

Manzanar Calif.

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I was in a letter  
folder very neatly  
put away it

Jimmy dear,

I can't find the letter I  
started to you this week! It  
isn't in my binder. Nor is  
it in Gila - nor is it here  
on my desk? Isn't that  
awful. Oh, Jimmy I guess  
I'll never get over being  
that way -

Tom & I were eating  
a cantelope the other day.  
I knew I had brought  
a little shaker of salt. I  
hunted all over for it - We  
were sitting in Gila up in the  
little park where we go. I  
hunted in the glove compart-  
ment - in the back of the  
car - behind the seat -

So finally we gave up -  
I apologized for not bringing  
the salt - We unwrapped  
the paper around the melon  
and there, my dear Jimmy,  
was the salt!! I had it  
wrapped neatly in a paper  
napkin and wrapped in  
with the melon so that I  
wouldn't forget it. (:))!!

What is going to happen  
to such a person!

Darling - You know your  
letter came on Wednesday  
This week instead of Thursday  
& I had the week all mixed  
up - I did all the Thursday  
things I do (:))<sup>on Wednesday</sup>. My P.S.K.  
girls were very much  
disgusted with me & they  
said if it happened again  
they were going to write to

you about it. (An idea,  
neh!)

Guess what I was doing  
tonite! There is some  
kind of a festival coming  
up that the Buddhist young  
people celebrate. I haven't  
straight what it is yet -  
but anyway it's very  
important and every body  
in every Block must learn  
six folk dances. I go  
up to Block 32 because  
Joan Fukuhara is teaching.  
She is our president of P.S.K.s  
since the last election.  
All the Fukuhara's were  
were down watching -  
Even your sweet little  
mother..

I learned one &  
part of another. It

is fun. But Jimmy, my feet get so tired because Japanese people turn their toes in when they dance.

### Saturday

On Saturday I come at 9:00 - Jack (here in the studio) fixed my old Kodak - so this morning Tommy + I took some pictures. We are going on a picnic and I brought a watermelon. We took a picture of him with holding it - Of course all this so that he can sent the prints home to the family. If there are any good - I'll sent some up to you - Hey! by the way - where are the pictures you said you were going to send - ? ☺,

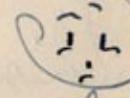
We had our picnic - Betsy,  
 Eleanor Thomas, (remembered)  
 Pappa Jimmy, George, Tommy  
 + I went.

This time Tommy prepared  
 all the food himself.  
 He just has one tiny ~~for~~ little  
 electric stove, fit on for a  
 coffee pot, to cook on --  
 And we had a feast!

Betsy, Eleanor + I  
 brought a watermelon - It  
 was dunked in the creek immediately  
 of course. It is so nice to  
 eat like that.

Monday -

Did I work yesterday -  
 I cleaned my house, cleaned Gila

washed my hair, did my nails,  
cleaned my shoes  was  
I tired! oh - and I washed & ironed too!

Tonite I dance again  
& the girls have a meeting.  
we decided against the  
stunt - we had so little time  
and the girls were so busy  
with other things - -

Jimmy dear, as the time  
comes to leave Mausnur I  
sort of feel sorry -

I love you heaps - bless you.

Your  
wife.

Wednesday -  
then Jeniney, I wrote this first &  
the it lost it! - Then it even  
in the box a repeat some Thursday to  
Today she ~~had~~ <sup>has</sup> been my ~~conversations~~  
me all day because I got your ~~conversations~~  
letter this morning! - A whole  
day early! -

I had lunch at the Children's Village today. "My dear, that is an experience to see!" - Every thing in order & of course the little kids in order. Their manners are perfect - they eat all their food (and it is good food too -.) Mae Ichida is in charge or has some vital part in the management I think. She took me thru the rest of the buildings too. The babies are so sweet! Then into the next room where the five to

eight year old kiddies are.

Burn it, Jimmy there are  
2 of them I want to adopt  
so badly. wish I had enough  
money. I'm not fooling - both  
boys - they are brothers.

She is in charge of a church  
picnic they are giving to the  
graduating class - I did some  
shopping in Lone Pine for her.

Tommy and I are going  
to the park opposite Block 32  
to do some work I have had  
piled up for ages. I didn't  
have to work at the studios - so  
I brought what - I would have  
done at home - with me so  
we could have the afternoon  
together.

Yes dear, I imagine being  
with out any girl friends

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fiend at all is pretty bad.  
Funny how a person misses  
what one thinks one has. Not  
the slightest interest in (:-))!  
But seriously, Jimmy I  
know how you feel... But  
one of these days that will  
be changed. just wait & see,