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Dear Don and Evelyn,

I have thought of you both often in the last couple of months, but in poking around the archaeological lab here at Tohoku University, I just came across the "D/ Kurabutori" collection and that discovery has moved me to drop you a line. The collection I found consists of the artifacts that you made for Hiro while he was out with you a couple of years back. It also looks to contain a lot of stuff that he picked up after you'd taken the "last" flake off. In fact, I think that Hiro made a pretty good collection and the fellows here in the lab make great use of it. I suppose you have forgotten by now, but you really put together a terrific Levallois core for him. How come I can't do that?

We are all well and enjoying our stay in Japan. My fellowship is really swell and cushy enough to afford us real comfort. We also got a very nice University apt which gives us a view of the sea at bargain basement rent prices. The boys are still too young to really dig Japan, but Jim, who is three, is picking at the language and is getting along well interms of friends. The kids have tied us down somewhat, but we have done some traveling in the area of Sendai. All told we still enjoy Japan altho it is getting too modern for our tastes.

My work is going along. I have finished one paper and hope to have another out of the way in a couple of days (My, ain't I productive!). So far, tho, I have not had my hand on an artifact, tho, so I am getting the urge to push some rocks around. You will be glad to know, tho, that I have kept me hand in the rock knocking racket even over here. Good raw material is hard to come by, tho so we have to be very efficient and saving. I know why micro-blades were so important over here! Soon, next week I hope, I will be able to start working with a couple of paleolithic blade collections. Before I had to start teaching I was quite excited about working with percussion flake analysis. Maybe now that I have some time, I can pick up where I left off. Boy time sure can fly can't it.

Hiro is still a very important part of this lab. The time he spent at Durkee's lake has clearly done a lot for his standing in the field over here. He is still much the same fellow he was, altho he is becoming more of a sedate scholar. He has been very kind to Annie and me and we greatly appreciate this. I will not be surprised to learn that he will be getting a job somewhere in the next year or so. I think that he has a bright future in Japanese archaeology. Everyone has been very kind and helpful to us. In fact, it is much like going home since we were here two years ago. Going back to Nebraska will be rather tough. It is too bad that you have never had a chance to meet Prof. Serizawa. He is a great admirer of yours and I know that you'd enjoy him. Why don't you two plan a trip over here sometime, preferrably before we return in June.

This is a short note, and there is lots more I could say, but I'll sign off for now and promise to write again. Annie joins me in sending you both our best regards

Pete Bleed

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