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Dear Sunny,

The other night as I lay in bed thinking, the name of Ben Massel came to mind. Why, I don't know. But it did. You will remember him in Central. Quite an orator. Jewish boy who gave promise of being a good lawyer even tho he irritated the police with his handling of some class to phoney cases.

Well, today I was reading a copy of the Nippon Times Weekly Magazine. It was an English written publication dated July 23, 1942. The article "War Prisoners Treated by Japan with Kindness". In the body of the story was the enclosed Domeji news release from Manila dated July 12, 1942. Read it carefully.

I don't think Massel wrote the article voluntarily if at all. But again, perhaps he hoped to further his flight by some discreet maneuvering. It would not be a justilluminous act under the circumstances that may have existed. After the "Bataan Death March" I just can't believe such a thing could be freely written by an American.

Massel died. I seem to recall a report that he was being sent to Japan on a

