

To: The Ambassador

From: Al Magleby

Re: **NASCAR Statement**

The NASCAR event that Bill Crotty got you involved with takes place this weekend. If you are willing, they would like to include a short message in the program. Can we offer them the following?

I WELCOME NASCAR TO JAPAN FOR A TRULY INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENT. AMERICAN CARS AND U.S. DRIVERS WILL BE SHARING THE THRILL OF AN AMERICAN PASTIME WITH JAPANESE FANS. THE ROAR OF NASCAR ENGINES HAS INDEED CAPTURED THE IMAGINATION OF A BROAD SECTOR OF AMERICA, SO THIS EVENT WILL SHOWCASE A VIBRANT SLICE OF AMERICAN CULTURE FOR OUR JAPANESE FRIENDS.

GIVEN THE CRUCIAL NATURE OF THE U.S.-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP IN THE MODERN WORLD, WE MUST CAPITALIZE UPON EACH OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE HUMAN TIES BETWEEN OUR NATIONS AND OUR PEOPLE. THIS RACE IN JAPAN WILL STRENGTHEN THOSE BONDS. I APPRECIATE THE WORK OF NASCAR AND SUZUKA CIRCUITLAND TO MAKE THIS EVENT HAPPEN.

ALTHOUGH I CANNOT BE THERE IN PERSON, IT PLEASES ME TO SAY: GENTLEMEN, START YOUR ENGINES!



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