Dear Tomoye and Henri:

It was quite a surprise to receive your invitation to the dinner at Stanford on June 4, and I was quite impressed with the wonderful generosity of your award. I am sure the university and Prof. Aoki are delighted, but I think I shall decline the invitation. I hardly ever go out anywhere and do not really enjoy formal occasions. Besides, I am overworked to the point of desperation, and in addition to working full-time as a technical translator have been publishing a newsletter for technical translators for more than a year. If I ever have any free time at all, I usually like to spend it at home reading, listening to records, or entertaining my few friends.

I am sending you the two latest issues of the newsletter, just so you will know that I have been spending my time in a worth-while manner. You may be interested to see the increasing interest in Japanese scientific and technical information in the U.S., but I think that much effort still is needed to increase the visibility of our profession, the world's Japanese-English technical translators, of whom I seem to have become the spokesman.

By the way, my address is

lucky that my kind neighbors brought your letter to my doorstep. Write it down in your address book, please.

Best wishes to Masako.

Sincerely,

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