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Iwata Family correspondence

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Dear Sonoko,

Have seen your letter dated June 16. It has become hot here in the last wo, three days and I can picture you having a hard time because it must be extremely hot in Parker.

The lay-out of the room was very interesting.

Last Monday, I had the notice -of intern. Soon I expect I'll be going elsewhere. Mr. _____ was given notice, too. Mr. Yano and Mr. Sugano have not received theirs. Among the Thermal group, Mr. Musashi is the only one paroled. It's a poor showing. But we do not know the reason for our arrest so we're at wit's end. I don't think they will hold us throughout the war. There is an effort being made through the consul of Spain to enable families to live together but I think it will be difficult to become a reality. Tsunoda, Sugimoto, Sakamoto, Hirata, Iwata have received notices of intern and soon we will be sent elsewhere. Yesterday _____ people (including me) were notified to be prepared to leave for parts unknown but it was cancelled after all. I will be sometime near, I expect. With some of the people paroled to join their families in the relocation camp; some to be interned; calmness is lacking. I proposed for the head of the dormitory but after three days, I had to resign.

A little while ago, Mr. Yonemura and Mr. Uyeda left for Parker to the relocation camp. Their addresses are:

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| Mr. Yonemura | Block 14, Bldg. 6-D |
| Mr. Uyeda | Block 14, Bldg. 7-B |

Mr. Uyeda is related to Mr. Nishimoto. Perhaps he is visiting you even now. Even if the internees will leave soon from here, they will forward the mail, so please keep on writing.

I'm glad the children are all well. Masahiro's schooling could be a little too early. Let him stay with you and help you. I guess Misao and Miki are growing so. Wish I could join you and live with you all. Glad to know that meals are improving. The heat is getting worse so be very careful. We are all well here so don't worry. Mr. Ooka sometimes comes to visit. He is still not sure of his status. Regards to all.

Shigezo