

Aug 25, 1945.

Dear Ken,

Yes, I am just as serious as before, regarding your wonderful idea. Your plan fits mine perfectly. We may be half-baked but at least our enthusiasms are full of life and vinegar.

City Planning is a wonderful idea. In fact I am doing part of the city planning work in that we do lots of subdivision work. I prepare all the subdivision plans and designs to be presented to the Commission. Of course mine is a very minor part of city planning.

In City Planning one has to consider many things - Probably beauty and convenience and accessibility come first but health, safety and permanence cannot be overlooked.

The devastated cities of Japan need to be rebuilt from the ground up. The thing the Japanese cities need most is the sewer and water systems. They are indispensable

in modern city planning. Sewer and water systems are in my line.

The earth quake infested country of Japan needs a safe and sound buildings. To me ^{it seems} reinforced concrete buildings are the answer to this question. You design the beautiful angles - I mean buildings - not the flesh curves - and we shall calculate the structural requirements.

Your plans, ideas, are so interesting and have such a future in them, it is a gigantic undertaking but feasible. You being in New York ~~might~~ have a better opportunities to study with the experts and also have better opportunities to make good connections after the war is all over (it is not legally over yet).

When you need a good half baked consulting engineer please remember me.

I hope to do some studying myself but at the present moment under the present political events one cannot bear down to study. At least I can't.

I know it won't ~~do~~ do me any good
but can you help it the way things
are happening now.

But, Ken, we have to bear down
and do something to bring about better
world in the Orient to live in. We must
"make amends". We must. Do you
know the 47 samurai story?

Each and every one of us has to take
the part of Oishi Kuranosuke
and when our people have mastered
the science or have progressed farther
than the other nations then it is time
to "make amends". I am not a scientist
but I can at least help in improving
the country.

As I get new ideas I shall write
to you - You write to me of your ideas too.

Sincerely
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