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Dear Tomi:

I missed your letters "awfully" and thought many a time to write you but always something will come up and my correspondence to all my friends began to grow moss all over.... First - was garden; then - worry over Frank; then Frank came home for a two-weeks leave and I was so busy with keeping house and garden. Then - I again was upset when Frank was suddenly transferred somewhere from Bremerton, being here less than a month... Canning time helped me with not being too much in blue state, and I worked hard then ever. Frank at present is in San Diego, and that's all so far. He does not write long letters as you know.

Irene and I were busy with going to the orchard across Gilmore's to pick blackberry and crabapple. Pears almost all gone - plenty people around there. Surely I remember your plums and sigh with regret that you are not here. Someone is living in Takasuki's house and having all land/yourstoo / under control. The farm look terrible, but he still has corn for sale and we see only potatoes so far near the road.

I put some beans from my own garden. Alice Quarnstrom lended me her pressure cooker and it was my first experience in handling the cooker and can th beand. I put up almost forty pints - bush beans and a few - pole beans. They loo all right but as for taste - I don't know. I also put a few jars/quarts/ of cher cherries, apricots and peaches. but will can some more peaches and pears. Crabeb apple and blackberry were good in jelly, mixed together, and I put some berry ju juice without sugar, that could be used during winter. Today we went again to pick some evergreen blackberry but so many people were there that all was ahead picked.

I also made six quarts and three pints and a half a crock of dill pickles from my odd cucumbers - small and long ones. The Boston picklings are not blooming yet and I expect to start real pickles in the middle of September. It is difficult to find dill on the market. Mrs. Neale bought a bunch for 25 cent and told that at grocery store it is dollar a pound. My dill is coming all right but still is too small for cutting off. I hope in two weeks it will be grown wel

Well, we all farmers here. My summer squash, Zucchini, the long gree one, is an average three pounds, but yesterday I found one eight pounds. My longest cucumbers/I left two for seeds/ from Yamagiwa, fourteen inches long. They are sweet to taste with skin on. Tomatoes called "trees" since they are taller than I am - some are six feet in height. Corn also tall, but the cobs are not bi although - sweet. Cabbage is fine, and one head is a freak - twins on the same root. I have not many winter squashes but a few of good size and one ~~xx~~ is bigge I see how much it will grow - I hope it will be hundred pounds! Well, at least fifty - I will be satisfied.... Beets and carrots are also good. Only I have carrots in neighborhood because I put naphthaline and sulphur. Neales and others pulled them out because worms ate them up. What else? I had some berries - raspberry - for over a month and a half every day for a meal, but for jelly I bo bought from Nana. Not to forget - I found Mrs. Ihrig's address but don't know if it is the same. I guess so. It is: 6010 NE 60th.

When you will settle down at last - I shall send you a small jar of blackberry jelly to remember Seattle. It is difficult to send any jar of fruit because it will break on the way. Also - from time to time I will send you a boo it might be new or given to me by someone - so you could start a library in your community. Would you like to receive some magazine, like New Republic for few weeks? I was thinking to send a dollar for trail subscription for you - one time but since your address was not permanent - decided to wait for awhile.

I heard from Yamagiwas from Puyallup, but they are already gone to Idaho now. I wrote them just before they left and sent some candy. Yesterday came a ca card from Lilly. They are going to Minidoha, Ellew, Idaho. She heard from her sis sisters from Rio de Janeiro, but she believes they are already in New York.