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Dear Hirota-san

By comparison with now, our last few days in Tokyo seem like a quiet rest. But I have almost begun to see my desk and the lab through the accumulations of mail gradually being digested, and am trying to review notes of things discussed in Japan.

How is the bacteriocin experiment? Did that one colony show any interesting markers?

Unfortunately, one of my important letters with instructions was delayed [a/c] confusion of postage and only just arrived! I am sending the Het cultures we discussed, and whatever Lac⁻ aerobacter, which may not be much. Also some fluorescein diacetate as promised (a gift from Dr. Rotman).

Was it in your lab that someone was screening for phages and bacteriocins against B. subtilis Marburg? If you have any cin⁺ strains I would be very grateful for them.

There are dozens of things more to discuss but if I wait to recall all of them you will never get this letter.

Fortunately we have hundreds of slides to refresh our memory of a splendid experience. Esther and I do not know how to thank you for the innumerable kind things you did for us.

Please do not hesitate to remind me of any urgent things I may be overlooking. Our very best also to Aiko. Busily,

Joshua.

Enc: a few mg. Fluorescein $Ac_2$.

P.S. Our packages are arriving daily now. We were especially delighted at the cloisonné vase, which sits now on my desk.

P.P.S. — copy of the Japanese version of "Exobiology". (No real rush; I just mention to be sure of easily getting it.

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