Dear Dorothy and Nancy Jane:

Today the Emperor called on the General and I did some of the "leg" work. Their party came in a motor column of 5 cars led by a motorcycle. The first and last cars carried guards and did not enter the Embassy grounds.

As the Emperor departed from the American Embassy General MacArthur, noticeably moved, said: "I am a liberal. I was raised in a democracy and the Emperor's abject humiliation hurts me."

On the way to the office General MacArthur said that the Emperor was in a daze but that his words were well chosen and he talked intelligently. "He understands English and understood readily everything which I said."

I said "The Emperor fears that you will punish him."

General MacArthur replied "Yes, he is prepared to take it. He feels he is liable to lose his neck."

As the car, a Benz, drove up, Major Bower and I were standing on the front step of the Embassy. On either side, at present arms, were two troopers from the 1st Cavalry Division. The footman got out of the Emperor's car, ran around the rear of the car and to the right side, faced the Emperor and bowed low. Then he opened the door. The Grand Chamberlain, who sat on a bucket seat facing the Emperor, bowed low as he backed out of the car. Then the Emperor dismounted.

Major Bower and I saluted. The Emperor bowed, took off his top hat, and offered his hand. He bowed again as he spoke in Japanese. His interpreter, who had come alongside, said "His Majesty is saying that it is a privilege to meet you."

I thanked the Emperor, said I was glad to meet him, and introduced Major Bower, to whom the Emperor bowed and repeated his greeting. I invited the Emperor in. He endeavored by gesture to maneuver me to go first. We entered together and Castro, General MacArthur's Filipino servant, took the Emperor's hat. We moved through the spacious hall with the graceful winding stair, through the small living room and to the entrance of the large living room.

Here General MacArthur stepped forward and in his most gracious manner, he is gifted, said as he shook hands "It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you here, your Majesty. Please come in. We have arranged for a picture"