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Please transmit following message from President to former Prime Minister Ikeda on December 3:

QUOTE Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your birthday. I am delighted to learn that you will shortly leave the hospital and send ^{my} warm best wishes for your early and complete recovery.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

White House does not plan release but has no objection if Ikeda wishes to do so.

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WASHINGTON

December 2, 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Birthday Message From the
President to Former Japanese Prime
Minister Ikeda

We recommend that the President send a message of good wishes to former Prime Minister Ikeda of Japan on his birthday, December 3. We believe such a message would be greatly appreciated by Ikeda, who was compelled to relinquish his post as Prime Minister on November 9 due to a pre-cancerous throat condition. As Prime Minister, Ikeda sent a message of greetings on the President's last birthday.

A suggested message for delivery to Ikeda on December 3 by our Embassy in Tokyo is enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Copy of proposed cable to Embassy
Tokyo

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Ambassy TOKYO

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Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

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October 26 1964


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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to President Johnson from
the Prime Minister of Japan

Enclosed is a note from the Japanese
Ambassador transmitting a message from the
Prime Minister of Japan to President Johnson
thanking the President for his message on the
conclusion of the 18th Olympic Games.

No reply is believed necessary.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

As stated.

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EMBASSY OF JAPAN
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1964

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit a message to the President of the United States from the Prime Minister of Japan expressing appreciation for the President's kind message on the conclusion of the 18th Olympic games.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

for Ryuji Takeuchi

Kujiwa 2 P

The Honorable
Dean Rusk
Secretary of State.

Tokyo, October 24, 1964

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the government and people of Japan, I wish to express my deep appreciation for your kind message on the conclusion of the 18th Olympic games.

All of us in Japan are gratified that the olympic games held in our country have become a forum of international friendship and understanding through fine sportsmanship.

The U. S. team, I am pleased to inform you, has commanded our admiration throughout the games for their outstanding performance and excellent sportsmanship.

Sincerely yours,

(S) Hayato Ikeda

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Embassy requested transmit following congratulatory message on Olympics from President to Prime Minister Ikeda on conclusion Olympic Games.

QUOTE

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Now that Japan has added a bright new page to the world Olympiad chronicle I wish to extend to you and the Japanese nation on behalf of the American people our congratulations and admiration for your splendid performance as hosts to the world.

I know personally of the high praise which our own athletes and officials have expressed for the excellent facilities and warm hospitality they enjoyed in Tokyo. Speaking particularly for the American Olympic team I would ask you to convey to those officials and individuals of your Government, the metropolis of Tokyo, and the Japanese Olympic Committee my warm appreciation for their efforts. The Japanese nation has set for us all a

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new standard for Olympiads of the future and a fine example
of brotherhood and sportsmanship.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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Assuming GOJ release, please cable release time ASAP.

~~TEXT~~ Transmitting through Embassy rather than direct cable as
suggested reftel in order facilitate coordination publicity.

~~TEXT~~

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SEP 1 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Transmittal of Message from the Prime
Minister of Japan

Enclosed is a message from the Prime Minister
of Japan to President Johnson thanking the President
for his message on the occasion of the Prime
Minister's recent illness.

The message was received under cover of a note
from the Japanese Ambassador to the Secretary of
State.

No reply is believed necessary.

/s/ J. W. Davis

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

As stated.

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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for your kind message. I am hoping to resume my work upon the completion of my physical examination.

With my best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hayato Ikeda

The President,
The White House.

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ACTION: Amembassy TOKYO

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Your 875.

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Embassy requested pass following message to Prime Minister Ikeda from

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President Johnson:

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QTE: Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I was distressed to learn of your illness. Please accept my best wishes for a rapid recovery.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson END QTE.

In light GOJ intention play down PriMin's illness, White House does not plan publicize message but has no objection if GOJ wishes do so.

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September 9, 1964
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(Alice-Marie)
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Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

*OK by me.
→ Pass by Bundy
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The enclosed is for White House
clearance prior to transmission.

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for *Grant G. Hilliker*
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Ambassy TOKYO

Your 875.

Embassy requested pass following message to Prime Minister Ikeda from
President Johnson:

QTE: Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I was distressed to learn of your illness. Please accept my best
wishes for a rapid recovery.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson END QTE.

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not plan publicize message but has no objection if GOJ wishes do so.

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SEP 9 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message from the Japanese Prime Minister
to President Johnson on the Crash of U.S.
Aircraft

Enclosed is a message for the President from the Prime Minister of Japan, which was delivered to the Department of State today under cover of a note from the Japanese Ambassador. The message thanks the President for his message of condolence and sympathy in connection with the crash of the U.S. military aircraft in Yamato City.

No reply to the Prime Minister's message is believed necessary.

DON T. CHRISTENSEN
Benjamin H. Read FOR
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

As stated.

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September 9, 1964

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the persons affected by the tragic crash of a United States military aircraft in Yamato City and the people of Japan, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your message of condolence and sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

Hayato Ikeda
Prime Minister of Japan

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Your 857.

President sends following message for transmittal Prime Minister Ikeda.

QUOTE. I have learned with deep sorrow of the tragic crash of a U.S. military aircraft near Atsugi on September 8. I hope, Mr. Prime Minister, that you will transmit my deepest personal regrets and condolences and the heartfelt sympathies of the American people to those persons directly affected by the accident, and to the people of Japan.

Lyndon B. Johnson. END QUOTE.

END.

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Japanese Embassy today delivered following reply, marked "Confidential", by Prime Minister Ikeda to President Johnson's August 5 message on Tonkin Gulf attacks:

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Mr. President:

I have received through Ambassador Reischauer on August 5 your message, along with the text of your statement to the people of the United States, concerning the attacks by communist Vietnamese torpedo boats on American vessels operating on the high seas and the response your government has taken thereto.

As I have closely followed developments in the Vietnamese situation, which has direct bearings on the peace and security of Southeast Asia, I fully appreciate the circumstances under which you have been compelled to take the limited and fitting response against the North Vietnamese forces. I am gratified to note that your government has already referred the incident to the United Nations. It is my sincere hope that the situation will be stabilized at an early date without

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Mr. Smith

S/S - Mr. Mills

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assuming serious proportions.

Respectfully,

Hayato Ikeda

END VERBATIM TEXT.

Department officer commented appreciatively on forthright tone of reply. Embassy officer observed GOJ able to express support of U.S. Tonkin Gulf actions in private communication which Japanese political situation prevents it from expressing publicly.

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ACTION: Amembassy TOKYO 2907

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Please deliver following message to Prime Minister Ikeda:
May 12, 1964

~~QTE.~~ / Dear Mr. Prime Minister: Thank you for your kind

message of greetings which Governor Ryotaro Azuma of Tokyo conveyed to me on the occasion of the visit to Washington of members of the National Governors' Association of Japan. I regret that bad weather kept me from returning to Washington on May 1 in time to join Mrs. Johnson in receiving Governor Azuma and his colleagues.

I fully agree with the view expressed in your message that the continuing exchange of visits by elected officials of local government helps to strengthen further the bonds of friendship and understanding between Japan and the United States.

I extend to you and the Japanese people my warmest greetings and best wishes. Sincerely, Lyndon B. Johnson. END QTE.

END.

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(Translation)

23
April 18, 1964

Dear Mr. President :

I am asking Governor Ryotaro Azuma of Tokyo to convey to you my personal message of greetings on the occasion of the visit to the United States of members of the National Governors' Association of Japan.

I believe that you share with me the pleasure that the exchange visits by the elected leaders of our local governments have continued regularly, and have contributed substantially to the strengthening of our friendly ties. Governors in democratic countries, such as ours, are very close to the people and have heavy responsibilities in managing the day-to-day affairs of their communities which constitute the basic strength of our nations. Mutual understanding and appreciation of their problems and of their hopes and plans to advance the public welfare will, I am sure, lead to a deepened understanding between our peoples, two closest neighbors across the Pacific. I anticipate that these exchanges between our governors will be continued to our mutual benefit.

I extend to you and through you to the people of the United States my warmest greetings and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

The President of
the United States of America,
The White House.

(Signed)
Hayato Ikeda
Prime Minister of Japan

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TO : Amembassy TOKYO

MAY 8 4 30 PM '64

FROM : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DATE:

SUBJECT : Letter to the President from Prime Minister Ikeda
Concerning Visit of Young LDP Prefectural Assemblymen

REF :

Enclosed is an English translation of a letter of April 13 to the President from Prime Minister Ikeda concerning the visit to the United States of a delegation of young Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) prefectural assemblymen. The letter was written by the Prime Minister in his capacity as president of the Liberal Democratic Party and is in the nature of a letter of introduction and personal greetings. It was transmitted informally to the Department by the Japanese Embassy after it was learned that the President's schedule did not permit him to receive the delegation of prefectural assemblymen.

The Embassy is requested, in its discretion, to make an appropriate acknowledgment to Prime Minister Ikeda's letter on behalf of the President. The Embassy may express the President's regret that it was not possible for him to receive the prefectural assemblymen and his belief that such visits by young Japanese LDP local leaders contribute to better understanding between the United States and Japan. The Embassy may also express the Department's willingness to lend all possible assistance to any future visits of this nature.

During their visit to Washington, April 26 to 29, the LDP prefectural assemblymen called on the Attorney General, Mr. Sargent Shriver, Director of the Peace Corps, and various members of Congress. Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations Dutton hosted a reception in their honor, attended by Congressmen and Department officers.

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Enclosure:

English translation of letter to the President
of April 13, 1964 from Hayato Ikeda,
President of the Liberal Democratic Party

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TRANSLATION

Tokyo, April 13, 1964

Dear Mr. President,

I am asking the delegation of the "Federation of the Young Liberal Democratic Members of the Prefectural and Municipal Diets" to deliver to you my warmest greetings on their visit to the United States. They are aspiring young men of our party serving the local assemblies. They are the ones responsible for shaping the future not only of their party but also of Japan. For this reason I, as the President of the Liberal Democratic Party, am particularly pleased that they have this opportunity to visit your country, the leader of the free world, whose political and economic tradition with its excellent parliamentary system will undoubtedly enrich their vision, and that their new friendship with members of the local assemblies of your country will deepen even more the understanding between Japan and the United States.

With my best wishes for your health,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)
Hayato Ikeda

The President of
the United States of America,
The White House.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Message to the President
from Prime Minister Ikeda
on Aircraft Accident

Enclosed is a message from Prime Minister Ikeda to the President thanking him for his message of condolence in connection with the aircraft accident at Haramachida. The message was forwarded to the Department of State by the Japanese Embassy.

No reply to the Prime Minister's message is believed necessary.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

As stated.

26
April 7, 1964

My dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the families of those killed and the persons injured in the tragic aircraft accident at Haramachida and the people of Japan, I thank you most warmly for your message of condolence and sympathy.

The prompt offers of assistance made by the United States representatives in Japan are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Hayato Ikeda
Prime Minister of Japan

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Request Embassy convey following message/to Prime Minister Ikeda:

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QUOT: On behalf of the American people I ask you to convey my profound

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condolences to the families of those killed, and sympathy to the persons

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injured in the tragic aircraft accident at Hara Machida. The United

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States ~~xxx~~ representatives in Japan will do everything they can to

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assist those affected.

~~Sincerely,~~

Lyndon B. Johnson. END QUOTE.

White House will ~~ris~~ release at first opportunity and has no objection to release by GOJ.

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Please deliver following message to Prime Minister
Ikeda from President Johnson:

QUOTE

On behalf of the people and Government of the United States let me thank you most warmly for your message of sympathy and regret for the act of one individual against Ambassador Reischauer. We have been happy here to learn that he is expected to make a full recovery, and you can be assured that all Americans will understand that such an act has nothing to do with the deep friendship and understanding which exist between our two countries and to which Ambassador Reischauer himself has made so important a contribution.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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Bundy
Commercial Telegram
received by G. Beyer earlier
March 24, 1964 this AM

MEMORANDUM TO MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to President Johnson from
Prime Minister Ikeda Concerning
Ambassador Reischauer

Enclosed is the text of a message to President Johnson from Prime Minister Ikeda of Japan expressing deep regret over the incident involving Ambassador Reischauer. This message was given to the Secretary of State by the Japanese Ambassador this morning for forwarding to the President. Following delivery of the message, the Ambassador released the text to the press.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Message to President
Johnson from Prime Minister
Ikeda.

MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON

IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JAPAN I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY VERY DEEP REGRET OVER THE MOST UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT INVOLVING AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER.

THE ENTIRE NATION IS INDIGNANT OVER THE DASTARDLY ACT OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED AGAINST THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A NATION WITH WHICH WE HAVE ESPECIALLY CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS. WE ALL PRAY FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S EARLIEST RECOVERY.

HAYATO IKEDA

PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

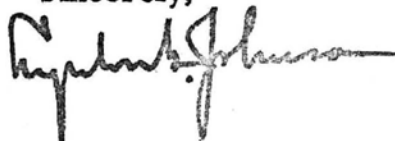
January 4, 1964

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter of November thirtieth and your kind wishes for the success of my endeavors. I share your gratification that we were able to talk about problems of mutual concern. You may be sure that I will do my best further to strengthen the relations of close friendship between our countries.

As you begin your new term of leadership, I send you my personal best wishes and look forward to the continued cooperation of our countries.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Hayato Ikeda,
Prime Minister of Japan,
Tokyo.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
TOKYO

Tokyo, November 30, 1963.

Dear Mr. President,

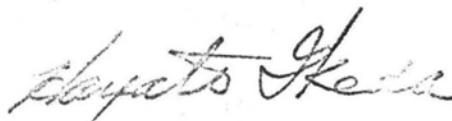
During my recent sad mission of visiting your country to attend the funeral service of the late President John F. Kennedy, there was one gratifying moment the opportunity I had to renew my acquaintance with you and to talk with you about problems which are of mutual concern to us.

The heavy responsibility of presiding over the Government of the United States has suddenly been thrust upon you at a time when the world is at a crucial turning point. The peoples of the world look with high expectations to you as the President of the United States to lead your country and the world toward peace and human welfare under freedom and justice.

We in Japan are confident that you will continue to demonstrate positive initiative in the further strengthening of the friendly relationship existing between our two countries. At this historic moment, let me assure you once again that Japan sincerely wishes to cooperate with you in your great endeavors,

With best wishes for your good health and success,

Sincerely yours,



Hayato Ikeda

The President,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from
Prime Minister Ikeda

There is enclosed a letter to the President from
Prime Minister Ikeda transmitted to the Department
of State by the Japanese Ambassador.

A recommended reply will be forwarded to you
shortly.

Benjamin H. Read

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

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December 23, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reply to Letter from Prime
Minister Ikeda of Japan

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Enclosed is a draft recommended reply to the attached letter to the President from Prime Minister Ikeda of Japan dated November 30. A brief reply from the President is considered appropriate in this case since Mr. Ikeda was formally re-elected Prime Minister by the Japanese Diet on December 9. The Lower House elections which in fact determined his continuation in power took place on November 21. The President congratulated Mr. Ikeda on his party's electoral success when they met November 25.

Signature
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Recommended reply.
2. Letter from Prime Minister Ikeda, dated November 30, 1963.

RECOMMENDED REPLY

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I thank you for your letter of November 30 and your kind wishes for the success of my endeavors. I share your gratification that we were able to talk about problems of mutual concern. You may be sure that I will do my best further to strengthen the relations of close friendship between our countries.

As you begin your new term of leadership, I send you my personal best wishes and look forward to the continued cooperation of our countries.

Sincerely, ~~yours,~~

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency

Hayato Ikeda,

Prime Minister of Japan,

Tokyo.

January 4, 1964

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter of November thirtieth and your kind wishes for the success of my endeavors. I share your gratification that we were able to talk about problems of mutual concern. You may be sure that I will do my best further to strengthen the relations of close friendship between our countries.

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His Excellency
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Prime Minister of Japan,
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March 24, 1964

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Enclosed is a copy of the President's
message to Prime Minister Ikeda.

Sincerely,

McGeorge Bundy

His Excellency Ryuji Takeuchi
The Ambassador of Japan
2520 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

3/24/64

TO: Prime Minister Ikeda of Japan

FROM: The President

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On behalf of the people and Government of the United States let me thank you most warmly for your message of sympathy and regret for the act of one individual against Ambassador Reischauer. We have been happy here to learn that he is expected to make a full recovery, and you can be assured that all Americans will understand that such an act has nothing to do with the deep friendship and understanding which exist between our two countries and to which Ambassador Reischauer himself has made so important a contribution.



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WASHINGTON

May 6, 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from Japanese
Prime Minister Concerning Visit of
Japanese Governors

Enclosed is a letter dated April 18 to the President which Prime Minister Ikeda of Japan asked a delegation of Japanese Governors to deliver on the occasion of their visit to Washington on May 1. The Governors and their wives, who visited the United States under the United States-Japan Governors' Exchange Program of the Department of State, were received by Mrs. Johnson on May 1.

In his letter the Prime Minister extends his personal greetings and expresses the belief that the exchange visits of American and Japanese Governors contribute substantially to the strengthening of United States-Japan friendship and understanding.

We believe it would be appropriate and useful to our good relations with Japan for the President to acknowledge the Prime Minister's letter expressing his personal belief in the value of these exchange visits. A similar exchange of messages took place when a delegation of American Governors visited Japan last fall. Enclosed is a suggested Presidential reply to Prime Minister Ikeda's letter, which we recommend be sent by telegram through Embassy Tokyo.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Prime Minister Ikeda's Letter
of April 18, with English translation
2. Suggested reply.

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Please deliver following message to Prime Minister Ikeda:

QTE. Dear Mr. Prime Minister: Thank you for your kind message of greetings which Governor Ryotaro Azuma of Tokyo conveyed to me on the occasion of the visit to Washington of members of the National Governors' Association of Japan. I regret that bad weather kept me from returning to Washington on May 1 in time to join Mrs. Johnson in receiving Governor Azuma and his colleagues.

I fully agree with the view expressed in your message that the continuing exchange of visits by elected officials of local government helps to strengthen further the bonds of friendship and understanding between Japan and the United States.

I extend to you and the Japanese people my warmest greetings and best wishes. Sincerely, Lyndon B. Johnson. END QTE.

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May 7, 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President
from Japanese Prime Minister
Concerning Visit of Liberal Democratic
Party Prefectural Assemblymen

Enclosed is a letter of April 13 to the President which Prime Minister Ikeda of Japan asked a delegation of young prefectural assemblymen of his Liberal Democratic Party to deliver on the occasion of their visit to Washington, April 26 to 29. The letter was transmitted informally through the Japanese Embassy after the delegation learned that it would not be possible for the President to receive them, as requested by Speaker Jesse Unruh of the California State Assembly.

The Prime Minister's letter is written in his capacity as president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and is in the nature of a letter of introduction. Under these circumstances, we believe the letter does not require a reply by the President.

We suggest that Embassy Tokyo be authorized in its discretion to make an appropriate acknowledgment on behalf of the President. Enclosed is a draft airgram to Embassy Tokyo which we propose to send on receipt of White House concurrence.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

- (1) Letter to the President of April 13, 1964 from Hayato Ikeda, President of the Liberal Democratic Party, with English translation
- (2) Draft airgram to Embassy Tokyo

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Tokyo, April 13, 1964

Dear Mr. President,

I am asking the delegation of the "Federation of the Young Liberal Democratic Members of the Prefectural and Municipal Diets" to deliver to you my warmest greetings on their visit to the United States. They are aspiring young men of our party serving the local assemblies. They are the ones responsible for shaping the future not only of their party but also of Japan. For this reason I, as the President of the Liberal Democratic Party, am particularly pleased that they have this opportunity to visit your country, the leader of the free world, whose political and economic tradition with its excellent parliamentary system will undoubtedly enrich their vision, and that their new friendship with members of the local assemblies of your country will deepen even more the understanding between Japan and the United States.

With my best wishes for your health,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)
Hayato Ikeda

The President of
the United States of America,
The White House.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Letter to the President from Prime Minister Ikeda
Concerning Visit of Young LDP Prefectural Assemblymen

Enclosed is an English translation of a letter of April 13 to the President from Prime Minister Ikeda concerning the visit to the United States of a delegation of young Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) prefectural assemblymen. The letter was written by the Prime Minister in his capacity as president of the Liberal Democratic Party and is in the nature of a letter of introduction and personal greetings. It was transmitted informally to the Department by the Japanese Embassy after it was learned that the President's schedule did not permit him to receive the delegation of prefectural assemblymen.

The Embassy is requested, in its discretion, to make an appropriate acknowledgment to Prime Minister Ikeda's letter on behalf of the President. The Embassy may express the President's regret that it was not possible for him to receive the prefectural assemblymen and his belief that such visits by young Japanese LDP local leaders contribute to better understanding between the United States and Japan. The Embassy may also express the Department's willingness to lend all possible assistance to any future visits of this nature.

During their visit to Washington, April 26 to 29, the LDP prefectural assemblymen called on the Attorney General, Mr. Sargent Shriver, Director of the Peace Corps, and various members of Congress. Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations Dutton hosted a reception in their honor, attended by Congressmen and Department officers.

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Enclosure:

English translation of letter to the President
of April 13, 1964 from Hayato Ikeda,
President of the Liberal Democratic Party

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TRANSLATION

Tokyo, April 13, 1964

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With my best wishes for your health,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)
Hayato Ikeda

The President of
the United States of America,
The White House.

May 8, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. MCGEORGE BUNDY

The visit by our Governors to Japan last Fall was apparently a booming success. It would therefore make sense for the President to send the attached proposed message to Prime Minister Ikeda.

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Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.

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Attachment

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May 12, 1964

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your kind message of greetings which Governor Ryotaro Azuma of Tokyo conveyed to me on the occasion of the visit to Washington of members of the National Governors' Association of Japan. I regret that bad weather kept me from returning to Washington on May 1 in time to join Mrs. Johnson in receiving Governor Azuma and his colleagues.

I fully agree with the view expressed in your message that the continuing exchange of visits by elected officials of local government helps to strengthen further the bonds of friendship and understanding between Japan and the United States.

I extend to you and the Japanese people my warmest greetings and best wishes.

Sincerely,



His Excellency Hayato Ikeda
Prime Minister of Japan
Tokyo

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Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Minister Ikeda:

QUOTE I was grieved to learn of the earthquake disaster in Northwest
 Japan today and on behalf of the American people extend deepest sympathy.
~~The US Forces in Japan stand ready to provide all possible assistance.~~

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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