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Dear Stan -

From the enclosed blue card it looks as tho I must leave Peiping if I don't want to lose face. Of course I could, like Melba, continue to give farewell performances for 25 years. But I doubt that my Japanese audience (which is all we will have soon) would be interested.

No one will believe that I am going to the U.S.A. even when I get on the boat, as the boat might go to the South Seas instead! No passage yet booked but it will probably be on one of the Empress liners about mid Sept. going as quickly as possible to New York.

The day after tomorrow I leave for Mongolia for a few weeks to stay with Larson the "Duke" and see horse racing wrestling etc etc. We go far beyond the region of rails or roads so it will be quite an adventure. I will be with a party of English people one of them a Secretary at the Embassy here so there should be no trouble in spite of Japanese high handedness.

The remainder of the Summer will be spent in town trying to prepare for the American tour. It seems to me that I have not written to you for a very long while and yet there is nothing terribly eventful to relate. Life has been extremely pleasant and I succeed in paying the rent which is about all I should ask for. I wish your lawyer Handrickson would stop sending me documents to sign. It apparently costs more to give away property (such as that Grant County land) than it is worth. With my having given you

power of attorney, I trust that I had washed my hands of the affair.

But more important; I am rather interested to know what you did with my \$1000.00? Something or nothing? I am trusting entirely in your good judgement concerning investments. Please try to let me know.

The Garden Club of America which was doing Peking recently had several Tacoma representatives, among them General & Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Howe. Orce Nobles (who was in High School with us) will be guiding a tourist party here in a few days. Sheila still sends me sticky blurbs ~~later~~ as I never answer them I expect her to be discouraged; but - you know Ceta. - never!

I can't write a letter today so I'll say it in photo snaps. Enclosing a few. Let me know if you are still kicking.

Best of everything to you and Nannie

John.