THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS, AND IT WOULD

NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE

COOPERATION AND LEADERSHIP OF BOTH

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES. THE STAKES

WERE AS HIGH AS THEY GET, AND THE WORLD

IS GRATEFUL TO JAPAN FOR TAKING THIS

HISTORIC STEP TO OPEN ITS RICE MARKET.

PRIME MINISTER HOSOKAWA AND HIS

GOVERNMENT DESERVE A LOT OF CREDIT FOR

THEIR COURAGE IN MOVING FORWARD. BY

CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATES, SUCCESS IN THE

URUGUAY ROUND WILL PRODUCE A NET GAIN IN

ANNUAL WORLD INCOME OF AT LEAST 270

BILLION DOLLARS BY THE YEAR 2002. JAPAN

WILL BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST WINNERS.

A SECOND POSITIVE STEP IN THE ECONOMIC

AREA IS THE JOINT "FRAMEWORK FOR A NEW

ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP" WHICH WAS SIGNED

LAST JULY BY PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THENPRIME MINISTER MIYAZAWA. PRIME MINISTER

HOSOKAWA HAS REAFFIRMED HIS

GOVERNMENT'S SOLID COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW

THROUGH ON THIS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT.

Noyoute

THE FRAMEWORK PROVIDES A STRUCTURE FOR ONGOING ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING TWICE-A-YEAR MEETINGS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT AND THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER. ON FEBRUARY 11, PRESIDENT CLINTON AND PRIME MINISTER HOSOKAWA WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS. IT WILL BE THE FIRST MEETING CALLED FOR UNDER THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, AND THAT MEANS THE TIME FOR HEAVY LIFTING IS DRAWING NEAR. BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS UNDERSTAND THAT IT

MUST BE A PRODUCTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

AT THE HEART OF THE FRAMEWORK IS A BARGAIN BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

AT THE MACROECONOMIC LEVEL, THE

UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO "REDUCE ITS

FISCAL DEFICIT, TO PROMOTE DOMESTIC

SAVING AND TO STRENGTHEN ITS

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS" -- AND WE

PROMISED TO KEEP AMERICAN MARKETS OPEN.

FOR ITS PART, JAPAN HAS AGREED TO
PURSUE POLICIES IN THE MEDIUM TERM THAT
WOULD LEAD TO A "HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT"
REDUCTION IN ITS GLOBAL CURRENT ACCOUNT
SURPLUS AND TO A "SIGNIFICANT" INCREASE
IN ITS GLOBAL IMPORTS OF GOODS AND
SERVICES.

TOGETHER, THE UNITED STATES AND
JAPAN HAVE WORK FOR "GLOBAL GROWTH,
OPEN MARKETS AND A VITAL WORLD TRADING
SYSTEM."

ON SECTORAL AND STRUCTURAL ISSUES,
BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED
THAT "TANGIBLE PROGRESS" MUST BE
ACHIEVED ON THE OBJECTIVES LAID OUT IN
THE FRAMEWORK. WE WILL CONDUCT
NEGOTIATIONS IN FIVE AREAS (OR "BASKETS")

TO ADDRESS JAPAN'S SECTORAL AND
STRUCTURAL IMPEDIMENTS TO OPEN TRADE
AND INVESTMENT. WE HAVE AGREED TO
ASSESS THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN EACH OF
THESE BASKETS BY USING "OBJECTIVE
CRITERIA, EITHER QUANTITATIVE OR
QUALITATIVE OR BOTH AS APPROPRIATE."

THE FRAMEWORK DOES NOT CALL FOR
"TARGETS" -- NOR IS THE UNITED STATES
ASKING FOR THEM. THE FRAMEWORK ALSO
DOES NOT SEEK TO "MANAGE" TRADE;
INSTEAD, IT SEEKS TO "UN-MANAGE" AND
EXPAND TRADE BY REMOVING MARKET
BARRIERS.

TO DETERMINE HOW WELL WE ARE DOING IN
REMOVING THESE BARRIERS AND LETTING
MARKET FORCES OPERATE, WE NEED
INDICATORS -- QUANTITATIVE AND
QUALITATIVE.

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE
ALREADY AGREED IN THE FRAMEWORK ON THE
NEED FOR THESE INDICATORS. THE QUESTION
IS WHAT THESE SPECIFIC INDICATORS WILL BE
FOR EACH "BASKET." THIS IS WHAT AMERICAN
AND JAPANESE NEGOTIATORS ARE NOW
TRYING TO WORK OUT.

THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT IS BEST
UNDERSTOOD IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF
U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS AND THE GLOBAL
ECONOMY.

AS THE TWO LARGEST ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN MUST HAVE A SHARED VISION OF OUR ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES -- AND WITH THIS SHARED VISION COME SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES. THE FRAMEWORK SETS IN PLACE A SYSTEMATIC, MUTUAL PROCESS TO REALIZE/THIS SHARED VISION AND TO HELP MOVE JAPAN'S ECONOMY IN A DIRECTION MORE APPROPRIATE TO ITS PRESENT ECONOMIC STATURE.

THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE FRAMEWORK IS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WORLD'S MAJOR INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIES -- THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE AND JAPAN -- SHOULD BE **EQUIVALENT IN TERMS OF THEIR OVERALL** OPENNESS TO IMPORTS AND INVESTMENT. IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE WILL BE IDENTICAL IN EVERY RESPECT; IN FACT, WE WILL **OBVIOUSLY CONTINUE TO BE VERY DIFFERENT** SOCIETIES. BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT OUR FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC PATTERNS SHOULD BE SIMILAR AND NOT SUBJECT TO A DOUBLE STANDARD.

BY HELPING TO OPEN MARKETS AND BOOST DOMESTIC DEMAND, SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK WILL STRENGTHEN JAPAN'S ECONOMY AND CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH JAPANESE AND FOREIGN COMPANIES.

BUT, EVEN MORE, IT WILL CREATE NEW
OPPORTUNITIES FOR JAPANESE CONSUMERS
AND HELP BRING THE LIVING STANDARDS OF
THE JAPANESE PEOPLE MORE IN LINE WITH
JAPAN'S WEALTH AS A NATION.

IN HIS INAUGURAL POLICY SPEECH TO THE DIET IN AUGUST, PRIME MINISTER HOSOKAWA STATED HIS INTENTION "TO WORK VIGOROUSLY FOR EXPANDED DOMESTIC DEMAND AND IMPROVED MARKET ACCESS AND FOR SUCH CONSUMER-ORIENTED POLICIES AS RECTIFYING THE DISPARITY BETWEEN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PRICES AND PROMOTING DEREGULATION, AND TO STRIVE TO REDUCE **OUR CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS, NOT JUST** TO MAINTAIN GOOD ECONOMIC RELATIONS, BUT ALSO TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF JAPANESE LIFE."

ESPECIALLY IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY -WHO JOIN WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN
CALLING FOR JAPAN TO DEREGULATE AND
OPEN ITS MARKETS, INCREASE CONSUMER
CHOICE, STIMULATE DOMESTIC DEMAND AND
REDUCE THE CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS.

AS YOU MAY RECALL, EACH OF THESE
GOALS WAS ALSO AMONG THE KEY
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TWO MAEKAWA
REPORTS IN 1986 AND 1987.

LIKEWISE, MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ECONOMIC REFORM

RESEARCH COUNCIL'S FINAL REPORT ON

DEREGULATION, WHICH IS BEING RELEASED

TODAY. CLEARLY, THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF

ROOM FOR PROGRESS ON THESE ISSUES.

JAPAN, OF COURSE, MUST MAKE ITS OWN
DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT ECONOMIC POLICIES
IT WANTS. BUT THESE CHOICES WILL
INEVITABLY HAVE INTERNATIONAL
IMPLICATIONS.

WITH ITS DECISION TO ACCEPT RICE
LIBERALIZATION UNDER THE GATT, FOR
EXAMPLE, JAPAN HAS EARNED THE RESPECT
AND GRATITUDE OF THE WORLD -- AND
JAPANESE CONSUMERS WILL ULTIMATELY
ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF ACCESS TO THE
WORLD RICE MARKET.

WITH THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, JAPAN
HAS SIGNALED THAT IT WANTS TO MOVE
TOWARD THE KIND OF BROAD ECONOMIC
OPENNESS THAT CHARACTERIZES THE OTHER
MAJOR INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. THE DETAILS

ARE YET TO BE WORKED OUT, HOWEVER, AND THESE WILL SHOW THE REAL SERIOUSNESS OF JAPAN'S COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING THIS GOAL.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, OR JAPANESE
BUSINESS, WHAT TO DO. THAT IS NOT MY
ROLE, AND I WILL NOT CROSS THAT LINE.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN DO HAVE
A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, HOWEVER. AS
FRIENDS, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE

STRAIGHTFORWARD AND CANDID WITH EACH OTHER. WHILE FRIENDS DO NOT TRY TO RUN EACH OTHER'S AFFAIRS, THEY ALSO DO NOT KEEP SILENT WHEN USEFUL ADVICE CAN BE OFFERED IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP.

DURING THE 1980S, AT EVERY G-7
MEETING, JAPAN AND THE OTHER MEMBERS
TOLD THE UNITED STATES THAT WE HAD TO
GET OUR BUDGET DEFICITS UNDER CONTROL.
AT THAT TIME, THESE DEFICITS WERE THE
MAJOR ASYMMETRY IN THE WORLD ECONOMY.

THESE DEFICITS WERE GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER EVERY YEAR. EVEN WORSE, WE WEREN'T DOING ANYTHING TO STOP THIS TREND -- MUCH LESS REVERSE IT. OUR FRIENDS IN JAPAN AND ELSEWHERE TOLD US THAT THIS COULD NOT BE SUSTAINED AND THAT WE NEEDED TO SHAPE UP -- FOR OUR OWN GOOD AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD ECONOMY.

THEY WERE RIGHT.

NOW THE UNITED STATES IS FINALLY ATTACKING THESE DEFICITS. IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT, BUT THE NEW PRESIDENT HAS SHOWN HIS LEADERSHIP AND CONGRESS HAS STEPPED IN LINE. THERE WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT DECISIONS DOWN THE ROAD, BUT AT 100 LEAST NOW WE ARE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT JAPAN AND THE OTHER G-7 MEMBERS KEPT REMINDING US OF THE URGENCY OF CORRECTING OUR DEFICIT.

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE PROPER

ADVICE THAT FRIENDS OWE TO EACH OTHER.

MY OWN COMMENTS THIS MORNING ARE OFFERED IN THE SAME SPIRIT. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN MUST ALWAYS BE BASED ON DIGNITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT. WE CANNOT ALLOW OUR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS TO PRODUCE THE FRUSTRATION AND MISTRUST THAT WOULD POISON OUR VERY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP. WE HAVE TOO MUCH AT STAKE TO PERMIT THIS TO HAPPEN.

WE SHOULD INSTEAD BE FOCUSED ON **WORKING TOGETHER AS PARTNERS TO FIND** COMMON GROUND, RESOLVE OUR PROBLEMS AND ENHANCE OUR COOPERATION. I KNOW THIS IS A TIME OF DIFFICULT DECISIONS FOR YOUR COUNTRY. AS EXPERIENCED BUSINESS LEADERS, YOUR KNOWLEDGE, JUDGMENT AND LEADERSHIP WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO HELP GUIDE JAPAN INTO THE FUTURE.

IF THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN CAN
WORK THROUGH OUR ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES -AND WE MUST -- THEN OUR TWO GREAT

NATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON

USING OUR ENORMOUS POWER AND INFLUENCE

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ADDRESSING THE

MANY OTHER PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD TODAY.

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APPROACH OUR ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN THE COMING MONTHS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU TOWARD THIS END.

THANK YOU.



Tokyo, Japan

December 15, 1993

UNCLASSIFIED MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Ambassador

THROUGH:

DCM - Rust M. Deming

FROM:

EMIN - John H. Penfold

SUBJECT:

Your Speech to the U.S. Committee of Keidanren,

10:30 A.M., December 16 at Keidanren Kaikan

The speech will take place at the Keidanren Kaikan's International Conference Room on the 11th floor. There will be about 200 Keidanren members present. You will be expected to speak for about 30-45 minutes (simultaneous translation) and then answer questions. Ross Corson, Fumiko Gregg and Kevin Honan will accompany you to the speech. There will be no press present at the speech. Keidanren has no objection if we release the text to the media. The scenario for the event is as follows:

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- Arrive Keidanren Kaikan, proceed to 11th floor 1030 International Conference Room where Mr. Makihara will greet you.
- 1035 Brief Introduction by Mr. Makihara followed by your speech. (You will be using a podium.)
- 1115 Speech ends. Floor will be opened for questions. Mr. Makihara will moderate. (simultaneous translation)
- 1155 Final thank you remarks by Mr. Makihara

1200 Depart Keidanren.

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Dear Ambassador Mondale,

With reference to my letter to you dated October 26, I now understand that you have kindly agreed to give a speech to the Keidanren Committee on U.S. Affairs on Thursday, December 16.

As chairman of the committee, I wish to extend my thanks to you for your valuable time which I am sure will be appreciated by all the members.

I expect that the meeting will be attended by about two hundred members and with your agreement, we would like to plan for a meeting starting at 10:30 A.M. and ending at 12:00 noon. We would hope that you would give a speech lasting from forty-five minutes to an hour, to be followed by a Q&A session. The meeting itself will probably be held in the international conference room of the Keidanren building.

By December 16, I would expect that a lot of things will have happened, such as the APEC meeting, President Clinton's meeting with Prime Minister Hosokawa, NAFTA, the Uruguay Round etc. Given such a fluid situation, I would suggest that perhaps we could set a very general topic such as "The Outlook for U.S.-Japan Relations" but perhaps you could let me know if you have any ideas.

I am going to be away in New York and Washington next week and then on to Taipei, so perhaps I could discuss further details with you towards the end of the month. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Yoshio Nakamura, Director, International Economic Affairs Department of the Keidanren (Tel 3279-1411). As necessary, he will be able to contact me wherever I am.

Thanking you again,

Yours sincerely,

Minoru Makihara

Chairman

Committee on U.S. Affairs

c.c. Mr. Kevin E. Honan First Secretary Embassy of the United States of America

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December 3, 1993

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(via fax: 03-3224-5010)

Dear Mr. Honan:

- 1. The Committee on U.S. Affairs will be held from 10:30 to 12:00 on December 16. Thursday, at the International Conference Room, 11th floor, Keidanren.
- 2. Mr. Minoru Makihara, Chairman of the Committee, President of Mitsubishi Corporation, will host the conference. He is supposed to make a brief introductory remarks and then introduce Ambassador Mondale. His memo of opening remarks is to be prepared by our Department, but not yet drafted. I will forward it to you when it is finalized.
- 3. The Ambassador is expected to make an approximate 45-minute speech. It will be followed by a Q&A session.
- 4. Mr. Masaya Miyoshi, President and Director-General of Keidanren, Mr. Kazuo Nukazawa, Managing Director of Keidanren, and Mr. Yoshio Nakamura, Director of International Economic Affairs Dept. of Keidanren also attend the conference.
- 5. I would appreciate getting a speech memorandum and a biography of the Ambassador. I want to forward it to interpreters in advance. We have already made an arrangement with interpreters. It is to be simultaneous interpretation.
- 6. I will provide you with a tentative list of the attendees as soon as a possible. Do you need an English list?

Sincerely yours,

Hiroki Tohya

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