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Dear Dr. Kiyota:

Thank you for your letter of January 12. Professor Eric Shooter has accepted an appointment in our department to take over principal responsibility for our work in neurobiochemistry. The new building which will house the permanent laboratory for this work is still almost a year from being completed, and at least until then we will be extremely short of space. However, some activities have begun and the principal program is in the area of the possible genetic polymorphisms of cerebral proteins. ~~4~~

I am very glad to hear of the plans for the research institute for mental retardation that you mentioned. It might be advantageous if Professor Murata could arrange to consult with officers of the Kennedy Foundation in Washington if he could have an opportunity to do so before returning to Japan.

I will have to leave the question of arrangements for visiting research personnel in Dr. Shooter's hands, but I will of course mention your name directly to him. I will also be very happy to mention your interests to others of my colleagues and can of course give some of them some small benefit from the advantage of having visited you personally. Meanwhile, if you have not already done so, I would urge you to communicate with Dr. Seymour Kety at the National Institute of Neurological Disease and Blindness, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, who may be able to give you the best personal response, or otherwise the best introduction to others who are working in related areas.

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