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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Kochyana,

When I returned ICU after Christmas vacation, I found a letter, air mail on my desk. I felt some curiocity or rather embarrassment, realizing that the sender was ICU Foundation in New York. But the more surprise is that the stamp is dated

September 25.

After all it was a poor lost letter. The truth is that at that time I was not living in dormitory yet, and a student in the dormitory received it and would hand it to me but unfortunately he had forgot it until christmas!

I don't know right words to say when I immagine that you must have been waiting and waiting for my letter. But I hope this delay by chance will never cut the very tiny bud of friendship over the ocean between YOU and I.

I am now in Junior, majoring social science. In social science studies, specially interested in Law. Probably I will take Administrative law as my thesis next year. I am fully enjoying ICU life.

ICU is very young and a very new attempt in Japan, and this fact gives us many troubles and difficulties in the traditional country like Japan. But we are all making every effort against these trials and doing our best in study, enjoying in the ideal environment

in the wonderful facilities,

There are now about six hundred students, one third of them are girls. Senior students graduate ICU in this comming spring for the first time, and this means that ICU is actually evaluated in public for the first time. Placement in job is very good, comparing with other universities and colleges in Japan. This is chiefly because of superiority in the knowledge and power of English. In freshman year we have intensive study of English and lessons in various fields are given in English.

My only hobby is mountaineering, and I am now the president of the Alpine Club in ICU. I spend about sixty days in mountains in a year. I have lots of to tell you about it but I will do that

next time.

I heard a bit of you from Hideko at home and a few days ago
I heard that you are comming to Japan this year. If so, how nice!
I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you.

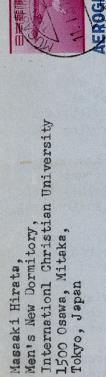
Finally, I thank you for your kindness to Hideko during her

stay in New York.

I hope this letter to be the beginning of long friendship over the ocean.

Very sincerely yours,

Masaaki Viata



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