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Dear Mr. Kobayashi:

It is with much pleasure that I received your letter of July 6th. Your son, Hiroaki, has given you much reason to be proud of him. We feel complimented that his intense interest has made it possible for him to join us here in Idaho. He has contributed much knowledge about the prehistory of Japan to the students of the lithic technology field school. I hope that in some small way we have contributed to his already large accumulation of knowledge in archaeology.

As for leading him in matters of manner, custom, and courtesy, he needs no instruction for he surpasses the natives and it is we who learn from him. He seems to have enjoyed the United States very much and Twin Falls in particular and would guess that his greatest problem has been a change of food. However, he has eaten well and is robust and healthy on the camp diet.

He has now left Idaho - as the field school ended last Friday - and is enroute to the Dakotas with Ann and Peter Bleed and then will go to visit Dr. Marie Wormington in Denver. Marie is a very dear personal friend and one of our most outstanding archaeologist. It is truly an honor to be invited to her home and your son will gain much from her vast knowledge of prehistory. Marie is world-traveled and loved Japan so am sure she and your son will have much to discuss about the prehistory and beauty of Japan.

My wife and I would have liked to had the opportunity to spend more time with Hiroaki, but because of her illness this is impossible. We both want to thank you and your wife for the beautiful costumed figure which has a special place in our home and is highly prized.

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Your son did very well at the school and do/that sometime in the future he will have an opportunity to study with my friend, Francois Bordes, in Bordeaux, France who can teach him the Old World flintknapping techniques.

Thank you again for your letter and it has been a real please to meet and know your son.

Very sincerely yours,

Don E. Crabtree

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