

September 11, 1972

Mr Akira Kodama;

I am at home again and I find your esteemed letter of Sept. 1. Although it is already late in the day, the picture will go out today. I will also communicate as much, hurriedly as I can before I must take this to the post office.

You are very kind and very thoughtful give so much thought to our visit. We know that our visit to Japan will be one of the high-lights of our lives.

Facts now known are: 1. We leave New York City by Japan Airlines, at 11:00 evening on Oct 18th. We go via Alaska, arriving in Tokyo Oct. 19, I believe around mid afternoon. 2. We have reserved return flight on JAL 747 to Hawaii, Friday November 10.

Now I will narrate some of our wishes, then we can send some more information soon. We want a joyous relaxed holiday experience. Perhaps the ideal would be alternate days of interesting experiences, then relaxed leisure. We do not want to go, go, go, so hard and so constantly that we return home tired. Still we are very interested to do things with your people.

By arriving on the 19th, we can have time to rest, to get adjusted to the time change, to enjoy some quiet and interesting and restful experiences in Tokyo. By Friday evening, the 20th, and through Saturday and Sunday, we can either enjoy ourselves or be ready for some small exchange of friendship.

We will make our initial reservation in a Tokyo hotel, at JAL, before we come, and will advise you its name.

He will be available for the SJVE or other meetings on 23 and 24. and at other times, in between leisure, and the enjoyment of the cultural advantages of Japan.

My time has become exhausted now. I shall write more fully tomorrow. I will make a "commemorative lecture" as you suggest, and of the length you prefer. I have always preferred the shorter lectures. Writing it ahead of time is a problem, but you need it and I will do it. I will discuss others tomorrow,  
With my kindest regards,

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Sept 12, 1972

Mr Akira Kodama

Dear Mr Kodama;

First I will correct two errors in my letter of yesterday.

1. Our JAL flight leaves here at 11:00 morning, not evening 18th.
2. We leave Tokyo on Tues. November 7. (not the 10th)

Our travel agent is requesting hotel reservations in the Imperial hotel Oct. 19 through 26. In order to leave the remainder of our visit fluid, and benefit by the suggestions of our Japanese friends, we will make remaining reservations after our arrival.

In general we will prefer the small interesting hotels, instead of the large glamorous ones. We will like as much Japanese customs as we find our bodies can accomodate to. At least one or two times in a Ryokan as decribed on page 21 of the booklet sent by Mr Narasaki. We are told that Japanese sleep on pillows, while we sleep on beds. We will want to learn if we too can sleep comfortably in real Japanese manner.

Mrs Miles and I enjoy all aspects of life together very much. We always are together. If it is according to your customs, she would enjoy accompanying me ~~to~~ to see fine manufacturing or other facilities, as well as to any lectures I attend or make. If, in any case this is not best, she will arrange otherwise.

Basically, Mr Kodama, this visit is a leisure visit, not a lecture tour, however a very few lectures, especially when they would help my fellow Value Engineers in Japan to achieve higher success and recognition in their work, may be scheduled. Furthermore, if a particular lecture would add important support to your work I should like to include it. Of course one will be with my friend Takehiko Tanaka (his letter Sept 4).

I will write and send the paper for Oct 23. Writing other papers in full text would be a large problem. I communicate from idea notes, and in so far as I can learn the interests and the needs of each particular audience, each lecture is so directed. Full permission to tape lectures is granted. Perhaps a transcription of the translation from tape would provide suitable permanent written communication.

The subject suggested by the Victor Co. is very good. I would change it a little, to "A Pioneer's view of the new developments and Future Needs of VE/VA". Regarding the Hitachi Ltd. suggestion, the answer is the opposite. Although the VE/VA approaches are equally applicable to Software, my personal experience is not deep enough and extensive enough in software application for a leadership lecture.

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Never have seen silk-worm culture. Would also be very interesting.

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After Sept 21, I can start preparation of my Oct. 23 lecture, and can advise you more concerning other lectures. Mrs Miles and I have the honor to be host of the National Board of Directors of the entire United States, S.A.V.E., with 18 to 20 coming the evening of the 14th, meeting at our home the 15th and 16th, and some staying through Sunday the 17th. Most of them sleep in a nearby motel, however Eleanor enjoys preparing and serving all of the food service during that period. Meanwhile I am absorbed in deep considerations and arrangements for certification of qualified VA/VE in US. With other schedules, time is absorbed through Sept 21.

Now - because of the information which you and your associates have so kindly sent, and other which we secured from Japanese Air Lines, we will provide information so that you can firm some schedules.

1. Our reservation at the Imperial hotel is 19th through 24th. If it develops that we should stay in the Tokyo area through the 25th or 26th, we might either extend our stay there, or move to a Japanese Inn.
2. We will want at some time to see the famous Japanese plays. A friend says that we should first see the NOA play, next the beautiful girls play, then the Kabuki. We can fit them in wherever they are at any time.
3. We then would like to go by train to the Osaka-Kyoto-Nara area for a few days, perhaps staying in a Japanese Inn at least part of the time.
- (4). We would like to see the Cormorant fishing, and perhaps some of the Pearl Industry which we understand are at Nagoya, but we lack information to fit it in. Should we take a tour trip, or a hired cab, or a bus while in this area. Or can we see the Cormorant fishing else where? Or perhaps, with so much to see and do we will have to leave that for next time.
5. Then, perhaps about the 30th go from Oaska to Hirashima for a few days. The distance is not great (so it appears). We would like to ride through the more rural Japan by train, or if practical, and no train is available, perhaps by bus.
6. Perhaps the morning of 3rd, fly back to Tokyo, where we would have made previous reservation in a Japanese Inn or elsewhere.
7. Enjoy the area and the people. Perhaps see a play or an entertainment that we had missed. Perhaps take a day tour up to Nikko.
8. Tuesday, 7th, take JAL to Honolulu.
9. In scheduling I'd like to give special attention to the wishes of my friends Yukio Obana, H. Onozuka and T. Tanaka.

Yours sincerely,

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