

1995 JAPAN PRIZE BANQUET
REMARKS OF AMBASSADOR MONDALE
(APRIL 27, 1995)

YOUR MAJESTIES. [PRESIDENT ITO...
DR. HOLONYAK...DR. KNIPLING...DISTINGUISHED
GUESTS.

ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CLINTON AND
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I AM HONORED TO
HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY MY
PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. ~~TONIGHT'S~~
KNIPLING AND DR. HOLONYAK. AWARDEES

THE JAPAN PRIZE, LIKE THE NOBEL PRIZE,
IS ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS
[FOR SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE] IN THE WORLD.
[TODAY.] THIS YEAR, THE JAPAN PRIZE HONORS YOU

TWO OUTSTANDING AMERICANS -- DR.

HOLONYAK, FOR HIS RESEARCH ON THE

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF LASERS AND

DIODES; AND DR. KNIPLING FOR HIS

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENTALLY

FRIENDLY CONTROL OF INSECTS. ~~THEIR~~ WHOSE

SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS REPRESENT AN

IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE, WELL-

BEING, AND PROSPERITY OF HUMANKIND.

IT IS A SPECIAL HONOR TO BE THE
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TONIGHT AS YOU
HONOR THESE TWO SUPERB AMERICAN
SCIENTISTS.

IT IS, OF COURSE, AN ENORMOUS TRIBUTE
TO THEM PERSONALLY, BUT I BELIEVE IT ALSO
UNDERScores THE VALIDITY OF THE
AMERICAN SYSTEM WHICH CHAMPIONS THE
FREE FLOW OF IDEAS; ENCOURAGES AND
SUPPORTS INDEPENDENT AND CREATIVE
PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH; AND
WHICH TAPS THE GENIUS OF THE HOLONYAKS
AND THE KNIPLINGS OF OUR NATION THROUGH
OPEN ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
FOR THE GIFTED SCHOLARS AMONG OUR
CITIZENRY.

FOR AMERICANS, THE DEVELOPMENT AND
ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE GENIUS AND SPIRIT
OF OUR PEOPLE IS A CENTRAL GOAL OF OUR

SOCIETY. I PRAY THAT THIS OBJECTIVE WILL
ALWAYS REMAIN AT THE HEART OF THE
AMERICAN IDEAL.

THROUGH ADVANCES IN COMMUNICATIONS
AND TRAVEL, THE WORLD TODAY IS MORE
OPEN AND INTERDEPENDENT THAN EVER.
THE SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES WE FACE ARE
ALSO INCREASINGLY GLOBAL IN NATURE. [I
BELIEVE THAT] AMERICA AND JAPAN, AS THE
TWO LARGEST ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD,
HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD
GLOBAL COOPERATION IN SOLVING OUR
COMMON SCIENTIFIC PROBLEMS.

THOS

SO I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT WE

ARE JOINED HERE TONIGHT TO HONOR THE
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION OF DR.
HOLONYAK AND DR. KNIPLING. JAPAN'S
RECOGNITION OF THEIR EXCELLENCE BRINGS
GREAT JOY TO US ALL.

THANK YOU.



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