

October 12, 1956

Dear Don,

I am very sad to hear of your unhappiness. By the time this reaches you, I hope things have a brighter outlook.

It is a wonderful idea of yours to leave for Japan. I would do the same if I could, to study so many things I want to bury myself in.

You are so right about your observations of myself, and am touched and terribly appreciative of your sensibilities and feel you are a real friend for having expressed yourself.

Please always feel you can say anything you want to.

I really didn't realize that you had trouble of that particular nature when you told me things weren't going right, for you never said anything beyond what went on between you and your Korean friend.

Let me know if you are going to Japan, and if you have taken steps to go to the RyojiKan, etc.

There are a few friends like Ogita Tomoo who will help you get settled and would like to hear of your coming, I'm sure.

There is a man there who teaches by the name of Harold Rogers, who is a Columbia man, who has studied Buddhism, and is interested in many things you are.

He is Ogita's friend, and I think you will enjoy Tsuji and his Korean wife, both of whom have lived in Paris, and all of them are scholars.

Life in Tokyo can be tremendously stimulating. I know you will find it the most profitable and happiest period of your life. Rogers came back for a while but found he could no longer tolerate life here in the States, and after an appropriate time with his family and relatives, went directly back to Tokyo. He goes out into the country often, and has a wonderfully rich life, philosophically, and intellectually.

Best wishes, warmest regards, and best of luck, and let me hear.

Sincerely,

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I admire your attempts at catering women's whims, but it is pretty difficult to gauge their taste in selection.

Regarding my trip to Los Angeles

Henri decided to take this trip to Los Angeles with Katchan, and did a quickie last week, suddenly. They ~~try~~ tried to contact Tsuneo many times and when finally they got him, and saw him, got a real cold reception, with no responses to the messages left for him.

So I guess that's that. My next possible trip is in the Spring, and I am guessing that you will be in Japan by then. Sometime when my trip to Japan corresponds with your stay there, I hope to see you.

Although business, and strictly business, takes all my time and energy, I usually stay for a couple of months, and can find a stray Sunday in between, sometimes, if I plan ahead. It would be something to look forward to. I have been staying at Ochanomizu because it is quiet, and yet in the center of things. But next time, I have no idea where I might be. Perhaps the same place.

So much for now. I am swamped with chores.

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