Dear Steina & Woody,

I wrote this just after speaking with you because otherwise I will keep postponing it. On the list of people some I don't know that well for various reasons but there are all people you should call. Soy San (always add San to men and women it is like Mr) and Tomyama San (image forum) are our closest friends.

If you are planning on staying at International House try to quickly find an apartment. It is expensive, not as expensive as a tourist place, but it can add up.

The best guide to Tokyo is called Tokyo City Guide by J. Connor and M. Yoshida. Published by Ryuko Toukai Co. It is available at huge bookstores or at Japanese stores. If you can't find it in N.M. try to get it in Calif. or N.Y. It is THE BEST. We bought every guide book about Japan, and there is no question about this one. It was recently written, by the young women and deals with many more things that would be of interest to you. Including Video Art!!! Try to buy it before you get to Japan.

We are trying to get funding to finish a tape about Butoh dance in Japan. If we get any funding we will try to go to Tokyo in the spring of '88. We'll see.

Please send me those addresses in Europe soon as we will leave June 28. I'm very interested in anything in Barcelona and Madrid especially. And please send me the schematics of the synchronizing unit.

Enclosed is my new tape about Japan and a Xerox sketch of my proposed installation. The installation video will explore the ideas in this tape on a more panoramic scale.

If you want any more info we will be back after Labor Day.

Love

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P.S. The best book about Japanese mentality, and there are so many of those, is called Behind the Mask by Ian Buruma. It is very realistic and not very flattering. It deals with Sex, Gangsters, the Gods and Mother.

P.P.S. Please send me the schematics for the synchronizing unit, you will probably be too busy in Sept. Thanks a million.
LIST OF PEOPLE TO MEET IN JAPAN
Please never use first names with these people, it is very rude.

1. IMAGE FORUM
   SIMILAR TO Anthology Archives. My favorite place. Show my guide film video
   speak limited English but not a problem. They like me a lot, use my name.
   DIRECTOR: KATIE TOMIYAMA (wrong)
   Program Director: Takashi Nakamura
   Address: RUDOSAN KAIRAN BLDG. 6F.
   3-5 YOTSUYA, SHINJUKU-KU
   TOKYO 160
   tel. 357-8023
   358-1983

2. JUNKO YOSHIDA
   PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE JVC
   Phone nos. Because you should call first anyway
   tel. 260 241-7811
   Speaks very good English can access JVC equipment for
   you. Very helpful - got me a lot of JVC hardware on loan.
   DON'T mention my name as I ended up using the stuff
   instead. It might hurt you to know me.

3. Donald Richie
   EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF JAPAN
   Former Film Curator MoMA NY, has written extensively about
   Japanese Film. Subtitles Kurosawa’s movies.
   Must talk to him. Does not particularly like me, but I still
   call him with questions and he is quite obliging
   tel 828-1986

4. Shigeo Anzai
   702-60-82
   Shigeo is an artist's photographer. Has
   photographed everybody who is anybody. He is a real "groupie"
   Will tell you all about his "Friend Laurie Anderson" He knows
   the whole out scene. We didn't know him as well as Bill, &
   Shigeo can be a bit too much but please call him.

5. Kazue Kobata
   384-7973
   A total power personality. Jap. woman. She
   is fluent in many languages. Is involved with a wonderful, small
   avant-garde performance space called PLAN B. We were hung
   out (she is quite busy) but you guys might like her.

6. Nobuo Yamaishi
   Runs a number of very small galleries that feature video
   has almost no teeth left, a strange looking guy but has
   been involved in promoting new video artists. Low key galleries
   not of international renown. You will like these places
   they have the spirit of your old kitchen. We just met him
   once but we were busy at that time. He speaks English and
   will be happy to show you his galleries.
   tel 241-1310 gallery
   tel 241-1400 office

7. Yoshie Sakamoto
   585-4521
   She works as producer for one of the biggest independent
   video producers. Speaks great English is a very good friend of
   Anne Volkes. We just met her when we were leaving.

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* Noboru Soy: owner of Video Gang. Stays a small video rental, editing sales facility. Speaks OK English. Likes us a lot. We bought our videotape from him and rented batteries, monitors, etc. from him. He basically rents out Betacams. He is a hustler but we really like him.
  tel. 470-1830

* Warren OBWCK: Cultural Attaché at the US Embassy. Is a great guy, very knowledgeable on contemporary art. He might have moved back to the US by the time you arrive. If he is still there, he can be a good asset. We really like him, use our name.
  583-7141