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*Corrected letter -
special delivery
today.*

Dear Jun:

I am looking forward to another trip to Japan, though unfortunately a very short one. I will be from November 28th to December 2nd in Osaka care of Professor Yasijari Nimura, Director General, National Cardiovascular Center for Research, National Cardiovascular Research Institute, Fujishiro-dai Suita, Osaka 565, Japan. I am hoping to play with the Rascals (and hope to do a better job than I did last time!).

Mainly, of course, I want to sit back and relax and listen to your beautiful New Orleans sound. That sound has become progressively difficult to find, as you know.

Monkey -
I've proposed to Professor Nimura that we might play together at an informal gathering on the evening of ~~Saturday~~, November 29th, probably early in the evening. This may not at all suit his plans. However, I am enclosing a copy of the letter I sent to him in hopes that something might come of it. It would be a great pleasure to perform together. It worked out so well with the Toyamas in Tokyo last visit.

Under separate cover I've sent you a tape of my little group that has played together a good deal this last year. We have good time, although, as you see, it's not real "New Orleans." But it has more swing and meaning, I think, than most Dixieland.

Most of all, I'm looking forward to seeing you all again.

I don't think I ever properly thanked you for the nice group of records you sent me, of for the more recent record, The Good Old Times, with the magnificent cover photo. It is so great to have these authentic tunes played by authentic New Orleans musicians, The Rascals. I will see you in a few weeks.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn

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*P.S. Thanks for your good letter. I can only arrive on Saturday 27 Nov.
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