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Dear Hiroaki:

Please excuse me for the long silence. I often think of you and your family. Again I thank your mother for my doll, and best wishes to your father. I enjoyed your paper presented at the Ninth International Congress in Chicago. It was an excellent paper and I am glad to learn of your continued interest in lithic technology.

I hope you have found many new and exciting examples in the prehistory of Japan. I am so sorry to be so far behind in my correspondence, but have often wondered of your activities. You are probably married and settled down by now. All of the people at the field school are widely scattered over the States and many have very good jobs at different universities.

Ruthann Knudson is now a professor at the University of Idaho and Joe Gunn is at the University of Pennsylvania and is doing considerable research.

The past year and a half has been a hectic one. Evelyn died a year ago October and I have been plagued by a series of operations and illness which doesn't excuse one from not answering your letters. I was fortunate to be able to make a trip to Belize (British Honduras) and there I saw probably thirty new technologies that have never been described. It was indeed a fascinating place and I would hope to return. There were great varieties of ceremonial structures and occupation centers, whole manufacturing centers. They had quantities of fine flints, but had to import the obsidian for making blades.

We have been blessed by good weather while most every place else has been having either lots of snow or floods. At the last meeting for the Society of American Archaeology held in Dallas a lot of us from Dierke's lake got together and you were sorely missed. I do hope that one day you will be able to return to the States and we could have a very pleasant visit.

Sincerely yours,

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