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Jonathan W. Best, Wesleyan University  
*Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 16:2, 1990.

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Leon Serafim, University of Hawaii at Manoa  
*Korean Studies*, Vol. 19, 1995.

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