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Chief, Tokyo Bureau
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APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Henry:

I am sorry for the delay in answering your letter of 1 March, but I have been out of the office for approximately a week.

First of all, I am glad that you find our future plans for you acceptable, and I see no reason why we cannot meet you halfway and comply with your request to remain in Tokyo until some time this fall. It is probably a little early to decide the exact date, but I see no reason at this time why we couldn't settle on November. You could then take some leave and spend approximately six months in Washington, which would put you in England during the summer of 1950. Of course, you realize that something over which I have no control may happen to alter these plans but at the moment I think they will work.

At the time [REDACTED] was downgraded to a CAF-11 it is my understanding that he had enough time in grade to entitle him to retain his salary. Furthermore, the agency is much stricter about this matter now than it was at that time. Our investigation reveals that you are at present at the bottom of a CAF-12, which is also the top of a CAF-11. According to agency regulations, if you were downgraded you would be entitled to the third step in a CAF-11 or \$5984.40, which is one step below the top. Special permission would have to be obtained in order to permit you to remain at the top of the grade. I will be glad to make such a request and certainly hope that we can get it through, but obviously I cannot guarantee it.

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I am very sympathetic with your technical problems and I would like very much to supply you with a top notch technician immediately. However, it just isn't possible to do so. We have to get three first-rate technicians for our East Coast Bureau and for Okinawa in order to proceed with our construction and we are having great difficulty in getting them. I hope that you can get along as is for at least a while longer.

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We all recognize that Tokyo was started as a stopgap operation, and also recognize the fact that you are making a very substantial contribution to our effort despite the many handicaps under which you operate. Please do not interpret for one moment my commendation for Reseda as a reflection upon anyone else. Reseda has a fine, well-engineered and well-staffed station and it is expected that their results should be far superior to yours at this time.

We are very anxious to learn whether or not FEC approves of Sugimura and his family coming to Tokyo under the arrangements I have outlined before.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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