April 26, 1951 Dr. Harry K. Newburn President. University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon Dear President: Professor Wallace S. Baldinger writes me that Dr. Jiro Harada, the Curator of the Imperial Museum of Tokyo, Japan, traveling in the United States on the invitation of the U. S. Army, as a member of the Cultural Property Protection Commission, to observe the state of preservation of the Cultural properties of the United States, is to visit Eugene, May 3, 4, 5 and 6. He is the scholar whom I brought from Japan in 1935 to lecture for one winter at the University. I was in competition with the University of Southern California, Harvard and one other University the name of which I have forgotten. He lectured to the largest class, I am told, ever held on the Campus, and at the end was given the honorary L.L.D. unanimously by our faculty - and that is an accomplishment. He is a rare scholar and a charming gentleman. I also arranged for him to visit and lecture in Oregon, Washington and California at certain chosen Universities. All accepted him except the University of Southern California. I always felt they were unhappy that he came to us first. Afterwards Japan sent a rare exhibition to Boston and Dr. Harada was chosen to lecture there where he had large audiences. Mrs. Warner went to Boston to hear him. Mr. Baldinger has written me that the committee would like to have Dr. Harada stay in the new Erb Memorial Union but that such can be done only at your request. When he was at the University he lived in one of the halls in John Straub building and loved it. The men of the hall gave him a going away party as he had given them several parties during his stay in the hall. I feel safe in saying that no visitor during my time at the University, has created as fine a spirit of scholarship at the University as did Dr. Harada.

Accordingly I feel that he would be a most acceptable guest at the Erb Memorial Union, and I hope that this courtesy can be granted him.

We are plauning to motor him to Eugene from Portland, I am to introduce him at his lecture on the evening of May 3. I sincerely hope that you will attend for I am sure it will be worth your time.

Trusting that we may see you at that time, I am

Most Cordially,

Burt Brown Barker Vice President Emeritus

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