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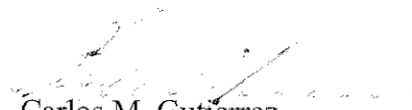
Mr. Yasuhiko Sata  
President  
Tokibo Co. Ltd.  
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Dear Mr. Sata:

Congratulations to Tokibo Co. Ltd., on the celebration of its 50th anniversary. Tokibo has greatly assisted Japanese patients and American medical device manufacturers by importing more than \$300 million of U.S. medical devices and serving as the exclusive distributor for more than 100 U.S. medical device companies during the past 50 years. Tokibo has also introduced new technologies to the Japanese market such as the first hydrocephalus shunt valve system, as well as the first implantable drug delivery system for the treatment of liver cancer.

I wish you continued success, and I look forward to our medical firms continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Carlos M. Gutierrez