BLUE PLANET PRIZE CEREMONY AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS (NOVEMBER 2, 1994)

YOUR IMPERIAL HIGHNESSES, MR. PRIME MINISTER, AMBASSADOR <u>DIEEKMANN</u>, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY TO JOIN YOU IN HONORING THE WINNERS OF THE 1994 BLUE PLANET PRIZE.

THE BLUE PLANET AWARDS, SPONSORED BY THE ASAHI GLASS FOUNDATION, ARE A WAY FOR US TO COMMEND THOSE WHOSE OUTSTANDING WORK CONTRIBUTES TO BETTERING OUR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT. THESE AWARDS ALSO SERVE TO STIMULATE FURTHER RESEARCH AND ACHIEVEMENT IN AN AREA OF VITAL IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO US BUT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS AS WELL.

I AM DELIGHTED TO CONGRATULATE THIS YEAR'S BLUE PLANET AWARD WINNERS. DR. EUGENE SEIBOLD AND MR. LESTER BROWN HAVE BOTH DEVOTED THEIR LIVES TO PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT -- DR. SEIBOLD THROUGH HIS OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AND MR. BROWN THROUGH HIS MANY YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT. AS HEAD OF THE WORLD WATCH INSTITUTE FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, MR. BROWN'S CONTRIBUTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY-MAKING IS WITHOUT PARALLEL AND WELL DESERVING OF OUR PRAISE.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN, WITH THE WORLD'S TWO LARGEST ECONOMIES, HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD GLOBAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS ENVIRONMENT. THROUGH OUR COMMON AGENDA AGREEMENT, WE ARE NOW WORKING TOGETHER WITH GREAT SUCCESS ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES OF SHARED GLOBAL CONCERN.

TODAY'S AWARD REMINDS US THAT GLOBAL COOPERATION TAKES MANY FORMS AND WE MUST ENCOURAGE THIS TREND.

DR. SEIBOLD, MR. BROWN, LET ME THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION TO BETTERING THE LIVES OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US.

THANK YOU.



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