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Dear Friends,

Please excuse my long silence! One year has passed since I successfully concluded my transatlantic trip and I thought this is a good occasion to inform you about my activities of the past months.

You may remember that, after a building time of 5 months, it took me 8 months to travel from Basel, Switzerland across the atlantic ocean to New York on my boat "Seiko da Grindelwald".

From New York my boat was shipped back to Europe and was presented at the Düsseldorf and Zürich boat shows. According to my wish it has now gone to the Swiss National Museum of Transportation in Lucerne where it will remain for the next thousand years, I hope!!

To my big surprise I was nominated for the "Opel Award" 1995 in Japan which was endowed with 10 000 \$. In March, during my stay in Japan I also managed to find a publisher for my book and it is my big wish to have it translated into English and German so that all of you will be able to read it.

As a summary, my adventure had a happy end and a positive effect on me: It has given me the loneliness and silence which I needed to rise my spirit and to get closer to god. It has also shown me that we must and can overcome any difficulties and problems, nothing is impossible!

The only thing that makes me very sad is that I cannot write a personal letter to everybody whom I met along my way. All of you who gave me so much help and friendship! You will, however, always be present in my heart and it is my big hope to see you all again some day.

Thank you so much for everything and good luck to you.

Your friend



PS: Sorry, I didn't write in German, French, Italian and Japanese, but I suppose all of you understand my letter in English!