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NW: But you, yourself, that's how we met, you came to this medical check up. When did you start to come?

KS: This was my first time.

NW: First time. Okay. And that was because who told you about that, remind me, I probably . . . forgot.

KS: In Sacramento, that's uh, whoever that was . . . Dote? Mr. Dote. I mean, he said, it's every other years, *kenshin*, [in] this country [it's] said physical, but I am going every year, physical. So I myself take care of that myself, you know. But maybe that, this *kenshin*, maybe that's different. I thought. That's why I went there.

NW: What did you think?

KS: Well it's not that particularly good, just like [makes a noise to stress the speed!]. Just like that. Yeah, of course, I am doing over here, the same thing, yeah. But a couple of years ago I went to Japan. I went there. And since I was here, let's, we gonna go see it. So I went there [to the exam for survivors]. They took it very thoroughly. Yeah.

NW: It was much more thorough.

KS: Of course they had machinery there. Over here they just . . . looks like rent the place. Rent the room . . . that's the type, I think, yeah.

NW: You told me because your own physician is a white, American physician, am I right to remember that way? You were hoping that those results would come in English.

KS: Yeah, the results to come in English. I asked that one doctor, you know, my doctor is English, American, and last time I was in Japan, they sent me all in Japanese, and my doctor said "Hey Keiko, I can't read Japanese." I wonder if you got doctors sent in English. I'd like to show it to my doctor. And this doctor, I forgot the name of it, he is *naika*? I think. *Naika*-doctor, but, he said, yeah, this year, we are going to give in English and Japanese, so I said that's very good. Very nice, I told them. That way I could show that to my doctor.

NW: So when you were back in Japan, you had a health check that's especially designed for A-bomb survivors. Okay. Was it in Hiroshima Hospital then? Did you do it only once so far? Or?

KS: At the Hiroshima, I did it twice. Because I applied, check[ed in] the first [year]. And after that, two years later, I visited Japan. At that time, my brother said since you are here why don't you go? Of course they're very close by, we lived in the city. Yeah, that's true, I don't have anything to do today, so let's go see it. So that's okay.

NW: Okay.

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