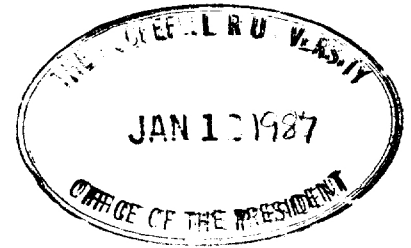


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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Many thanks for your kind letter of December 30, 1986. We are very much touched by your condolences and feelings of sympathy with the death of Yukinori Hirota. He was attacked suddenly by stroke in midnight on 13 October 1986. Although an operation was performed with success immediately after that and he seemed to be recovering gradually, he died of pneumonia on 23 December. We all miss him very much, and your message will be conveyed to his families and colleagues.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Matsunaga".

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