Dear Sonny,

Received your nice 3incle.
Two ½ hrs. One hr. shortly I am going to record an interview with Adm. Kondza, Japanese ambassador to the U.S. during the days preceding Pearl Harbor. He is a good friend of mine and it should be interesting.

This trial is now in the requiem stage. Our individual arguments were being given. My main efforts are directed to Adm. Shizama who is considered to be a candidate for the noose by all—except me. Defendants Oko + Sato also occupy my time because I jointly represent them too. In addition I have written an argument on Kido + Shigemoto. Bear all these names in mind now, so if we can compare the verdicts with my efforts.

Oddly enough I have become the metaphor artist of the defense. My utter recklessness in regard to words seems to instill a sort of
Confidence among the lawyers in my ability to express what they cannot find words for. All of which leads to my fond hope that some day I will be able to write for others to read.

The Truman speech is the topic of conversation here. Many army men have canceled their requests to bring their families over here. They fear war is imminent. Isn’t it ironic that we now fear Russia when two years ago we crush the most (undesired foe) communist swept Japan. The horrible result of U.S. Hatas莽es. Cannot believe more than the fall of our lives who fell in battle to support it. And it cannot believe more than the hue of the blood that will be spilled to realize its error.

If you live, Sonny, the sins of local politicians are just examples of the multi-magnified transgressions of our national leaders.
It has now become almost embarrassing that the judge, this Tribunal have to sit with the Roman Judge. The chain of differences between ideologies cannot make you a uniform decision. As they moved from being on technical legal matters here, we have not only added to the life of the accused, but have also joined the finger of understanding to the issue of international control. Very, that the thought of nations differing is now recognized. But that merit supports their contentions is often forgotten. American counsel here, unskilled as they are, have earned a well deserved medal.

And then, in fact letters I have jotted my own heart. Sorry, I must in full justice say the almost unbearable hour. I have spent toward achieving a defense worthy of historical notice so methodically. I do not speak all that I think. My thoughts are well defended them with many
arguments here advanced. I have not been zelot in helping all who ask me. It may not be fair to say I was chosen to write the main legal argument of the defense—on Thursday, since I was Chairman of the Law Committee whose function it was, to assign the duty of writing arguments. But I will say that no one opposed my offer to tackle the subject. And with due modesty, it still remains the leading argument of the defense.

My aim is to wait out the verdict, which should be given in May some time, perhaps even in early June. Your letter telling me my appointment is vacant again has been received. I guess that it will soon I can return without disturbing tenants.

I told you that I had been considered as a judge in the other class “A” was Proposed there. But I refused the conclusion because so many
Of course, normal men are concerned. This is only fair since I know their cases backward & forward as a result of their many confidences.

Uncle Ben ain't with me yet. He is a very odd guy as if I didn't know already.

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