



EMBASSY OF JAPAN
UNITED KINGDOM

London, 9th April 1985

Dear Prime Minister,

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone has asked me to forward to you a letter he has written in reply to your letter of 29th January 1985, which was delivered to him by Mr. James Prior on the occasion of the first meeting of the 'Group 2000' in Oiso. The letter is enclosed herewith.

I was encouraged by the success of this first meeting of the Group and am hopeful that the Group will be a catalyst in facilitating exchanges and collaboration in various aspects of our mutual relations.

I look forward to future opportunities of discussing with you matters of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,

Toshio Yamazaki
Ambassador

The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury,
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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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March 28, 1985

My dear Prime Minister.

Thank you very much for your letter of 29 January 1985, transmitted to me through Mr. Prior. I am glad that he participated in the first meeting of the 2000 Group, which is the fruit of our talks in London last June and the efforts on both sides.

Our bilateral dialogue and exchange have indeed become close and frequent in recent years and the record of mutual visits at high levels has been impressive. I look forward to a further enhancement of our exchange this year and especially to meeting you in Bonn in May for the Economic Summit.

I highly appreciate your observations on Japan's external economic relations, especially with the United Kingdom and the European Communities. I am glad that

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The Right Honourable
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

I can reassure you of the firm commitment of my Government to maintain and strengthen the free and open international trading system. As we recognize with concern, protectionist pressures have been growing ever stronger, and the free trade system is now seriously threatened. It is now vital that all the industrial nations should fulfill their political commitment to free trade. My Government, for their part, have implemented a series of external economic measures, including the recent decision to meet an OECD agreement on the advanced implementation of the Tokyo Round tariff reduction, and will continue to make efforts further to open up Japanese markets.

I am convinced, and I am sure you will agree with me, that in order to contain the protectionist pressure and restore confidence in the future of world trade, we must start a new round of GATT multilateral trade negotiations as early as possible. I wish to request your continuing support for the New Round in order that the EC may take an active part in our joint efforts to enhance free trade throughout the world.

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In the meantime, we in Japan shall not cease our exploration of the means for the further internationalization of our economy, and in so doing, we shall always keep in mind the concerns of the United Kingdom and of the European Communities. As you indicated in your letter, the activities of the private sector in both countries, especially in industrial cooperation, are needed in furthering our common interests and solving the problems before us.

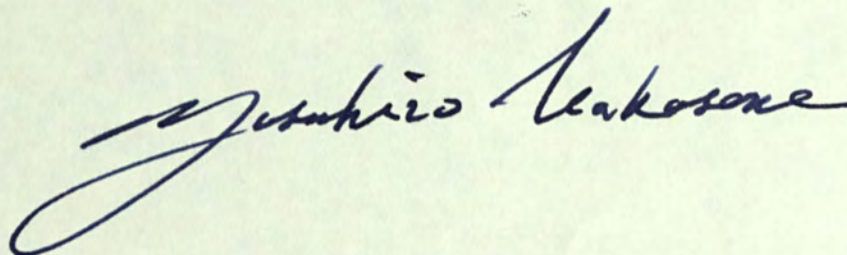
Our common belief in the values of freedom, democracy and the free market economy should serve as a firm foundation in seeking closer cooperation and communication at all levels, and I believe there are many areas where we should be able to develop our relationship further to our mutual benefit.

Our efforts in the above-described areas will be greatly helped by the activities of the 2000 Group. After the first meeting, I had the pleasure of talking with the members of both sides and was greatly impressed by their will and enthusiasm to work toward deeper mutual understanding and closer relations

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between our two countries. The outcome of the Oiso Conference augurs well for the future activities of the Group. I place high expectation on the next meeting in London next year.

With my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yasuhiro Nakasone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the beginning of the first name.

Yasuhiro Nakasone

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