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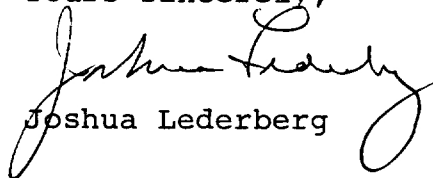
Dear Yoshiko Hirota:

Thank you for writing me about your mother's and your feelings about Yukinori's death. It was such a shock to me: I can only imagine what it must have been to you as part of his family.

I appreciate your very kind words about the role that I was very happy to play in helping your father gain his place in science. Of course I only wish that could have reached a complete fulfillment, with the usual span of time that we should feel we have allotted to us.

But now please tell me about yourself: I have not had much news about you since you were a little girl. I see that you are in research in nucleic acids in Kyoto. Would you tell me a little more about what you are doing, just what stage you are at in your own career?

Yours sincerely,

  
Joshua Lederberg