Dear Sonny,

The Army was worried and alerted today because of the May Day Labor demonstration parade. But, after many thousands participated in a long winding parade with their red banners and "Kyo-san" signs, things seemed peaceful enough.

I received the letter from Barnett's friend in the tobacco business. God only knows where Japanese would pay anything for tobacco. But oddly, it seems it is used as a luxury item and foreign trade in this field has not yet been brought to fruition. He (Fred) seems to have taken a liking to you. While you received a copy of the letter sent to me, the appended handwritten script indicating the "two Barneys" had a very interesting time entertaining him in D.C. I will answer his letter with full information, especially as the fact there is no rate of exchange between the yen and dollar.

This brings up an interesting subject. The prewar rate of exchange between the dollar and yen was about 23.2 to 1 yen. The official occupation rate is now 5 yen for one dollar. The "G.I. dollar" or occupation script which we now receive brings 250 yen for one dollar.
The green dollar bill we you use at home (which I haven't seen for a long time) brings a black market exchange of 360 to 500 yen per dollar.

Taking then for the rate of 500 yen for $1.00, you will recognize that $3,500 would bring 1,500,000 yen. Now what does a house of a half a million yen in Japan today? Well, it would buy a very pretty house. It would purchase a house about 620,000 in our days. There are many homes for sale now. Tastefully because of the high quality top and the low income of the people.

If we can not get a cheap bargain why don't we try the illegal? That is how the American government deals with the enemy. Secondly, some (or few, I should say) Americans living in Japan and you who are going to command a home here. Then the rest? Criminal liability and the lack of motivation holds back American purchase of homes.

But the U.S., Japanese American, are really going to town. The boys work hard in the fields, and U.S. employees holding small jobs because of their language advantage. They marry Japanese girls and have access to the Consular Store here. What does that mean? Cigarettes sell for 1,500 to 1,800 yen a carton. Incidentally, I have received only 1 of cartons of cigarettes from you. So they must be being stopped by the mail authorities. Thus
there is no need of your sending them since I am not receiving them. A 
40-oz. can of meat) Soup
Chips, about 20 c. box meal for 1200 yen. One
40-oz. box brings 100 yen. A pound of butter is
500 yen. One candy bar is 25 yen. A pound
of sugar brings 2900 yen. For an egg they
have an unlimited source. A full supply
with their black market operations. They
take this yen and buy very valuable stuff
which includes houses.

When a rate exchange is finally es-
tablished between the yen and dollar, a
house costing the equivalent of $3000 will
still bring $20,000. A neat profit of
$18,000 yens. See what I mean? Hence
I am seriously considering spending a few
thousand yen for a home here. What do you
think? Is it more certain you not lose your
money since the uncertainty is inadequate.
But that is a reasonable balance. As for the
criminal aspect, I think I have an answer.

The other Allied nations, viz., China, France, Eng.
nest have no restrictions on buying. The only
thing is a Chinese house. If I
were to buy it from him with
American money and there is no law I
don't know what prevents me from dealing
with another allied national. It simply
would entail your sending me money
greenback by mail. You see you view

on this, will you please?

Your comments/news clipping are the longer.

and since reached me. Since the filing date
is just there is no need for comment. Mike
..rubberized me again asking that the
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His campaign manager, I guess Slaughter didn't try it again, did she? As before, I haven't heard about it.

Sunny, I must caution you, even admonish you severely, on this point. Don't make estimates of yourself! Granted you didn't just come to high grades in school (which doesn't mean a damn thing) you have now two most precious assets: (1) You are a graduate of a very fine University. (2) You have a war veteran. These two factors, coupled with native good intelligence are sure the weapons you need for self advancement. I know you, Sunny, do such people do. And being almost too grand to a rule, I wouldn't lie or attempt to deny your confidence with your words. You are mentally lazy, but not relaxed. This is your great weakness. Defect proof in your spelling! Rather than keeping a dictionary handy and using it, you're willing to go on record with simple errors such as spelling “receive” “revenue” not important in writing, but a indication a character trait—a mental laziness. And to make matters worse, you know these defects in yourself. Yet rather than correct them by a little more hard work, remember you would concur to yourself, “I just ain’t too bright.” How pitifully wrong you are! I call you as ridiculous as your supposed to be. You owe it to your God to develop your mind. For no other reason than the fact he gave it to you. If you allow it to rust be wary. Other discipline lacks of regular training, you
are pinning to an extent comparable to the many other mental sins the "Church" charges you with. The almost perfect cure in the reading (except if bleached) of current magazines such as Time, Newweek and Good Books. While doing so keep a good dictionary at hand and check each word you easily define. Watch your vocabulary increase. Simultaneously with this sheepish hard work you will appreciate a feeling of mental alightness. And that's all for my current lecture which you will accept but never heed.

I have mailed you a complete set of my formal arguments. Some corrections were made in the grammar and which will not appear by the copy you receive. But the thought behind the writing entailed many many hours of serious thoughtfulness. Appropriate them, believe, for they surely will be the last of my legal endeavors.

P.S. I have not forgotten May 5th is your birthday. Here in Japan they have a festival for the traditional Boy's Festival. On May 5th on the eighth day of the fifth month, "Koi-nobori" are hoisted in the house for the sake of the boys. "Nai" means "Carp" and "Nobori" is translated as "Banner". The carp is the bravest of strongest fish to the Japanese. Wanting them to be likewise they raise this banner one for each son. So for you on that day in my mind, I'll have a "Koi-nobori"
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