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Dearest Wife & Sons,

Stand by for another few lines from this fellow over on this Big Island of a once powerful nation. Yes, an Island with the Area of the State of Montana and a population of 900 million. Lots of people for a little space. Every little spot of farm land is used to produce. Between rail roads - up to the edge of the highways. On top of houses, and every available spot is used to produce some of the things the people need to live on.

Now that it is Christmas season my heart turns towards these women & children in this nation who are suffering from the cold. But most of them will fare pretty well till spring I suppose.

By moving in with their relatives & Community of Public Buildings most of them will save a lot. There is a good shortage in this nation alright wrought but when everyone skimp a little there will be enough to have a little for everyone.

May the people of America live so that a war in America will be spared. It is a terrible thing to put it in very mild terms. But if this Governmental system of Japan can be altered to get a system as the United States had or has

The poor people kept getting poorer if it was possible while the rich got richer all along.

The poor family can afford a bicycle and trailer while the fellow with a little more money can afford an ox cart or horse cart. Those with a little more can afford



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a small truck or 3 wheeled motor
cycle rigged up like a truck.

And men with a little more money
afford an american truck or English
Truck.

Some walking with Paks on
the back - Some pulling hand
carts - Some running horse drawn
honey wagons and others running
some other rig - but it seems
that everyone is busy, yes everyone
has something to do it seems.

One of the hottest rumors that
I heard about going home was what
one fellow from an office told me
this evening - He said fellows with
2 children would commence to leave
5 Jan and probably carry on till Feb.
or later. That sounds about too

good to be true but it has to
get that close some time still
my hopes aren't building too
high.

Well its time to close again
Remember I'm thinking of you
on this xmas season & wishing
I could drop in for a few short
minutes at least. But I can't so
give the boys a kiss for me
and remind them that I love
you and them.

Good night & Sweet dreams

I love you -

Edmund -