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70, ABBEY ROAD,

ST. JOHN'S WOOD, N.W. 8.

Aug 25th 1939

Dearest Gertrude,

I have been waiting for the arrival of the spoiled packet but it has never turned up! I keep waiting & hoping to have some plans, & that the plans include a visit to America; when I would bring you another Etching. I feel you didn't like that one, so I shall want you to choose another.

I am so sorry the backing was so poor. I buy the board at a special shop - it is a very troublesome business sending off parcels from here. Everything is so changed. I have had no trouble over the condition of the packets (until now).

& them to the country. Every thing is too unsorted. I don't believe I shall be able to go to Japan for a long time. Much love from your affectionate Ely. abett.

I have sent a number to Japan & Honolulu. I was afraid that 3ply wood would crack, I much prefer cardboard. I have no place to keep it, & it means a lot of trouble to find the right kind. I am so sorry & hope you haven't bothered toward the spoiled prints?

I have got an idea - I should like to turn in to Etchings, all my Ainu studies & wondered if you would loan me those you bought? I would take great care of them. I would do a limited number & sell to museums only (the world would not be interested) I feel they ought to be done, as all the old ones must have disappeared by now. Those ^{sketches} were done in 1917.

I believe Jessie wrote you the other day so must have given you all our news - such as it is! I have had no holiday - just a visit now