

HIROTA, Yukimori

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Dr. L. A. Fraser  
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Dear Lem:

I am forwarding Mr. Hirota's application for a WARF fellowship, with a favorable recommendation on my part.

I would rely very strongly on Francis Ryan's judgment. I could add too that Kikkawa is perhaps Japan's best-known geneticist. Hirota has already made a very provocative discovery in the area of my immediate interest. It happens we have been unable to repeat his observation of the removal of the F factor by Cobalt, but as his colleagues have confirmed it, and he has sent us strains resulting from his treatment that are as they should be, there must be a subtle difference of experimental conditions.

Hirota is applying for admission in September. While this would be acceptable, I am writing to learn whether he could not as well begin next January, which would suit ot lab. situation a little better.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics

