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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO 33 FERRY AVENUE. EAST DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Chas. I. Freer, Esq.,
33 Ferry Ave., East,
Detroit, Mich.

December 20, 1912.

Dear Mr. Freer : -

I take pleasure in sending you under separate cover, the following nine copies of sketches which I have prepared:

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As shown in the sketch, I have planned other smaller rooms in the Kamakura, Higashiyama and Momoyama periods, also Ashikaga, with the view of exhibiting articles in each room which are suitable to the different rooms. For instance, in the Chanoyu room all your tea ceremony wares may be exhibited, while in the Ashikaga room Tokonomas are provided, etc. This is merely a suggestion and I shall be pleased to hear your wishes in the matter.

Upon receipt from you of the architectural drawings, giving the height of ceilings, windows, etc., I shall take up the matter more in detail. In the meantime I shall make further study of the central hall. I should also like to design benches, show cases, etc., which will harmonize with the rooms.

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KATSUJI MAKINO 3129 BROADWAY NEW YORK

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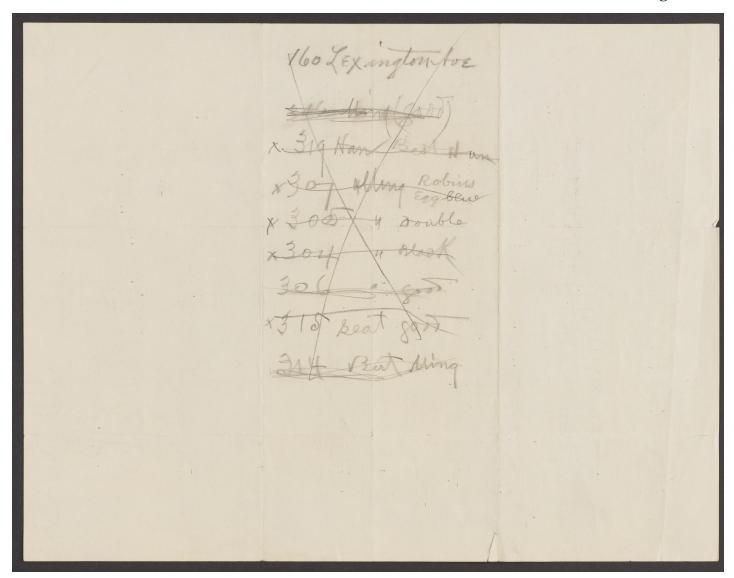
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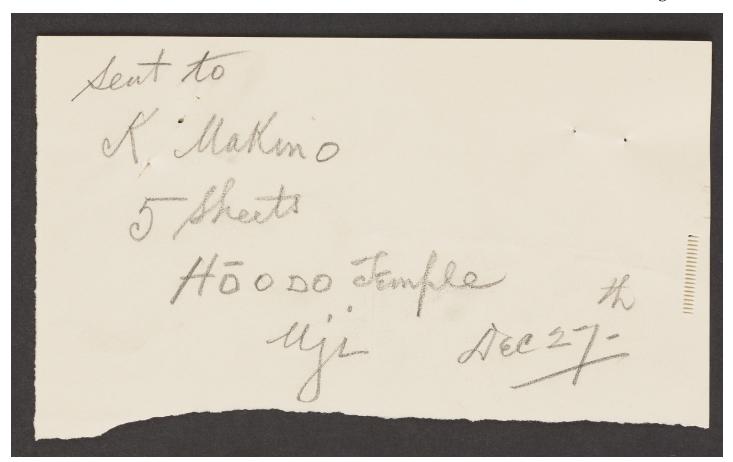
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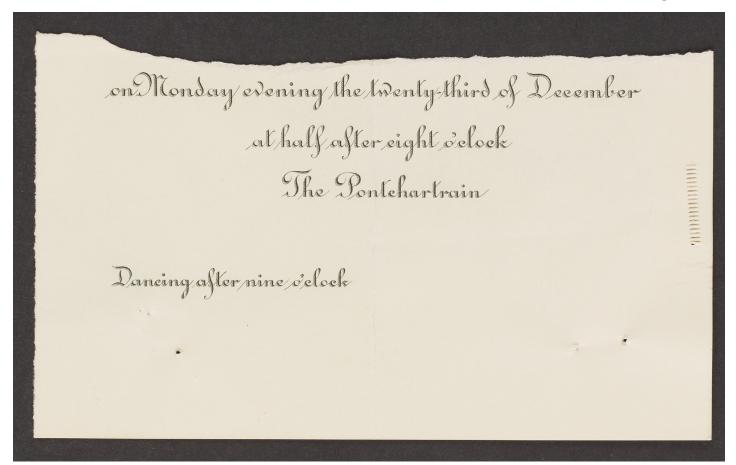
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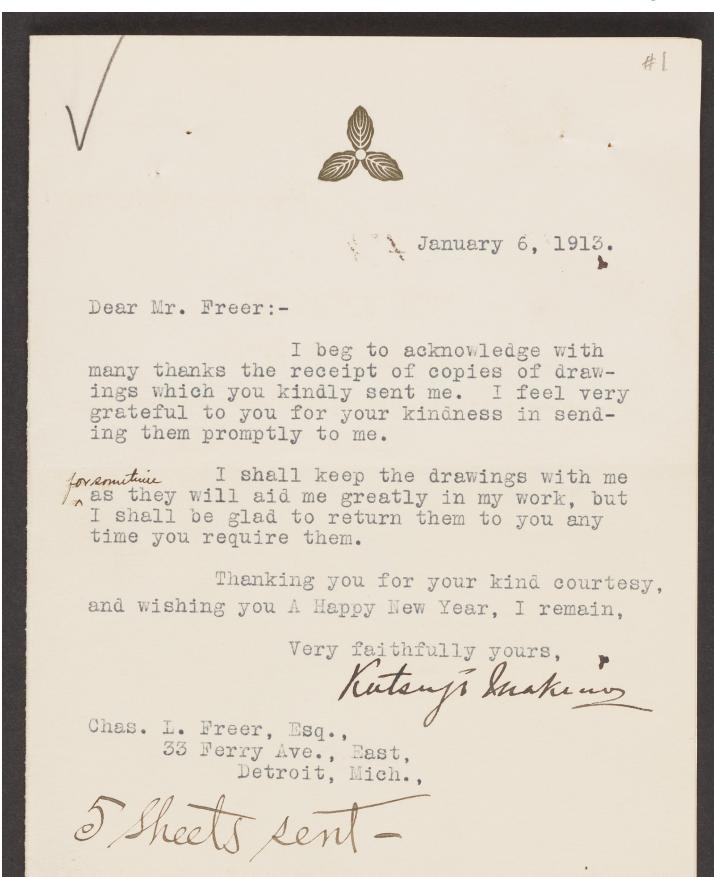
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The Pontchartrain

Dancing after nine o'clock



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January 6, 1913.

Dear Mr. Freer:-

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of copies of drawings which you kindly sent me. I feel very grateful to you for your kindness in sending them promptly to me.

I shall keep the drawings with me for sometime as they will aid me greatly in my work, but I shall be glad to return them to you any time you require them.

Thanking you for your kind courtesy, and wishing you A Happy New Year, I remain,

Very faithfully yours, Katsugi Makino

Chas. L. Freer, Esq., 33 Ferry Ave., East, Detroit, Mich.,

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Answered April 30th

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Mr. Katsuji Makino,

3129 Broadway.

New York, N. Y.

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