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Serra Club
Involvement Camp
July 20. / 07

Dear Tomie - I wish you were here. The air is so perfectly delicious warm during day in the open, cool in the shade, & just a trace of frost at night. It would surely do you good - make you young again. But Ye gods what a jolting we got getting here in our six wheel & horse chariot from Crocker's to this mountain paradise!!! Only the girls endured it unscathed laughed at it gizzled at it & enjoyed it.

Wanda & Helen take to this life in the rocks & woods like ducks to water as if born to it. No one could guess that this was their first mountaineering. My miserable cold has gone with the frost I went & I am well again. Every breath is pure pleasure. Keith too is much better. The club outing is a grand success. God's azure sparkles in every eye, I never before saw so big & sherry a camp circle, a huge fire blazing in the center. I had of course to make a little speech. Though I had eaten two huge trout which seemed to fill me as if I had devoured something equal to both Jonah & whale.

I suppose I'll have to descend in three weeks so as to be in time for Wanda's entrance

to the University & I suppose I ought
as President of the Club to be present
at the Le Conte exercises.

I wish you would order a broadcloth
suit for one Cohen. You will find
his address in my desk - the upper
right hand drawer. He has my
measure. The coat should be a
price about I think, medium length.

All three of you should be here
You Sarah & Maggie, but only
wings or balloons could answer
for getting you over the rocks, &
a cold storage attachment would
be indispensable for the San Joaquin
portion of the trip or rather
translation.

Love to all
Even your no longer coughing
Mama Carrie John Murr