

BRIEF REMARKS
ACCJ CRYSTAL BALL
DECEMBER 1993

[YOU ARE INTRODUCED BY PAUL ADAMS.]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JOAN AND I ARE HONORED TO BE HERE. THIS IS OUR FIRST "CRYSTAL BALL" AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO JOIN ALL OF YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT.

BEFORE COMING HERE, I HAD HEARD THAT THE ACCJ WAS PROBABLY THE VERY BEST INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WE HAVE, LED BY A TOP-NOTCH GROUP OF PEOPLE. IN THE TWO-AND-HALF MONTHS SINCE ARRIVING HERE, I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT ALL THESE GOOD THINGS WHICH I HAD HEARD ARE ABSOLUTELY TRUE.

I AM VERY IMPRESSED BY THE QUALITY AND TALENT OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP REPRESENTED HERE IN JAPAN. YOU HAVE MANAGED TO SUCCEED UNDER SOMETIMES VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

I AM HONORED TO SERVE AS THE HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE ACCJ. I CONSIDER THIS ORGANIZATION TO BE AN ESSENTIAL PARTNER IN CARRYING OUT MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS AMBASSADOR. THE VOICE OF THE ACCJ AND ITS MEMBERS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TOOLS WE HAVE FOR BRINGING GREATER BALANCE TO THE U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP.

I KNOW THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUCCEED IN MY JOB AS AMBASSADOR WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

IN TURN, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR EMBASSY IS ALWAYS OPEN AND RESPONSIVE TO YOUR NEEDS. I HOPE WE CAN BUILD EVEN FURTHER ON THIS VERY POSITIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP.

FINALLY, THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE. EVEN AS WE GO ABOUT OUR BUSINESS, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO HAVE A GOOD TIME HERE. THAT'S WHAT TONIGHT'S EVENT IS ALL

ABOUT. AND I KNOW THAT BOTH JOAN AND I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING ABOUT THE MANY WONDERFUL THINGS WHICH THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AND ITS MAGNIFICENT PEOPLE HAVE TO OFFER.

I HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH RICK JOHANNESSEN AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ACCJ BOARD. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW PRESIDENT, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AND ALL OF YOU.

IT IS NOW MY HONOR TO ANNOUNCE THE NEW PRESIDENT OF ACCJ . . . TOM JORDAN.

[THE SPOTLIGHT WILL FOCUS ON THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE AND TOM JORDAN WILL STAND FOR APPLAUSE. YOU WILL BE GIVEN A SCRIPT TO READ THE NAMES OF THE NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR 1994.]



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