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Dear Yuka,

We've been home only three days, and already it feels like three months. There's so much to do, as you would well understand—taking care of the yard and the house, answering the mail, paying bills, responding to telephone calls, seeing friends, etc. etc. To me, it's a great wonder and source of tremendous admiration that you are able to handle all these tasks so well, when you're gone for so many weeks and months at a time, traveling back and forth to Japan and Rockville. You have to be super-efficient and very, very competent to handle all these chores as well as you do. Rayko should take some lessons from you. You are a very fine person, and I'm proud to call you sister and friend.

Thanks so very much for putting Miyuki and me up for so many days, and overlooking my personal crochets and idiosyncracies, of which I have many. We enjoyed your company, and your tooling us around the countryside, and giving us pointers on how to see things and do things in your country. It was fine. We also had fun meeting and talking again with the old Cedar Lane tour group people with whom we traveled to Japan in '86. That was very enjoyable. I especially liked getting to know Paul Min Nakada and Aki Konoshima better. I had had a misconception regarding Min, because I'd thought that on the Japan trip that he was sort of withdrawn, introspective and aloof, not very friendly. But that didn't seem to be so at your party. Even his wife, Rose, was different this time. I guess that I should stop being so judgemental about people all the time. I should have more charity, but knowing me, that's not likely to happen anytime soon.

I'm returning the three Metro cards that we borrowed/used, and thanks for the same. I am wondering how you can use the 15¢ that's left on two of the cards—will you have to make a fare adjustment before you get out of the gate? We left some bills on your kitchen table for the amount of the transit fares that we used up, so I hope and trust that we are square on that account.

Finally, also enclosed are 10 duplicate photos that I/we took during our Eastern trip. Almost all of them of course are from and during Lise and David's wedding doings, but I included the pictures of your house and your back yard, because some day your kids might want to know what it looked like in the 'old days'.

I'll be writing to you again one of these days in more detail. Meanwhile, have a happy Mother's Day (I'm not taking Miyuki out until May 10, when all this annual enormous uproar has diminished to acceptable [for me] levels).

Thanks again. Miyuki is all pooped out, so she went to bed early tonight. Nevertheless, on her behalf too, I thank you for all your goodness.

Love,
James