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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized characters that appear to be 'Shimpei Nishikawa'.

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