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Dear Señor Tovar July 4, 1955.

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of June 22 and for the various indications of similarities between Basque and Japanese which you were good enough to give me. I have written to Sir George Sansom, who is the author of "A Historical Grammar of Japanese", published by Oxford University, and who, if he is not himself an expert on this particular problem, will certainly know those who are. He or his friends may have interesting observations to make.

To me the similarities seem significant, because they are between basic words, but unfortunately I am no philologist and therefore hesitate to express an opinion.

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