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Dear Colleagues,

The Ohio State University Libraries is de-accessioning a unique collection of educational films that are no longer in scope for our East Asian Studies collections. We would like to offer the collection, first come first serve, to any library or research organization that would find these materials useful. If you are a Japanese Studies scholar who could benefit from accessing this collection, please do not hesitate to contact me as my colleagues and I identify a future home for these holdings.

Collection Description: Entitled “Japanese Educational Films, 1960-1980,” this collection consists of some 158 films (on reel) covering various educational topics, including weather forecasting, earth movement, fish habitats, automation, forging, “insect pest of rice”, the development of the Arabic numeral system and numerous other (largely) scientific topics related to commerce, agriculture, and science.

In addition to the films themselves, there are also two boxes of associated paper files containing documentation related to the films’ contents (Japanese scripts and English translations, descriptive abstracts, etc.). All of this material seems to have been related to the American Science Film Association’s US-Japan Science Film Exchange Project. Altogether, the collection consists of 17 cartons and an additional 10 individual film boxes.

With gratitude,

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