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Dear Margaret,

We received your letter this morning and was [sic] glad to hear from you again. I am sitting out on the front porch writing this letter as it is nice and cool here.

Today has really been a hot day so I decided to wait until the sun goes down a little before getting supper. The kitchen side of our house is real [sic] hot in the afternoons. However, the evenings get very cool and we always sleep with several blankets over us.

My poison ivy is drying up now and peeling off but at least the misery of it is gone.

What are you going to do the 4th of July? I guess that another couple is going with us to Mt. Ranier [sic – Rainier] It is a couple who are going to Japan as missionaries and she is expecting a baby also, so we have quite a lot in common.

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The day after the 4th Jake has to speak at the Tacoma camp meeting. He is preaching every Sunday morning now at the little Sunday School which we attend. It is a

branch S.S. [Sunday School] of [Seattle] First Free Methodist Church

but most of the people who attend are not F.M.s [Free Methodists] I taught Bible School the last two weeks out there, that is except for the days that the poison ivy was too bad.

This is the first week that I've really been at home and I'm finding plenty to do. I washed yesterday and this morning I painted the babies [sic] basket. It was given to me by the lady where we bought our washing machine and is a nice big one. Her little girl had tramped in it and stuck her foot through the bottom but [sic] I fixed that and painted it all up so that it looks pretty nice.

The girl that lives in the same housing unit as we do left her baby with me for about 4 hrs. yesterday. He is 7 wks. old today and is really a cute little fellow. We can't hardly wait until we get our own but until then will have to be satisfied to borrow the neighbors now and then (ha).

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I don't know for sure where to send this letter but hope it reaches you
O.K.

Jake is going to summer school and is really kept busy these days. He is taking History of the British Empire, Hebrews, and

Japanese.

The Lord is certainly blessing and helping us. It is really wonderful to be a Christian and know that your life is in the Lord's hands. About five of our classmates are leaving for Japan during August and Sept. and our instructor and Rev. Haslam are already on their way. It makes us rather anxious to get started but of course we know that the time spent here is of value also.

Well, I suppose that I had better close and put my meat loaf in the oven. I am practically living on fruits and vegetables these days to keep my weight down. Thats [sic] hard on me because you

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know how I like to eat. Jake is so good though to buy all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables, that I really don't mind too much.

Write when you can and I'll be sure and answer. I'm beginning to get caught up on my correspondence and hope that I can keep that way.

Love + Prayers

Florence + Jake