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Reply on tape

Dear Dr. Blackburn:

The U.S. - Japan meeting approaches. I am expecting you on December 29. Following the letter of November 1, I would like to inform you of the details of the field visit schedule and of the satellite symposium. The Japan side has planned the field visits at and around Tsukuba because Tsukuba has a largest science city in Japan and it is located near Narita where there is the international airport.

The period of the field trips is two days from Dec. 2 to Dec 3. First, I would like you to observe one of our field study sites around Tsukuba, Kyowa-machi in the afternoon on Dec. 3. Kyowa-machi is an agricultural area whose population is about 16,000. I have been continuing the field study for cardiovascular diseases at Kyowa-machi. I suppose you will be able to see one of the typical agricultural areas in Japan.

Next, you are supposed to go to Mashiko and to visit the famous pottery craftman at Mashiko. His father was one of the greatest artist of the Japanese traditional porcelain, called "Mashiko-Yaki". Bernard Leach had stayed with him and made a lot of works there. I expect you will enjoy looking at splendid porcelain works made by him, his father, Bernard Leach and other craftsmen.

And then, you are supposed to go to Kasama-city which is also known for the traditional porcelain, "Kasama-Yaki", and to join the reception at the restaurant in Kasama-city.

At the reception, you will meet twenty specialists who have been involved in the epidemiological study of cardiovascular diseases in Japan. They are best members of the National Cardiovascular Research Group sponsored by the government. I am a chairman of the group. I'm sure it will be a good opportunity to mingle with Japanese scientists.

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In the next day, I will show you around Tsukuba Science City which has been building as the largest science city by the government and I will take you to the Mechanical Engineering Laboratory where you will be able to see new techniques of basic technology in such field as bionics, robotics, medical and biological engineering. Recently, Mitterrand and Thatcher have visited the laboratory. I think you will get interest in robots and medical electronics.

Incidentally, I would like you to know that Dr. Nimura as director of the Japanese side asked me to get the financial support for those field trips from Tsukuba University, because its expense was beyond the estimated budget. This procedure was confirmed in the last U.S. - Japan meeting on February, 1982. In order to get the financial support from Tsukuba University, it is the best way to hold the symposium as a part of the special project in Tsukuba University. As chairman of the project committee, I am now proceeding the plan of the symposium whose theme is "Aging and Cardiovascular Diseases". So, this symposium is admitted by the Japanese side as a satellite symposium of the U.S. - Japan meeting in Osaka. However, it did not seem that Dr. Heygeli understood the details of the satellite symposium because the information from the Japanese side were not necessarily appropriate. Dr. Nimura said that he sent a letter which describe the details of the satellite symposium and the field trips a few days ago. And I suppose that Dr. Heygeli will understand the satellite symposium and I hope that all of the delegates will join it.

As I wrote to you before, I awfully need your cooperation by presenting a lecture at the satellite symposium. The content of the lecture could be the same as presented at the symposium in Osaka. If possible, please contact with other U.S. delegates especially Dr. Reed, Dr. Blackburn and Dr. Lovenberg and recommend them to join the symposium.

I am thinking of doing the sight of "Nikko" with you on Dec. 4 or after that if you have a spare time.

Thanking you in advance for your kindest understanding to the above and looking forward to meeting you soon, I remain.

Sincerely yours,



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