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Dear Hiro,

It was great to see our old friend Nobu after several years out of contact. We had a very pleasant time in Tampa together including doing considerable damage to a large bottle of Suntory. I was most grateful for your thoughtful gift and impressed with the sophistication of concept and performance of the modern jazz artists in Japan. Thank you so much for this record.

Nobu and I have agreed that I should get back to Japan probably in 1976 and I hope something will come of this idea. I have also suggested to him, in his role with the National Science Council, that the Japanese government establish a small number of elite traveling fellowships to support training in preventive cardiology by Japanese Fellows. The present situation of grant and contract support in this country indicates that there will be less and less clinical and research fellowships available in the coming period and if our happy scientific collaboration is to continue between Japan and the U.S. it would be useful for the government of Japan to make an effort to fund adequately a small number of such training positions.

In this way, Japanese Fellows would be vastly welcome in a number of centers in this country who could then contribute partially to their support and comfort if they brought a basic stipend with them.

As for myself, I believe we now have enough activities going on in preventive cardiology in this area that we could successfully occupy diligent young people at this center as well as at several others in this country. I do believe these candidates should be outstanding and that there should be competition for the fellowships and that their ability in the English language should be a criteria in selection.

Dr. Hironori Toshima

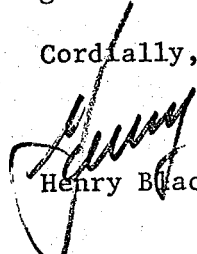
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I would be very interested to know if anything comes of this idea that Nobu and I had together in Tampa. I am enclosing a list of current objectives and activities in this Laboratory for the use of Nobu and yourself and others in Japan who may be interested in some of the activities. Our future activity will likely be in an area of the potential for prevention in young people and in geriatric groups, as well as in larger community efforts.

Again, many thanks for your gift and thought and let's keep in touch.

Cordially,



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