Dear Sonny,

I am still puzzling over the many hundred pages of the Judgment of the Tribunal. But my interest isn’t as keen as you might think. Frankly, I very tired of it all, and for this reason have not settled down to a real study.

I am still waiting on word from the U.S. on my habeas corpus petition. No one seems to really appreciate my points, and I wonder if it isn’t because they don’t understand them. Don’t understand them because they haven’t put in the long study that I have on the constitutional points involved. Everyone wanted to know why I didn’t stress the unfair trial angle and the 5th Amendment, as was done in the In re Flick and Yamamoto trials. In answer, I’ve tried to point out
that each of those cases were tried by an American Military Court, while there we have a Court with 11 different nations represented. This, I argue, makes it necessary to first strip the international from the trial name and make it actually an American affair. Then, we can argue the old joint again. Have you received my petition and found it novel of not interesting.

Admi. Shimada & Oka didn't want to ask MacArthur to do anything on the issue. So, I protect myself and also because I really think the General will read a writing as short as this, I wrote two personal letters. I am enclosing them as you will find the acid directness of my approach frankly revealing. Ahem! Bear in mind as you read these that I would have offered little coöperation with the Tribunal had they found Shimada & Oka guilty.
Violation of the law of war, atrocities, etc., because of their command responsibility. But the Court failed to do this, and I am attaching only that part of the judgment irrelevant.

Unless the Supreme Ct. thing brings me home sooner, I will have to wait out the shipping jam now and then. We're pretty high-balanced boys, so they may want to fly west. At any rate, I feel we should make it within a month.

The Japanese are giving me a few parties now and between that and packing I will be busy. Hell, it's like leaving home instead of coming home!