

Message to all staff:

This week's State Visit is the most successful visit of a U.S. President to Japan, bar none. The President was and is very much aware that it is all of you who made this success possible, and I stressed to him privately what I often say publicly: the staff at our mission in Japan is the best representation that the U.S. government has anywhere in the world.

Please let me take this opportunity to thank all of you who made this visit such a tremendously positive one. I believe that history will show that the agreement reached at this summit, and the positive atmosphere created, represent a fundamental strengthening of our relationship with Japan. Your hard work, good judgment, and willingness to go the extra mile contributed substantively to this success. Much work lies ahead to build on these achievements and to address remaining issues, but we can take great satisfaction in what we have achieved.

Thank you for representing the Embassy so well and for your support of Joan and me during this demanding time.

Walter F. Mondale



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