Dear Besse,

Thank you for the delightful photograph of you with Alf Cornish. It is quite excellent of both of you.

I am trying to do what I can from this end to help forward some rather remarkable research arising from his own past work, and concerning the weather regime of the southern hemisphere. At the moment I am trying to get about one hundred years of rainfall data from the Cape of Good Hope, where they have long had a fine observatory, and which, if it turns out well, might be quite an encouragement to him to seek confirmation in Australia and elsewhere.

I do hope you will make the effort to get Fulbright to do his duty in the matter of Japan, for they do usually manage to make their stay agreeable for westerners.

With all that you could wish for the New Year,