Postmarked June 7, 1951

On letterhead from the Fujiya Hotel, Myonoshita, Hokone

Note: current website: https://fujiyahotel.net/

Dear Mom and Dad,

This place is most lush. Dale Austin, the stores officer, and I came up here today in the jeep. It is only a short distance from Fujiyama (Father of Mountain) and very high up indeed. The hotel is run by the Japan Logistical Command for Allied officers and the prices are probably low. 50 cents a day for room. 40 cents for a meal. There is golf, two swimming pools, pool table, hiking, beautiful scenery and best of all, peace and quiet.

The hotel is probably Japan's best resort hotel and has had guests, Mary Pickford, Jane Addams (Hull House), and the Emperor stayed here for a year in 1904 and planted flowers. It is huge. Divided into large sections, Dale and I are staying in the "restful cottage".

We had a sukiyaki dinner tonight, and it was delightful. Your son is becoming quite proficient at the use of chopsticks. You will find enclosed my dinner reservation.

I was glad to read that I should not buy silk as I had but given up. In Yokosuka, I've had several ladies suggesting suggest patterns and colors and I've been revolted by what they chose. I did buy a pair of Noritake Bone China (?) which I think beautiful. They will appear in good taste anywhere which is more than can be said of most Japanese china. Tomorrow I'm going to get a lacquered picture of Fujiyama. Father, you will when I get back, remove that awful picture of Henry Clay (isn't it?) and put in it's place the one I will give you. It will improve things ten fold.

Will write again tomorrow.

Love, Jimmy FUJIYA HOTEL
MIYANOSHITA, HAKONE
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