Letter postmarked June 7, 1951 From the Fujiya Hotel

Dear Dad,

You would like it here at the Fujiya. It sits right in the middle of very high mountains. The letterhead picture is bad 'cause it shows low hills. Actually, they rise almost straight up on every side and are very pretty and tall. The Japs undertook some years ago a reforestation program and the results are apparent. Huge groves of evergreen trees have been set out in close rows. The entire area around here is what we would call a national forest.

There are numerous hotels around here and the army has taken over all of them for use of the armed forces. This one is widely reported to be the best, however. For years it was Japan's lushest resort and enjoyed special sanctions from the emperor, like the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. Prominent members of the Diet would hold meetings here. It is done almost completely in western style (Japanese style) which makes it perfect for the use it to which it is being put now.

Tomorrow we have to back to Yokohama and make preparations for leaving Friday. It is a big job but we will look back seeing the sights. It will be our last chance. Stay up and work Thursday nite if necessary.

I have no idea yet as to when I will get a leave. When I do, it will probably be for 30 days. I would like for you to spend part of it on the coast, preferably San Francisco. I think it about the only real city in California. Think about it. I suppose you can get off.

Love, Jimmy

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