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Hand Bookbinder

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Mr. Iwataro Oka
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Dear Mr. Oka:

The outstanding event in the month of April which I spent in Japan was the visit to your home and seeing the work that is being done there in the conservation of national treasures. Thank you very much.

I am most grateful for the time you took to escort me to the two paper-making villages. Also for allowing me to watch the young men at work. The repairing of scrolls and kakemonos is not in my field but there are similarities in the mending of paper and I feel that I have gained much from this experience.

Under separate ^{cover} I am sending you some of the PVA emulsion "TEXICOTE" and the direction for applying it to the tissue. This was a developement of Peter Waters, one of England's foremost bookbinders and used in Florence, Italy in repairing books after the flood of 1966.

Thank you again for all your kindness and please give my warm regards to Mrs. Oka, your son and Mr. Sugiura. Also to the young men who are so fortunate to be working for you and learning so much.

Sincerely,