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ARRIVAL STATEMENT

**THANK YOU FOR GREETING JOAN
AND ME HERE THIS EVENING. WE ARE
DELIGHTED TO BE IN YOUR WONDERFUL
COUNTRY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO LIVING
WITH YOU DURING MY TERM AS AMBASSADOR.**

**PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS ASKED ME TO
THANK THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN FOR YOUR
GENEROUS KINDNESS, WHICH MADE HIS RECENT
VISIT HERE SUCH A SUCCESS.**

THE PRESIDENT HAS OFTEN SAID THAT NO RELATIONSHIP IN THE WORLD IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED STATES THAN OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH JAPAN. IF WE ARE ABLE TO STRENGTHEN OUR UNDERSTANDING AND OUR APPRECIATION OF EACH OTHER, THEN VIRTUALLY EVERY PROBLEM IN THE WORLD BECOMES MORE MANAGEABLE. THE WORLD DEPENDS ON AN EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

THE TRUTH IS THAT WE LIVE AT A TIME OF MOMENTOUS CHANGE IN THE WORLD.

FORTUNATELY, THIS CHANGE IS CAUSED NOT BY WAR AND DESTRUCTION, BUT BY THE PEACEFUL TRIUMPH OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. THERE IS ALSO A GROWING UNIVERSAL REALIZATION THAT OUR BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR GLOBAL PROSPERITY AND GROWTH IS WITH FREE ECONOMIES OPERATING IN AN OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRADING AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

THAT IS THE GOOD NEWS. YET OUR WORK HAS JUST BEGUN, AND MANY FORMIDABLE CHALLENGES REMAIN.

TO MENTION ONLY A FEW, WE NEED TO ENSURE THE HEALTH OF THE WORLD ECONOMY; ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS; HALT THE SPREAD OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION; AND PROTECT THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT. NOBODY HAS MORE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE, AND OTHER, EFFORTS THAN DO THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, I HAVE MET EXTENSIVELY WITH AMERICAN ACADEMIC, BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON JAPAN.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, I LOOK FORWARD
TO MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER HOSAKAWA
AND THE OTHER LEADERS OF YOUR
GOVERNMENT — AS WELL AS WITH JAPANESE
EXPERTS AND LEADERS FROM MANY FIELDS OF
LIFE.

JOAN AND I WANT TO DEEPEN OUR
UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR MARVELOUS
CULTURE AND HISTORY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
TRAVELING THROUGHOUT JAPAN TO MEET AND
MAKE MANY NEW FRIENDS. WE KNOW WE WILL
LOVE OUR STAY HERE.

AGAIN THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE.

Arrival Statement in Tokyo
Ambassador Walter F. Mondale
September 14, 1993

Thank you for greeting Joan and me here this evening. We are delighted to be in your wonderful country and we look forward to living with you during my term as Ambassador.

President Clinton has asked me to thank the people of Japan for your generous kindness, which made his recent visit here such a success.

The President has often said that no relationship in the world is more important to the United States than our partnership with Japan. If we are able to strengthen our understanding and our appreciation of each other, then virtually every problem in the world becomes more manageable. The world depends on an effective partnership between the United States and Japan.

The truth is that we live at a time of momentous change in the world. Fortunately, this change is caused not by war and destruction, but by the peaceful triumph of freedom and democracy. There is also a growing universal realization that our best opportunity for global prosperity and growth is with free economies operating in an open international trading and financial system.

That is the good news. Yet our work has just begun, and many formidable challenges remain. To mention only a few, we need to ensure the health of the world economy; advance the cause of democracy and human rights; halt the spread of weapons of mass destruction; and protect the global environment. Nobody has more to contribute to these, and other, efforts than do the United States and Japan.

Over the past few months, I have met extensively with American academic, business and governmental experts on Japan. In the weeks ahead, I look forward to meeting with Prime Minister Hosokawa and the other leaders of your government — as well as with Japanese experts and leaders from many fields of life.

Joan and I want to deepen our understanding of your marvelous culture and history. We look forward to traveling throughout Japan to meet and make many new friends. We know we will love our stay here.

Again thanks for your kindness. We are delighted to be here.



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