

MIYAKO HOTEL

Kyoto, Japan

9:10 PM

Thursday 5 Jan. 1967

Dear family -

So much to think and write about - where do I begin - let me pick up where my last letter - written from the plane - ended.

We landed in Tokyo - with out further incident - at 5:51 pm Tokyo time. we were approximately 21 minutes late but the pilot said we were "bucking" a strong head wind all the way from Anchorage.

When we started through Japanese customs the trouble began. We did ~~not~~ not have Japanese visas and they said we had to stay in the Tokyo area. I tried to explain that we had tried (through the travel shop in Shenn Point) to get visas for Kyoto but the Japanese consular office in Chicago said that they were not necessary. They cleared my visa but refused to OK any of the others. I explained that we had reservations at the Miyako Hotel in Kyoto and still they refused to OK the others - insisting that they would have to stay in Tokyo area.

Fortunately the North West Air line representative, who had met us at the plane, came to our rescue. He called me aside and said that they would not give

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us a visa for outside the Tokyo area but that we should tell them that we planned to stay in Tokyo area - and then go ahead with our plans - That is what we did - it was a wonderful example of "pre saving" - they did not relent and at the same time we proceeded as per our plan.

The North west airline representative got us all set for our flight to Kyoto and we left at 7:00 pm as scheduled - aboard Japan Airlines Boeing 727. It was a fine flight of 45 minutes to Osaka and we enjoyed the courtesy of the Japanese stewardess and the cleanliness of the plane.

In Osaka we were met by Larry - the Seta hotel representative. He had two cars and we were soon on our way to Kyoto - an hours drive from Osaka. Larry spent several years in Los Angeles so his English is excellent - he saw us settled last night and was our host today.

Our rooms are in the Japanese style section of this fine hotel and we find them to be most interesting - But I am getting ahead of my story.

We checked in to the hotel at approximately 9 pm Kyoto time - 6 AM your time - after 23 hours since getting

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up at the O'Hare Inn in Chicago. Needless to say we were tired - Harry Baughman & I are doing a room and we did not waste any time dropping off to sleep.

Our "circadian rhythm" was out of whack for we awoke at 4 AM and had difficulty going back to sleep.

This room consists of actually 7 areas - the entry (where you come in and remove your shoes) a larger entry area where our luggage is placed, the sink and stool or toilet area, the bath-shower area, an entry to the sink & toilet area, one sleeping room which doubles as a sitting room during the day and another sitting & chest area.

Our beds are on the floor - a low writing table is in one corner, a TV in another, a lovely flower arrangement in another corner.

The bathtub is wonderful. It is a box - approximately 3 feet square & sunken into the floor - you fill it with hot water - climb in and soak. Then you step out to soap up & rinse off - then back into the tub to soak - never staying in your own dirty water as we do at home. The sides & bottom of the "box" are wooden.

Today we went sight seeing - with Harry and another driver in private cars. We spent most of the time in pottery shops, places where they manufactured

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items and also sold them - we saw cloisonne
made and some beautiful pieces too - we watched
them make Damascus jewelry at another place - and
observed the wood block printing out at still another and
also went to a silk shop.

In addition we had an excellent lunch of Tempura
(deep frying) - fish, vegetables, etc. and tonight we enjoyed
Sukiyaki dinner here in the Hotel. We visited a shrine,
a place and also a shinto temple. It has been
quite a day.

at 5:30 we were finished with the touring
and did not have supper planned until 7:30 pm so
Mary & I went to a Japanese steam bath. It was
very refreshing - steam bath - regular bath and massage.

Now it is 9:40 pm and soon I will be going to
bed - I am tired and tomorrow will take us to Hong Kong
after the super express train ride back to Tokyo.

In all of this I have thought of all of you many
times - wondering how Steve is - how things are going
in getting back to the school routine - how Chuck's
scout troop sold all the bottles - what would
Cindy look like in one of the formal Kimonos that we have

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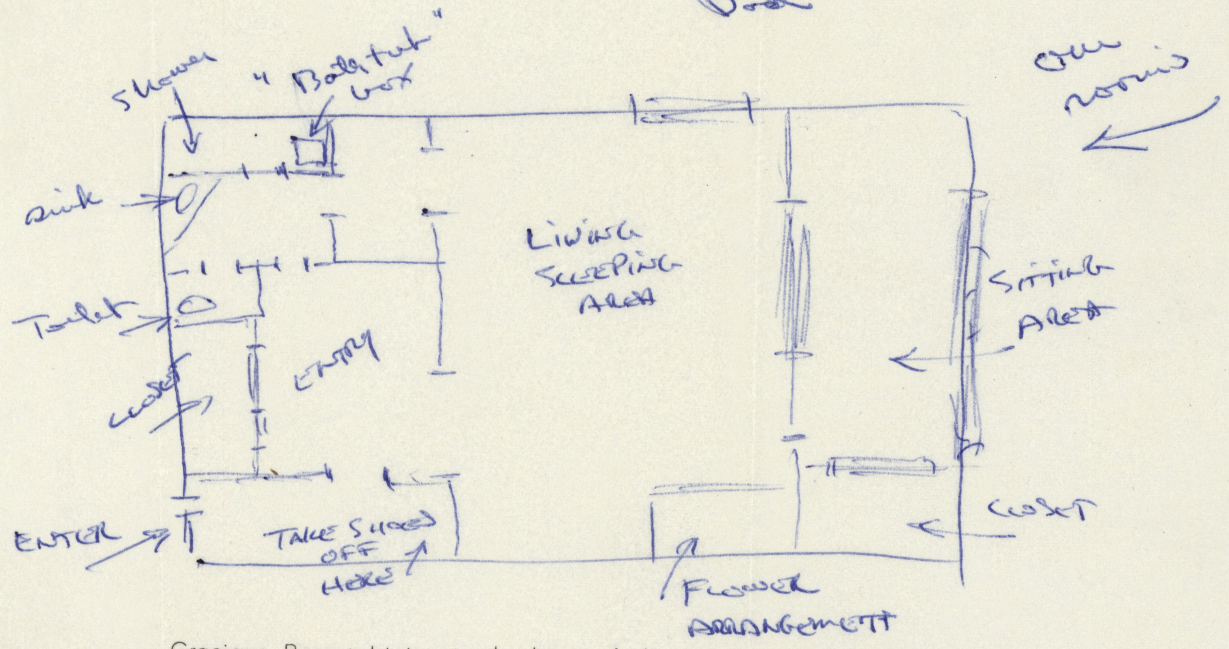
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seen so many of the girls & women wearing today - for this is their New Years Holiday time and that means "dress up" - and how would Phil and Rich enjoy flying the oriental type kites that we saw so many of today. All of those questions and thoughts - and more.

Oh yes - I almost forgot - tonight as we were coming into the hotel we met "Sander" & Mrs Barry Goldwater - and shook hands and talked briefly - They are here on a holiday.

Now I close and send with this my love to each of you.

Love
Dad



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All partitions & windows are wood with "paper" glass.