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Dear Mr.Chadwick,

Thank you very much for a nice Newyear greeting card as well as your letter of Dec.3,in which I learnt that you were trying to get the control of the Japanese rights for Crooked Cucumber. I am also pleased to have learnt that you may come to Japan in near future to discuss about some of the information about Japan in the same book.

About your questions, I might have to discuss with some of my friends who have been intimated with Masao Nishinakama. However, I would like to inform you what I understand so far as follows;

The man who was killed in the last bombing raid on Tokyo is Hiroshi Amada,who is younger brother of Mr. Yasumasa Amada. He was one of the members who attended to the zen meeting at Rinsouin in the end of 1943. He was then a junior high school boy.

It is true that Nishinakama was involved in the negotiation with GHQ about war reparation. Soon after the war, he acted with a deligate of Parliament who was very close to then prime minister Shigeru Yoshida. How and when he died is unknown.

Unfortunately, I do not know a philosopher who was Suzukiroushi's friend and killed himself. Thanking you again,and with best regards,



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