

**REMARKS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
EMBASSY HOUSING COMPOUND
JUNE 26, 1994**

**ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CLINTON, I AM DELIGHTED
TO WELCOME THE AMERICAN AND JAPANESE STAFF OF OUR
EMBASSY — AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES AND MANY
FRIENDS — FOR THIS EARLY CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S
INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

**ON THE 4TH OF JULY EACH YEAR, WE COMMEMORATE
THE FORMAL ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE BY THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS IN
PHILADELPHIA IN 1776. THIS EVENT MARKED THE BIRTH OF
A NEW DEMOCRATIC NATION WITH A PROFOUND
STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS.**

(CONTRARY TO RUMORS, HOWEVER, I WAS NOT PRESENT
AT THE CREATION.)

ON THIS OCCASION, WE SHOULD RECALL THE BOLD
WORDS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON:

"WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT — THAT
ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL; THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED
BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS;
THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT
OF HAPPINESS; THAT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS,
GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN, DERIVING
THEIR JUST POWER FROM THE CONSENT OF THE
GOVERNED."

THESE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY AND SELF-
GOVERNMENT ARE AS COMPELLING TODAY AS THEY HAVE
EVER BEEN.

THE WORDS OF THE DECLARATION AND THE EXAMPLE
OF UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO MANY
PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD IN THEIR STRUGGLES FOR
FREEDOM. MOST RECENTLY, WE HAVE SEEN THE REWARDS
OF THIS STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA. LESS THAN FIVE
YEARS AGO, NELSON MANDELA WAS IN PRISON — AND HAD
BEEN THERE FOR ALMOST THREE DECADES. TODAY, HE IS
THE DEMOCRATICALLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HIS
COUNTRY. HIS LEADERSHIP RENEWS OUR HOPE ABOUT THE
PROSPECTS FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD.

AS THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR, IT IS MY HOPE
THAT OUR COUNTRY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN CAN
DEMONSTRATE THE VERY BEST ABOUT AMERICA:

- OUR CONCERN FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY;
- OUR DEVOTION TO HUMAN DIGNITY AND JUSTICE,
BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD;
- OUR RESPECT AND APPRECIATION FOR HUMAN
DIVERSITY; AND
- OUR STRIVING FOR A WORLD IN WHICH ALL PEOPLE
CAN ENJOY PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

SO, AS WE COMMEMORATE THE PAST, LET US ALSO
LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

LET US BE FAITHFUL TO THE IDEALS THAT HAVE MADE
OUR NATION SO GREAT.

LET US WORK TOGETHER TO CONTINUE MAKING THESE
IDEALS A REALITY — IN AMERICA AND WORLDWIDE.

AND, IN THE BEST OF AMERICAN TRADITIONS, LET US
ENJOY THIS SPECIAL DAY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



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