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It is very good of you to try to find some more <Japanese> expanding flowers, the people here simply love them, I still have a packet left

Lots of love to you both & many thanks for everything Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.