

Dears Steina & Woody,

I wrote this JUST AFTER SPEAKING WITH YOU BECAUSE OTHERWISE I WILL KEEP POSTPONING IT. On the list of people some I don't know that well for various reasons but these are all people you should call. Soy San (always add San to men and women it is like Mr.) and Tomiyama San (Image Forum) are our closest friends.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON STAYING AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE try to quickly find an apartment. I. House is expensive, not as expensive as a tourist place, but it can add up.

The best guide to Tokyo is called Tokyo City Guide by J. Connor and M. Yoshida

published by Ryuko Tsushin Co. - It is available at large bookstores or at Japanese stores. If you can't find it in N.M. try to get it in Calif. or N.Y. - It is THE BEST. We bought every guide book about Japan. and there is no question about this one. It was recently written, by two young women and deals with many more things that would be of interest to you. Including Video Art !! Try to buy it before you get to Japan.

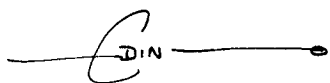
We are trying to get funding to finish a tape about Butoh dance in Japan if we get any funding we will try to go to Tokyo in the Spring of '88 we'll see

Please send me those addresses in Europe soon as we will leave ~~July~~ June 28 I'm very interested in anything in Barcelona and Madrid especially. And please send me the schematics for the synchronizing unit.

Enclosed is my new tape about Japan and a XEROX sketch of my proposed installation. The installation video will explore the ideas in this tape on a more panoramic ~~sub~~ scale.

IF you want any more info we will be back after Labor Day.

Love

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P.S. The best book about Japanese mentality, and there are so many of those, is called Behind the Mask by Ian Buruma. It is very realistic and not very flattering. It deals with SEX, Gangsters, the Gods and Mother.

P.P.S. Please send me the schematics for the synchronizing unit, you will probably be too busy in Sept. Thanks a million

LIST OF PEOPLE TO MEET IN JAPAN

Please never use first names with these people, it is very rude.

- * 1. IMAGE FORUM : SIMILAR TO Anthology Archives. My favorite place. Show Av. Grade Film & Video
SPEAK LIMITED ENGLISH BUT NOT A PROBLEM. They like me a lot, use my name.
DIRECTOR: KATSUE TOMIYAMA (woman) You can call them on the phone
Program Director: Takashi Nakajima I will warn them you will visit
Address FUDOSAN KAIKAN BLDG. 6F.
3-5 YOTSUYA, SHINJUKU-KU
TOKYO 160
tel. 357-8023
358-1983
2. JUNKO YOSHIDA PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE JVC Phone nos. Because you should
tel. ~~03 356~~ 241-7811 call first anyway
Speaks very good English can access JVC equipment for
you. Very helpful - got me a lot of JVC hardware on loan
DON'T MENTION MY name. as I ended up using the Sony stuff
instead. It might hurt you to know me.
3. Donald Richie : EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF JAPAN
Former FILM curator MoMA NY, has written extensively about
Japanese Film. Subtitles Kurosawa's movies.
Must talk to him. He does not particularly like me, but I still
call him with questions and he is quite obliging
tel 828-1986
4. Shigeo Anzai : tel. 702-60-82 ~~11~~ Shigeo is an artists photographer. Has
photographed everybody who is anybody. He is a real "groupie"
Will tell you all about his "friend Laurie Anderson" He knows
the whole art scene. We didn't know him as well as Bill, ~~he~~
Shigeo can be a bit too much but please call him.
5. Kazuo Kobata 384-7978 Yet another powerful personality Jap. woman. She
is fluent in many languages. Is involved with a wonderful, small
avant garde performance space called PLAN B. We never hung
out (she is quite busy) but you guys might like her.
6. Nobuo Yamagishi RUNS a number of very small galleries that feature video
has almost no teeth left, a strange looking guy. but has
been involved in promoting new video artists. Low key galleries
not of international renown You will like these places
they have the spirit of your old kitchen. We just met him
once but we were busy at that time. He speaks English and
will be happy to show you his galleries.
tel 241-1310 gallery
tel 241-1400 office
7. Yoshie Sakamoto 585-4521 she works as producer for one of the biggest independent
video producers. speaks great English. Is a very good friend of
Anne Volkes. We just met her when we were leaving.

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* • Nobusuki Soy : owner of Video Gang Stars a small video rental, editing sales facility. Speaks OK English. Likes us a lot We bought our videotape from him and rented batteries, monitors etc. from him. he basically rents out Betacam. He is a hustler but we really like him.
tel. 470-1830

* Warren OBWICK Cultural Attaché at the US Embassy
is a great guy, very knowledgeable on contemporary art he might have moved back to the US by the time you arrive. if he is still there he can be a good asset
We really like him. Use our name.
583-7141