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utami Kiyota of Kumamoto University, Japan,
 who applied for an international fellowship to spend a year
 with me in neurochemistry, gave me your name as a reference.

We would appreciate your evaluation of Dr. Kiyota.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Roboz Einstein, Ph.D.
 Clinical Professor of Neurology
 (Neurochemistry)

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I met Dr. Kiyota at Kumamoto, where I found him to be doing some excellent work on curare-receptor proteins under extremely adverse conditions. At that time his speaking knowledge of English was quite limited, but he understood surprisingly well by contrast, and I have heard that in the past two years he has put in a good deal of effort on this. I was sufficiently well impressed to consider very seriously asking him to ~~xxx~~ spend a year at Stanford, but as we were really not set up, I concluded that to put such an organizational burden on him as well would be impractical and unfair. I judge he is certainly doing as good work in the field as anyone else, has a good grasp of basic problems and of the world's literature, and is working with uncommon energy and enthusiasm. I liked him too, and would add that to the recommendation; he is a very ~~very~~ serious-minded and determined fellow, and I would like to see him get an opportunity to work under rather less oppressive conditions.

