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The author of this contribution said during the Tuesday WG 2 session that a member of Japanese body knew an example usage of the proposed KATAKANA LETTER SMALL KO. However, it was his misunderstanding.

The real argument in question was something like this: “Small katakana are sometimes used to express foreign (no Japanese) sounds using Japanese letters. Most of those usages are ad-hoc invention by authors. There may be a book or two that uses small ko for the purpose.” The statement actually mentioned possibility of transliteration use. None of the committee members knew actual sample of such usage.

Moreover, Japan national body is not comfortable with the idea to encode such ad-hoc inventions in UCS. Generally speaking, authors can do anything he/she considered appropriate, and most of those novel usages are just forgotten without any followers. We should not encode new characters unless they are considered to have some established usages.