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Dear Ms. Kitayama:

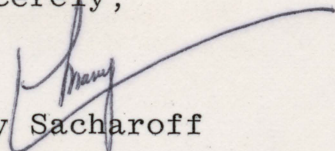
I received your letter of August 17th, unfortunately too late to have been able to contact you. For one of the few times that this has ever happened, our mailperson delivered your letter to my next door neighbor who, unfortunately was away on vacation at the time that the mail arrived. To make a long story short, your letter finally reached me two days ago. Today I called your mother-in-law's home in Union City, or to be exact, a number where I had previously had some contact with your family, which is Kitayama Enterprises. Ken Kitayama told me that you had returned to Homestead with a possible stopover at Brighton, Colorado. So it seems that I have missed you on this visit. What has come out of it that is very pleasant is that I have arranged to meet with Ken Kitayama who remembers Paul Radin from the old days.

I am particularly disappointed about our failure to connect - you had asked me in your letter to prepare you by letting you know what information I would need. That is very difficult to answer because the only answer I can think of is any information, but in particular, that which bore on Paul as a human being, as a person. I know enough of his scholarship that, although it is certainly an advantage to speak to former students of his, I have found that everyone who ever came into contact with him to one degree or another became his student. Whatever anecdotes or encounters with Paul Radin that you remember are things that are the greatest value to me.

The problem that presents itself now is, when are you coming back to the Bay Area? And do you plan to do so in the foreseeable future? If not, then how can we best exchange this information? One way of doing it would be, if you are comfortable with it, for you to cut a cassette tape, just speaking at random of your memories of him. Another way would be through correspondence. A third possible way would be by a telephone interview. I leave the choice up to you.

I want to thank you very much for your warm reception of my letter and your offer to contribute to the work on Paul, and I'm looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,


Mary Sacharoff

P.S. Doris suggested that I ask you for the address of Mrs. Kan Nomoto, who she believes lives in New Rochelle, New York. Mrs. Nomoto also knew Paul and if you have a recent address for her, I would very much appreciate it if you could give it to me. Thanks.