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Dear Henri - Went by night train, sleeper to Morioka arriving 5:40 am and slept from 6:30 - 8:30 what a life. No decent train schedules - cost about 45,000 yen to get there, plus 3660 for 1 1/2 nights at 1 pm and rail fare to Sendai. Stay there 1 night - tonight and go to Yamagata 1 night, Tezuka 1 night, and get back to Tokyo flat broke. What would be your suggestions regarding money?

I will be passing many of the stations I have heard you mention so often in the past when you talk about Tokyo - 17th Nov. Just passed Chinozaki and I'll be in Sendai at 1:24 pm. Man opposite me offered me tea - he looks like Dr. Hori's only other, owns 6 tuna boats out of Hachinohe and on way to Sendai on business.

I discovered in Morioka that we do not get our tetsubin from Morioka but Henri buys them from Hada-mura ⁶⁻¹⁸ written "ハダ" but pronounced Hada, where prices are cheaper. Also learned that Tetsubin produced cheaper in outskirts of Osaka, Inkyoto, and Yamagata, + Mr. Kajiwara of All-Japan Trade Institute of Tokyo who has been most kind, recommends 1/10th as most possible for business because of production, price, etc. In Morioka where the original Nambe tetsubin comes from they want to do business with us very much but say price is 1/10th higher. But if we tell them how much we can afford to pay, they will make it at that price by eliminating some steps of production. I said 4600 to 4650 when persuaded into quoting a price - but maybe I said the wrong thing. This is hadaka naden - or bare price uncreated at their door which is only thing they know how to quote, usually sometimes they can quote Tokyo-watashi - or Londoner at Tokyo.

I can see disadvantage of travel with secret because the dealers + assoc. who have most "pull" with officials can claim my time + attention + get visited by our official car, not necessarily the dealers (wish to visit - in fact, maybe strongest rival + competition). Naturally I can't go there. My general health is much improved in Japan than in S.F. - which is queer but true. My nose is thick but I seem to recover more rapidly from a cold here. My feet always feel better despite the walking I do, and I am getting adjusted to the tempo of life, altho EVERYBODY says I work and schedule myself like a MACHINE and all pity me. Bingham saw me off the day I left with a present of headache pills which I took right away - it's like aspirin. Cost 4200, I noticed. Much better now. Sleeper on train Maekawa (JTB) got for me (un-ordered) was just what I needed. Mr. Yoshida (ex-SF JAL) thinks

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 name instead of Alces unit.
 I can get toys, etc — lots of it
 at Odawara, and HARIKO
 animals — assorted variety
 in plastic bag — 12 kinds
 in Tohoku — look in books
 sent by Matsuyama Shoji —
 should be there shortly. I
 bought all that at retail.
 at the Tohoku folk toy
 exhibit & you'd better keep
 the information on the 12
 zodiac animals (zodiac) for
 I was the only one made.
 I forget — guess it was Fukushima?
 I'm going around so fast
 I can't get the people straight
 — remember names & the
 right faces — you was
 good at that anyhow.
 Got to see Seisai this am
 and get on the train at
 1:00 and get to Yamagata
 at 4:45 so I'd better get
 this off — hope there's some-
 thing in the box when I return
 to Tokyo on 22nd.
 Love always
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 — JAPAN —

2/ I'm amusing for trying so hard
 here — and I hope I am not
 so smart for trying the same
 pace of work in SF in Tokyo
 when the climate doesn't
 allow it.

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Well — what's going to
 happen to me — do I
 remain longer in Tokyo
 and do the children
 come ③ or do I go back
 if ① ② ③ when then?

Do you think I should
 touch Mrs. Ogawa for a
 loan? Do you think I
 can borrow Papa's money
 here in Yamagata? He
 has to give permission of
 course — ask him to
 will you? But I don't
 know how much I
 need — \$2-3,000 — I
 think — to pay Osaka
 match, Mitsui, and I can
 get steak knives + stainless
 steel identical to those without

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