The iris at the Meiji Shrine bloomed in multi-colored splendor last week, drawing thousands of viewers daily. It was the Emperor Meiji who ordered the flowers planted for his Empress. Today as many as 150 varieties of irises are found growing in the pond.

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For Talks in Washington

Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda, accompanied by Mrs. Ikeda, left for Washington aboard Japan Air Lines’ DC-8 “Kamakura” for the United States Monday morning this week. His retinue included Kiichi Miyazawa (back left), a member of the House of Councillor and long-time associate of the premier, and Foreign Minister Zentaro Kosaka (back right).
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# MIYAKO HOTEL
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Room No. (御部屋番号): 616

Date of Landing in Japan:
Mrs. C. Webster Sanford,
1775 Denmark Road.
Plainfield, New Jersey.
Thursday - May 25.

"Battle Stations" four thirty (4:30)
If needed - place temporary rebar. Tie up flower stalks. Perforate rebar.
Please - "no dress-up", and no shorts, T-shirts, "feminine".

Guests leave at fifty-five (6:15), N.R. H.
Mrs. Webster Sandford of 1275 Denmark Rd., president of the Plainfield Garden Club, and Mrs. Frederick Lockwood of 969 Oakland Ave., program chairman, will attend the annual meeting of the Garden Club of America to be held in Honolulu.

Mrs. Sandford will leave Plainfield tomorrow to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Carvell of Rialto, Calif., before joining Mrs. Lockwood in Los Angeles Monday.

From Los Angeles they will fly to Hawaii, where they will be entertained by the Garden Club of Honolulu. They also will take a plane trip to the outer islands of Hawaii and Maui, and on May 11 will fly to Tokyo.

Highlights of their two-week stay in Japan will be a trip to the Imperial Palace as guests of the Crown Prince and Princess, a three-day visit to Kyoto, and a reception to be given by the Prime Minister for members of the Garden Club of America.
Bon Voyage

Happy Landing

Happy Time

We'll be happy to hear all about it.

Love from all of us,
Your Plainfield J.C. Board.
Jerry T. Sakura  
c/o Front desk  
Miyako Hotel  
Kyoto, Japan

Mrs. W. Sandford  
1275 Denmark Rd.  
Plainfield New Jersey  
U. S. A.
“Marion & Bill — are absolutely overwhelmed and enchanted by your marvelous architectural achievement. I am so delighted that enlarging the dear Miyako (which I feared) has not hurt it but enhanced it. Congratulations and bless you — good luck and continued success.”
Statement for Check Sold

No. FD 51489

New York June 20, 1961

YEN 1,735.00

Advised by Air Mail

Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
International Division
P.O. Box 1966, Church Street Station, New York B. N. Y.

Statement for Check Sold
In Favor of

*The Miyako Hotel*

For

*One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Five and 00/100 Yen*

Drawn on

Mitsubishi Bank Ltd.

Kyoto
Japan

DRAFT HEREWITH

Date 6/20/61

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U.S. $ Equivalent or Amount

WEBSTER SANDFORD
C/O WHITE & CASE
14 WALL ST.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

LET 6/20/61 DD

Mail To

Mitsubishi Bank Ltd.

Tokyo
Japan

Service Charge

$ .50

Foreign Amount

YEN 1,735.00

Air Mail Postage

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Total

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We have received payment

We await payment

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Insured Value:

Postage: £260

Remarks:

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The Miyako Hotel
Kyoto, Japan

To: Mrs. W. Sanford
1275 Denmark Rd.
Plainfield New Jersey
U. S. A.

Dear Mrs. Sanford:

Re: Sending your package to the United States

With regard to your package, I have sent the package for receipt for your parcel received.

Sent to: Mrs. W. Sanford
1275 Denmark Rd.
Plainfield New Jersey

Price:
Receipt No. 5 $ 260
" 10 $ 635
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Total $ 1,735

During your staying at the Miyako Hotel as a member of Garden Club, you requested to send them to the United States, it was a very busy season, there were some misunderstanding between you and our mail clerk that we did not receive the money of your postage however we sent your package dated on June 1st, by sea-mail. Hope it should be arrived some time end of this month. Would you please kindly send money order amount of 1,735.

It was our most pleasure to have you at the Miyako Hotel recently and hoping you carried good memories of Kyoto.

Thank you very much for your valued and constant patronage to the Miyako Hotel, as always.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry T. Sakura
C/O Front desk
June 12th, 1961

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Received from MRS. WEBSTER SANFORD
The sum of ONE HUNDRED & NINETY-FIVE
($195.24)

Representing payment of the following travel arrangements:
- Garden Club of America Tour to Hawaii
- Oahu - Princess Kaiulani
- Outer Island Tour #5 May 7-May 9
- Basis: Twinbedded room with bath sharing with MRS. F. LOCKWOOD

American Express Company

By LINDA SMITH

This receipt is issued subject to the conditions printed on the back hereof.
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TRAVEL SERVICE
FINAL PAYMENT RECEIPT
No. 151860

Issued at 66 BROADWAY, N.Y., MARCH 27
The sum of
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REPRESENTING PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

II-OCT-1 - PRINCESS KAHULANI
OUTER ISLAND TOUR 95 MAY 2-MAY 9
BASIN TWINBEDS ROOM WITH SHARED BATHROOM

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Public Information and Cultural Affairs Bureau  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
TOKYO, JAPAN  

May 22, 1961

Dear Garden Club Member:

The Ministry hopes that your visit was most enjoyable and that Japan may have the pleasure of your company again in the future. Meanwhile, our Consulates in the United States welcomes your inquiries and are prepared to advise and assist you with materials or program planning if you so desire. The Information Office of the Consulate General in New York has available a large selection of 16mm sound film and black-and-white photographs for free loan as well as books, pamphlets and other information materials; other Consulates also maintain similar but smaller libraries.

Therefore, for your convenience, we are listing below the addresses of these consular offices. It will be our pleasure to serve you.

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& Japanese Travel Bureau
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Tokyo
Japan
May 2, 1941

Mrs. Ned R. Herrold  327 Cooper Lane  New Brunswick, New Jersey

Hi—

How is it out there—freezing cold and rainy here. Everything
I put the wash out, it rains. Oh—well—

Evelyn Sturdee said she stayed
at the Royal Hawaiian— and that
it’s beautiful—the ritziest hotel on
the island. They paid $5 4 a day
for their rooms— so I guess it
is quite something.

Your birthday card arrived
today. I’m dying to open it—
but I’ve not. Now I’ll have
to wait till Saturday.

We’ve been pretty busy since
You left. I went to the doctor's that Wednesday. My blood pressure's normal - and (yippee!) I only gained one pound all month. I told him how terrible a year it was, but he said the only thing to do is to take "maledex" and it doesn't work, tough. I do feel somewhat better, though I'm not eating too much.

Wednesday night we went over to Evelyn and Johnny's and Thursday I worked at the hospital. Friday night Buddy Green, one of our ushers, and a date came over for swordfish (which came out perfectly, thank heavens). Saturday we watched a lacrosse game, and Thursday night Dad had to initiate the pledges at the house. Sunday he played golf with his father. We had asked Daddy to play with them, but apparently the Hartridge dance was the night before, and he didn't feel up to it. I weeded out our daffodils from the grass and dandelions. They are all dead now, but it still looks neat. I also planted the tulip bulbs.

Last night we went to see "Carmelot" in NJ with the other masked students here. They take you in on a bus. It was pretty good scenery and music-wise, but there wasn't much to the plot. However, I really did enjoy it - and Julie Andrews and Richard Burton were excellent.
Today I finished notes to Dad’s associates. I really don’t feel too bad about my notes as Saidee just got her Nymph Pammy Clock and she was interviewed in January. I’m not so bad after all. Jack & Chickie have stayed at the room and are doing well. Ann Reen had a baby girl (named Laura, I think).

I also went to Evelyn’s for a luncheon today with Emily, Ethel, Louise and some other New York people. Then we watched Red Griner in a track meet for the fraternity. Oh, yesterday I also went to see Saidee! Courage and quit, eh? She said she had known since Monday’s party, but I don’t think she really knew till Easter. Anyway, she was pretty good

—

Mrs. Neil B. Herold
227 Cooper Lane
New Brunswick, N.J.

about I — Drake
House tomorrow. Friday we’re going to need’s for dinner. Joe’s real enthusiastic about theUnix of Colorado (which is good).

Thanks for your postcard. I’m sure you’re having a wonderful time. Take lots of pictures.

Love,

—
mother -
She was returned
from Hawaii. So I you
might enjoy reading
it anyway.

We'll all fine. Ned's
been having exams
and will be through
the day you get back.

Yippee!!

Lacy
Thursday, May 4th

Cindy is practising on the piano and the bird is singing away. Kate is on the blue sofa holding the dark which is trying to eat her fingers. Sarah is learning to write hundreds-thousands (means nothing to you), and Frizzy, frazzled, has escaped to the library, but he has been t-huging T-Bear, sucking her thumb and falling asleep.

Alice looks tending the house the evenings I have been out. Alice looks peaceful and rested, but my, such hard work, changing the beds, and all that laundry.

At the station this morning the first person I saw was Fritz—"Have you received the first shipment?" he sang. We have been to the Ray Millers for dinner last night. Their place looks lovely—in fact, all this rain has made all the lawns very green indeed. Ruth was delighted to see the Millers' old house and we had a merry time.

Dropped in on Alice Neill tonight; she is thrilled to receive a postal from you, and was writing a reply which she hopes you will receive in Honolulu. Bob is off on a two-week trip. Amy has told them she does not care to return to Intermont next year and Bob thinks it will do her more good to go to Katie Gibbs or Berkeley.

Bought a desk light for a small desk today. It fits on Sarah's, so tomorrow I shall get one for Cindy. Kate and Pris seem well enough equipped.

All the children are behaving so well you would be proud of them. They get to bed on time and I haven't heard one squabble yet. My, these Milltowns are wonderful pills.

Sarah now tucked in. Said her prayers... "and please let Mommy have a nice Mother's Day in Japan." Kate being forced to tidy her room--I don't know how that girl can shed so much.

A happy trip to Japan, with love from all of us.

Don't worry about me, but don't forget to postal your mother a lot— it will mean so much to her... my daughter, pres. GC, Japan, 2 wipers/
have fun!
and if you want
lotsa men at your heels...
give big tips!
Miss Cindy Sanford
2175 Neumark Road
Plainfield, New Jersey
U.S.A.

Mrs. J. Webster Sanford
C/o Garden Club of America
Japan Travel Bureau
Matsueuchi
Fukyo, Japan
Dear Miss [Name],

I am very happy to hear from you. I received a letter from you on the 2nd and I was very grateful to have your message. I hope you are well and your sister too.

Miss [Name] also wrote me the following:

She is very happy and hopes you are too. She also says that you should write more often. I hope to see you soon.

Miss [Name] has been learning French for a while now. She is doing well and is learning a lot. She plans to take a trip to France soon.

This week, we had a few more tests and they were going well. All of them were tough, but I think I did pretty well.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]
received the old bug.  We made our last big test this week and I really worked.  We had a test on algebra.  Percentage.  We had 10 problems of which four were percentage.  I received a 60 on the test.  I went for help and I still don't understand them.  Mrs. Gray says she'll mix on me but I don't think she is a good teacher and I'm just as mad at her.

We have started reviewing in French.  The name is really helping me but I still got a C.  I guess I don't like the French language, as a matter of fact I don't like it at all.

For Public Speaking we have an exam next week.  I'm doing mine on "American Women versus Russian Communism," I hope I do a good job on it.

In English we have a few more tests and then we're going to start reviewing for exam class.  All of them can...
Dear Mrs. MacKay:

I'm sorry. It seems there has been some confusion regarding the recent events. I appreciate your efforts to assist me in understanding the situation. However, I believe I have a clearer understanding now. Thank you for your patience and support. I look forward to further discussions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Date]
Dear [Name],

[Handwritten text]

Yours,

[Signature]
Wednesday, 10
6:50

Dear Mom,
I guess it’s about time I wrote you. All the teachers have been really cramming because we only have 18 more school days left.

In history we have started reviewing. We have quizzes everyday. Every third quiz counts as a test. Most of the tests are spelling and I can’t spell! Mrs. Harris is really a terrific explainer. On my last two tests I have gotten Very Good’s: 90-100!

Dear Mrs. Monkey is speaking on for about four more chapters. Each chapter takes approximately two weeks, so we don’t have enough time. The B group is already reviewing. I don’t think we are going to get any more than three days of...
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SOMER CITIES ARE SERVED BY MORE THAN ONE AIRPORT. IF IN DOUBT, CALL UNITED'S RESERVATION OFFICE.
Information Requested of United States Residents Returning from Travel in Foreign Countries

The enclosed questionnaire card is being distributed to a number of United States residents who have recently returned from trips abroad.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to enable the Department of Commerce to estimate travel expenditures by United States residents in foreign countries. These estimates are part of a compilation which shows how much the United States spends in foreign countries and how much foreign countries spend in the United States. The Department of Commerce has prepared and published such estimates since 1922.

The form also enables the Civil Aeronautics Board to estimate the extent of air travel by United States residents between foreign countries.

It is very important that we obtain as many responses as possible from our questionnaire, in order that our sample may be adequate. No signature to the questionnaire is required. The information has nothing to do with customs enforcement or taxation and will be held confidential by this office.

We ask your cooperation in filling out the enclosed questionnaire carefully and promptly. Approximate amounts may be given. When you have completed the card, please drop it in a mail box. No postage stamp is necessary. Any questions which you may have will be welcome.

Thank you.

[Signature]

Walter Lederer, Chief
Balance of Payments Division

Enclosure
I awoke with a start. Had the earth really rocked, or did I dream it? It was warm and snug under the covers on the pallet where I slept on the floor. My feet touched the little charcoal heater, and I deeply inhaled the cold and refreshing air in the little shoji screened room.

I lay awake wondering. I could hear the sea beating against the shore, but no other sound disturbed the quiet. And then it happened. The floor seemed to rock beneath my body and there was a sound hard to define. Certainly it was not a roar—only a muted swish of the movements of the furniture in the room, or perhaps the mountains settling down again to rest.

To the people living in the Hakone region of Japan, these rumblings in the night are a common occurrence. Where one day there is level ground, the next day may show a shift in the land, or a new hot spring bubbling forth from a crack in the earth. To a Westerner it is an exciting and new experience to be added to all the other experiences acquired in this fascinating land.

Japan is composed of rocky, volcanic upthrusts of the earth. There are constant small earthquakes; occasionally very severe ones, and many active volcanoes. Mountain ranges rise softly, though steeply, from each other. Their sides are covered with cherry trees and wild flowers, and their extinct craters now hold beautiful lakes. Waterfalls cascade down rocky ledges. Everywhere the landscapes present vistas of natural beauty which the Japanese
The Japanese have made practical use of many of their small islands. The spring water, coming from the depths of the earth, is used for washing. Cypress trees are planted in gardens, and the mountains are formed into gardens landscaping. And so the source of a successful modern culture, the development of the colored pearls.

For many years, in the john and their waters around the island of Tubo, the herd of pigs is used for food, and the stock of living water has been increasing. Young women always collect with nets from the bottom of the sea at a depth of twenty feet or thirty feet. They use white coverlets to catch away sharks and rare fish and around them to hold their nets. Carefully trained experts plant a small mound of mother-of-pearl with each.
appreciate and make an integral part of their lives.

Every home of any size has a garden carefully designed and tended. There are flowers and trees, and often gold fish in pools. Even the poorest home manages at least one tree. In larger areas or in palace grounds, stepping stones and delicately arched bridges take one across lakes and streams to other landscaped spots. And indoors there is always the special alcove in the main living quarter devoted to the hanging of a painted scroll and the placement of a flower arrangement. These are changed with seasons and holidays.

Nature’s color and form are reflected in the women’s kimonos and parasols, as gay in color as the flowers or birds or butterflies whose images decorate the materials. For gala occasions, fresh flowers are placed in the hair, or tucked into the sash (obi) binding the kimono. Even the women’s laughter seems tuned to the natural sounds around them for it tinkles and trills when they are gay and happy.

Contact with western civilization is changing the dress and living habits of the Japanese. School children now wear uniforms or skirts and middy blouses of dark blue. They are brought in bus loads to see the natural wonders of their land and to visit its historical shrines. Former private palaces and shrines are now "national treasures," open for all to see and admire. The shrines are beautifully decorated in gold and crimson and elaborately carved images. The stylized simplicity of palace architecture gives no hint of the beauty of painted and decorated walls and screens inside.

One is also repeatedly impressed by the shining beauty of the wooden floors polished to a high luster by the hundreds of cloth-covered feet that have trod them through the years. The Japanese leave their outdoor shoes, or clogs, at the threshold, and wear clean white "tabis" on their feet indoors. These sock-like foot coverings come up over the ankle and separate the large toe from all the other toes. Originally, this was necessary to permit the thong of the clog to anchor itself between the big toe and the others. Now it is traditional. In the cool Japanese climate the tabis also keep the feet warm.

There is one floor that makes sounds similar to the song of a nightingale as one walks across it. No, it is not an old squeaky floor. The sound was built into the floor so that the owner of the palace would be warned of the approach of unexpected guests. The wood was tuned and pitched and laid to match the notes of the nightingale’s song.

(next page)

The Gold Pavillion (Kinkaku-ji) in Kyoto is serenely reflected in the charmed waters beneath (above).

Japanese of all ages snap pictures whenever they can.

Baseball is a popular national sport as it is in our country.
JAPAN TOUR ITINERARY FOR GAIKOU GRAP OF AMERICA 1969

Thu. May 11
Mornings: Arrive Tokyo (International Airport)  

Welcome Dinner Party at the hotel.

Fri. May 12
Mornings: Visit Imperial Palace for entertainment, use Oagaka  
(Imperial Court Music)  

Afternoon: Attend Mr. Shojiro Ishibashi's private garden party at Fuchu.

Sat. May 13

TOYO

Morning: Tour in the capital city, terminating tour at  
Chinzanso Garden Restaurant for barbecue luncheon,  
Demonstration of flower arrangements and tea ceremony there.

Afternoon: A garden tour visiting Meiji Shrine, Inokashira Garden,  
and Shinjuku Gyoen Garden.

Evening: Attend Kabuki Theater

Sun. May 14

TOYO - YOKOHAMA - KAMAKURA - MIYANOSHITA

Morning: Go to Yokohama for a reception at Sankotan Garden.

Afternoon: Leave for Kamakura and see the "Daibutsu". Continue to Miyanoshita.

FUJIYA HOTEL

Mon. May 15

MIYANOSHITA - NUNAZU - GIFU - NAGOYA

Morning: Leave for Gifu by JNR limited express train.

Afternoon: Arrive in Gifu. Dinner at NAGARAGAWA HOTEL.

Evening: See the Cormorant Fishing on the River Nagara by boat.  
Continue to Nagara.

HOTEL NEW NAGOYA and NAGOYA KANKO HOTEL

Tues. May 16

NAGOYA - OSAKA

Morning: Visit the Noritake China Factory and Nagoya Castle.

Afternoon: To Osaka by rail

OSAKA GRAND HOTEL and HOTEL NEW OSAKA

Evening: Attend the Bunraku Puppet Show at the Bunraku Theater.
OSAKA — NARA — KYOTO

Morning: To the Noyuki Temple, the world oldest wooden structure. Luncheon at NARA HOTEL.

Afternoon: Sightseeing in the city, visiting Todaiji Temple housing the colossal bronze Image of Buddha, vermilion Kasuga Shrine and the Deer Park; thence proceed to Kyoto.

KYOTO HOTEL

Thu. May 18

KYOTO

Morning: Visit the Ryoanji Temple Garden, Daitokuji Temple Garden, and Heian Shrine Inner Garden, terminating the tour at Nomura Villa.

Afternoon: Attend the Welcome Garden Party at Nomura Villa.

Fri. May 19

KYOTO

Morning: Visit Katsura Detached Palace and Moss Garden of Saihoji Temple by motor-coach.

Afternoon: Visit Shugakuin Imperial Villa, Ginkakuji Temple and Kinkakuji Temple by motor-coach.

Sat. May 20

KYOTO

Morning: Visit Old Imperial Palace Ground and Nijo Castle.

Afternoon: At leisure with demonstration of Tea Ceremony to be arranged for those who are interested.

After Tea: To Kaburenjo Theater to enjoy "Kamogawa Odori" or typical gala Geisha Dance.

Sun. May 21

KYOTO — ITAMI — TOKYO

Morning: At leisure

Afternoon: Leave hotel for Itami Airport and fly to Tokyo.

IMPERIAL HOTEL and HOTEL NEW JAPAN

Mon. May 22

TOKYO — NIKKO (EXCURSION TO LAKE CHUZENJI) — TOKYO

Morning: Leave Tokyo by rail for Nikko. Sightseeing on arrival in and around Nikko, visiting vermilion-painted Sacred Bridge, fabulous Yomeimon Gate and the Inner Shrine of Toshogu.

Lunch at the KANAYA HOTEL


Evening: Arrive Tokyo.

IMPERIAL HOTEL and HOTEL NEW JAPAN
DATES:
July 26 - August 6

Pleasant Farewell Party.

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July 28

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Dear Lucinda Sanford,

We had a cold craft lunch here on Sot. We just ate the sandwich and sometimes choppo sticks. I'm in the quietest good place I've ever been. I know your story sounds like a story from London, but you have a very exciting life. I wish you well.

Lucinda Sandford
1275 Denmark Rd
Plainfield
New Jersey

U.S.A.

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The impressive building is the greatest! It is the greatest! Imperial Hotel

We were honored this afternoon to meet The Prince and Princess of Japan at their new 2-year-old palace. They were very impressive! She was lovely in her kimono. I know you will have liked it. Also, there was a little prince and his doll collection and his paper carp (fish) flying at the fish pole for boys to play. Speaking of boys, I have a boy of 12 who thinks he is a big boy but is B. to W. He just moved to Hawaii. He is 12. He is very pretty. He just went to a dance. I love you.

VIA AIR MAIL

Occupant
1275 Denmark Rd
Plainfield
N.J.

U.S.A.
Dear Ween—We had a cold Mongolian lunch here on Sat. It was cold meats + salads + eaten entirely with chopsticks. I’m getting quite good at piano playing; helps as your music is superb. The night before we ate an other special hot meal: roast (wine) + chop sticks sitting on our knees (poor hands!) called Sukiya.
The impressive building is where we live - it is the greatest!

We were honored this afternoon to meet the Prince and Princess of Japan at their new 2-year old palace. They were very impressive. She was lovely in her kimono and I know you would have been thrilled. Also saw little prince Hiro's doll collection and his paper carp (fish) flying at the flag pole for boy's day. Spent a day with boys - Joe taught us a hike of beautiful woods in Hawaii. Well, just have the years fly by.

Love you,

[Signature]
MISSION INN
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

The St. Francis Chapel, known as the International Shrine for Aviators, is impressive with its portal of Spanish style of architecture. The Famous Fliers' Wall is a unique roster of aviators of many countries.

What a wonderful surprise to have mail from you today. The weather is perfect & we went three this week today & had brunch from a lovely buffet table on the court yard. A square was fabulous. "Los Angeles is a tremendous city." Ann & Frank had a drive miles to sit some yesterday.

To 1/2 Mrs. Woman @ 8
1326 Denmark Rd
Plainfield
New Jersey
I'm sitting on a balcony looking at mountains and the sea both at once and thinking of you.

Sarah the most important crop growing here is sugar cane. It's growing today almost as many miles as it. If only you could see your hands on it. There are almost as many miles of pineapples.
Dear Boy. I'm so glad to hear your trip was a success. I can't wait to hear all about it - especially going to see for yourself made the choice an easy one. I hope to ride an outrigger canoe tomorrow.

Saw Paris tonight - he said to say hi. The mainland is over now, for the time being.
Mrs. Lucinda Sandford
1275 Denmark Road
Plainfield
New Jersey
Dennis - 1 brown pill every day
1 capsule
1st day
If same - call Dr. Satcher for painless pill.
I have... but two words to express what I feel about Hawaii...
Dear Ween: Thank you for your letter. It gives me a wonderful idea of how much fun home life can be.

We arrived here rather hot and weary in time for a cocktail party given by our Zone Chairman. Supper was on our own so we joined some summer girls and went to an hotel across the street where we could eat under the stars and watch the beautiful breakers roll in. What did we eat? Delish! It was delish.

We were pleased and all were at peace. Poor Hazel was so weary. I think she
My health is not at all. But morning came and I put on my new bathing suit and went across the street for a swim. Next I tasted delicious pancakes and went to a meeting where the decorations were banana trees and pineapple blossoms. The talk was on pine apples.

At lunch the dignity and ladies of the Hawaiian Society modeled the dresses of their queens, now dead, and sang for us. The afternoon was spent looking at houses and gardens — some pretty sight. After which we went swimming again plus a little shopping.

The ladies do wear those amazing muumuu everywhere. It is like walking around in ones nighty. So bought a skirt and one each of a different kind of flower for the party tonight.

REVEREND FIERCELY'S BENEDICATIONS

25 HONOLULU 59-7

O 6 quarter 2 6 here now + quarter 42 28 on your
Dear Mommy,

We got our report cards last Monday. Mine was good, two good, two fair, two passings. We were voting for the yearbook. I was elected biggest flirt and best sport what a laugh.

The black duck died but the white
one is having a good time. We can’t let it out
alone because the Dennins’
Big Duck getaway and
Kevin said it would drive
this head off.
I have an article
on Japan. Do you want
me to send it to you or
do you want me to hold
it
goodbye with kisses
Kate
you who!

Aboard the Mark Twain
An old paddle wheel steamer locking
Tom Sawyer's Island
Wait till you see the movies. Hope the Indians won

TOWN SQUARE — MAIN STREET
Main Street's Town Square represents the typical small town in the early 1900's where the gas lamp is gradually being replaced by electricity; the plodding, horse-drawn streetcar is giving way to the chugging "horseless carriage".

Miss Kate Sandford
1275 Denmark Rd
Plainfield
N.J.
Temp outside 40° below zero!

1275 Denmarck Road
Plainfield, New Jersey

Look everyone - no propellers!

We rose up and went along
The fields pasture over the "statue
of Liberty" past Newark Airport
and up route 22.

Near the Delaware Water Gap
and Easton. Then clouds. They
announced we were eating
lunch over Cleveland at 120
lock. After lunch I took a nap
and awoke over Chicago. An
hour later I was able to pick out
"The Mighty Mo" and the twin cities.

Do you all remember our Trami
ride there?

Another map - When I woke up
They were serving tea over Denver
and I took its picture because
Joe will be near here tomorrow
and maybe for 4 more years. The
view of the plains where the Rockies
(snow covered) came to meet them
was breath-taking. Next they
Announced Brice Canyon. I have
never seen anything so haunting - so
desolate - red rock - sand - slopes - canyons.
Now we are past the Rockies.
The country fields are brown - the river
full and muddy. No spring here.
We have been flying over desert for the
last hour - from here it looks like sand +
rock of various colors. Talk about the
bad lands - you ain't seen nothing!
We are surely going down now. Try
to airmail this back to you with all my love
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display, usually at its peak the last two weeks of May,
covers 15 acres in famed Highland Park, and is illus-
trated each evening for thousands of U. S. and foreign
visitors.

Dear Webb:

Thought you’d be interested to know
that the new amendments
to the zoning ordinance
were approved at
Finance Meeting 4/28/61. Best regards,

Post Card

Mr. Webb Sandford
1775 Denmark Rd
Plainfield
New Jersey
THE STORY OF JAPANESE PLYWOOD
Tokyo, 26th June, 1961

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Japan Plywood Exporters' Association

[Signature]
M. Hashimoto
President

Japan Plywood Manufacturers' Association

[Signature]
A. Ohta
Vice President
Pushing the season a bit, a large indoor swimming pool measuring 32 meters by 73 meters, was formally opened last week at Tokyo’s Ikebukuro. About 500 girls were the happy guests invited on the occasion.

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