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Dear Esther and Josh.

So much of the Pacific Ocean has flowed beneath us - and the China Sea - that I hardly know where to begin. I tried to contact you when we were in San Francisco in June but Josh was out of town and Esther was at home baking a cake. We had a grand voyage except for 3½ days in Hong Kong which threw me into complete bankruptcy. Our six weeks in Manila were most pleasant. The youngsters swam, played tennis and loafed. Imogen was entertained right and left - I untired! After interviewing 60 medical students we developed a questionnaire and learned many interesting things about the medical student - most of which was "news" to the faculties. The students are young, about 20% are in medical school because their parents told them to be a doctor. They are taught in English but live in the dialect. About 50% of the students are Q. If the present trend continues the Philippines will be controlled by a race of Amazons in 50 years. Pharmacy, Medicine & Law are becoming feminine professions - and the girls are attractive. Fancy hair dos, spiked heels, Chanel #5 and a stethoscope are incongruous.

We moved on to Japan on Sept. 1. Our home is classical Japanese and our knees ache and our backs crack from squatting on the floor. Imogen is taking an intensive course in Japanese - 6 days a week and I have been working with the faculty in revising the curriculum and talking with medical students. We like the Japanese as you did - and our reception has been delightful. Jack (the oldest boy) is at the International

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Christian University in Tokyo and is living with a Japanese family - and no English. I will begin interviews with Japanese students weeks after next. I have found the business of the Comparative Anatomy of Medical Students to be most interesting.

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Our other two children are for day & weeks boarders at Kobe and we are finding the tranquility of the weekdays with no children to be delightful. But we are glad to see them when they come home. Josh. you will be tickled to know that when Jack was interviewed for University admission he gave his career choice as - Genetics - I am delighted. Drop us a line - we think of you - and missyou - Fondly - John.