

Oct 17, 1973

Takeniko and Etsuko Tanaka;

Our very dear friends;

All is well with us. We think of you two so very very often.

We enjoy and appreciate everything you send.

We have fine radishes growing now from the seeds you helped us to get.

Occasionally we have an extra treat. 18 gentlemen from Hitachi visited us, and we had a great time.

We are pleased to see that you are helping to program the SJVE meeting.

Much progress is being made in the construction industry here in US now. Of course, its slow, hard work, to interest and teach them, but progress is now apparent.

I'm sending to you a copy of a report of US Senate committee hearings on VE, especially in the building industry, which may have some bits of useful information to you.

We send our warmest regards to both of you, and please express our warm friendship to Mr Kitamura and Mr Ogura as well.

Sincerely,

Larry and Eleanor Miles

Dear Takehiko and Etsuko Tanaka;

Thank you for your friendship and for your good letters with interesting enclosures. You have become very proficient, not only with printed and spoken english, but with the written script as well. In fact your writing is much easier to read than mine.

The newspaper clippings you sent help us in an interesting way, to continue to add to our knowledge of, and love of, the Japanese culture.

I found a very interesting book which I got for Eleanor for Christmas. It was beautifully illustrated with Japanese Art. Its name is "JAPAN, A HISTORY IN ART", by Bradley Smith. It gives the highlights of history, and illustrates with art of that period. The first period is before 552. The next from 552 to 710, etc. It is very informative and fascinating. I am now up to the period of 1333 to 1568, The Muromachi period.

We so much enjoy telling our friends about Japan, and our friends in Japan. I mounted a set of the two flags in a suitable holder. First I get out the flags. Then we tell them of our fine friends, and all of the interesting things we did. We show them pictures, and beautiful things we brought back. Its really great. We enjoy it so much, and we communicate to them important knowledge and attitudes. Gee, the experiences with you folks, so well recorded in beautiful pictures, are a joy to tell about and to show.

The husband of our daughter in Vermont is an artist. Of course we showed them all of our beautiful things. When he saw the wood block prints of Hokusai, so generously presented to us by Toyo kogyo, he became excited. Said "These are Tremendous". Then he went and got three books of Hokusai works which he studied during his art training. He also loaned them to us. All of these fine things adds another dimension of great interest to our lives.

The vase and ash tray which you helped us to send to our daughter in Arizona, arrived in fine shape, and delighted them very much. They were so excited that they did not wait until Christmas, but opened them right away. They were so pleased with them. They also said the packing was a "work of art too".

All of our other things which came by sea mail to our friends as "gifts under \$10.00" arrived, and pleased our friends very much. Eleanor sent several tea sets. They look even more beautiful now that they did in Japan (where they were completely surrounded by beauty).

You have a small package coming by sea mail. I know how you tried, and finally got a first edition of the book. Well, I still had two or three on hand, some of them is being sent to you today, for your personal copy. Its an honor and a privilege to send it.

Eleanor has already prepared and served Japanese food, Japanese style chopsticks and all that will tell you more about it.

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Dec. 12, 1972

Dear Mrs. Eleanor Miles:

Mr. Lawrence Miles:

Please excuse the delay of my  
greeting letter. I wish to thank  
you very much for your thought-  
ful letters of Nov. 9 at Kaimona  
Beach Hotel and of Nov. 12 at  
your home.

Every day we recall parts of  
trip with you too and of your  
kind invitation Nov. 1 evening  
at Suehiro Restaurant.

We are very happy, as we  
all became accustomed to  
each other.

We wish to express our  
appreciation for many

Thoughtful gifts of you so kindly presented us. It will not serve practical purpose but will long remain as a remembrance of Mrs. Eleanor Okusan and Mr. Lawrence Dan nason. We sent your photographs and our small gift (cherry blossom board) which Mrs. Etsuko Tanaka had embroidered by parcel post air mail Dec, 4.

Nov. 18, we held the VE meeting at Toyo Kogyo (Rotary Engine maker) where you had visited Oct, 30. The audience was about 150. We explained the fact that you had visited Toyo Kogyo & Japan Steel Works Hiroshima

Plant, and explained the  
summary of your commemorative  
speech at our plant.

Our warmest regards to  
Mrs. Eleanor Miles and  
Mr. Lawrence D. Miles.

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and  
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