

Hells, people - the days fly by so quickly - as I suppose you are guessing I have not instituted any different hours but am going at my usual clip as before in SF & put in a 16 hr. day. Only I am afraid I am quickly gaining a reputation in the hotels - formerly Hotel Tokyo, now as of NISSHOKAN 日新館 - 日新館 日新館 日新館 日新館 日新館 日新館 日新館 日新館 日新館 日新館 tel: 29-3926 that I get a million messages and phone calls and visitors and keep late hours. I got in at 2:00 am one night and 10 pm - 12 pm arrivals at the hotel at night is common procedure. That is shocking of course to those who get in at 10 & sleep by 11. Thus far I don't have enough time to see everyone with whom I care to do business so I don't know how I am going to get all things done. Kenmochi is my strength and my shadow and my guide. He is always trying to do things & arrange things for me and for me to meet those who can further help me. Today 4 men from Iwate Ken came to meet me, furnish me with transportation, and introduced me to 3 men from Matuzakaya Shoji who represent Iwate-Ken products abroad. Iwate provincial makes naturally can't export direct. They sent us three bamboo-woven patterns laminated into a plastic - just before I left - and comes from Iwate Ken. Haven't gotten to the PO box the last 2-3 days so I don't know what letters are here - will get here later today.

4-27-54

Very hectic days I am living. Last eve went to party - dinner - given by Matuzakaya Shoji - export of Matuzakaya + 5 men from Iwate Ken Boeki Asano who knew about earl nambu titeubin through Nanni & three Taitoigo Boeki. How many, when, etc. Very nice people. Iwate is locale of real nambu titeubin. But Yamagata and Osaka also makes + is called ~~Amagata~~ Amagata and is redder metal - Iwate is quite black + they think by my description Hirono's is Osaka made - if it gets a "hess" (navel) leak over fire - an imitation. They want a rubbing or copy of the Hirono (United Gutty Juice) titeubin signature seal near the spout - if 1's kettle has such. Re: commercially produced chago chago-mago, they will make quantity if you specify # you want, and my suggestion is to say "make - quantity at - price" and send sample of what you can do in that price range. I'll have them work on it. So tell me quick. 9 men + me went to a swell dinner

at a restaurant built like a country place in the heart of Tokyo - all craft work, all dishes such as in TTC's shop - whole place + garden planned by the Yasubei of Takumi - no wonder we can't get anywhere with Takumi - they have artists doing business correspondence. Tomorrow 28th I have conference with Kenmochi who will plan my itinerary of visits to the outlying districts and 2 pm I give talk at Industrial Arts Institute. At dinner I will be invited by architects, artists, etc who came to the talk, & for the evening there will be another party where I will talk at yobankai to those with whom I have not spoken at the afternoon lecture. I have been with Kenmochi Sunday 3 pm to 12 pm - & walked miles thru Asakusa with Anne de Camel of NY (Plus Studio) and Bingham. Bing has an M.G. which his ex-wife bought and he takes me where I need to go whenever he's not working. Love him ³BA - which he

Sato, etc & I found his card with others that Hani gave me so he
 must have visited our ship 3 years ago who he was
 sent to SF by JTB office to make a survey & met Hani somewhere.
 That location at 1661 is valuable too. Albert Meyer here
 who has gone to Dehonnachi of SF has seen the place & know
 of it. We got a big splash in the papers so those who know we look
 me up. Hotel Tokyo forwards my mail & messages & tells that
 I am now at this little hotel behind Meiji U. near Ochanomizu
 station. Our Tamoda came one morning (Sat) to pick me up &
 he rode with me to Tokyo eki to Hotel Tokyo & spent the morning
 with me, I had lunch with his man (Zamu sota) and shopped the
 neighborhood. Everyone I get good service & good respect. I'll keep letters coming
 more regularly from now on. T.T

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 which costs ¥3,000.- at American Pharmacy (Oyama) send them to R.E.
 Bingham Central PO Box 1100, Tokyo Central Post Office, Tokyo. He'll get them
 in high blood pressure. If you can only get 5, that's OK. (For advice
 in his office) Hani better supervise this shipment re: declaration
 which is best done kangaku. Write & tell me what it cost.
 and old childhood friend of mine from SF. with whom I learned to
 dance during high school days is now up there in the Foreign Dept of
 Japan Travel Bureau and he is taking good care of me. Friend of Eiichi

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