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Bruce & Shirla:

You timed your letter just right. Your Christmas card came back a couple days before the letter arrived.

We are really glad to have a picture of everyone. You do have a beautiful family. Is the youngest a boy or girl? I guess you people are blessed. Of all your letters, your latest sounded the happiest and justifiably so. The route upward from bulldozer operator to VA administrator is a success story.

I was sorry to hear about your father. I only met him once but I could see he was of the kind who is easy to respect and admire. I will write your mother.

Our plans for a US trip move ahead, with July the target date. For five years I have gone through the visa red-tape here in Japan but now it's Akiko's turn, as she will be the foreigner there. But after five years maybe I will feel foreign, too.

Take care,