Richard Neutra Case Study Project
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The Kambara House at 2332 Silverlake Blvd was built in 1958 for Dr. and Mrs. George Kambara. Together with three other nearby houses, it forms a quite harmonious lake front. The front facade, which is mainly composed of windows, provides a beautiful view of Silverlake and the surrounding hillsides. Two balconies, which extend westward to the lake, create a close relationship between interior living space and the outside environment.

On both floors, living areas are to the west and service areas are to the east. The house was designed to fit the needs of the large Kambara family, and thus includes a large kitchen with a family dining area, four bedrooms, and plenty of storage space below the garage. A straight staircase, which is typical of Neutra, is accentuated on the exterior by the use of glassed windows. Sliding doors provide privacy for the open living room, and in order to retain privacy from the neighbors, a 10-foot wall of clear glass minimized the number of windows facing them. The overall design fits well with the other three houses, and they combine to form a wonderful Neutra Palace.