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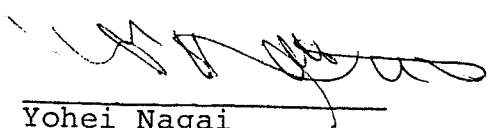
Dear prof. Chowning:

I enclose for your reference a copy of US. Patent recently issued to Kawai Company claiming musical tone generator of FM sound synthesis. We have not a little interest in this patent, since Kawai is our biggest competitor in Japan.

Should Kawai be really developping FM - instrument, they would need license of your original patent.
Did they or Mr.R.Deutsch take contact with Stanford?
Let us have more detailed discussion on some later day.

With my best personal regards,

Very truly yours,


Yohei Nagai

Encl. U.S.Pat. 4,175,464

ps: Thank you for your suggestion to take contact with Mr. David Wessel. I sent him telegram and I will call him up on Friday - Feb. 15. to have his response.