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EMBASSY OF JAPAN

46 GROSVENOR STREET

LONDON W1X 0BA

24 April, 1989

Dear Prime Minister,

My wife and I wish to thank you wholeheartedly for kindly including us in the important luncheon you gave for H. I. H. Prince Fumihito at Chequers on Saturday. The Prince was visibly enjoying himself, especially conversing with you and His Royal Highness Prince Edward.

On my part, I was much gratified to hear your views on so many important matters; my wife and I also enjoyed meeting and speaking with your husband.

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All in all, with the high caliber of the guests you had invited, and the wonderful surroundings, it was a memorable occasion, I trust not only for Prince Fumihito, but for us as well.

Thanking you again, my wife and I wish you the best of health, which is the foundation of the indispensable leadership you are giving to the world.

Yours sincerely,

Kayuo Okita

**HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FUMIHITO OF JAPAN (ALSO KNOWN AS PRINCE AYA)**

Prince Aya was born in Tokyo on 30 November 1965, the second son of His Majesty Emperor Akihito.

In October 1988 Prince Aya began a post-graduate course in Marine Biology at St John's College Oxford, after spending two months staying with Mr and Mrs Leonard Ingrams to improve his English. His studies have been interrupted by the illness and subsequent death of his grandfather, the late Emperor Showa (Hirohito). At Japanese request Special Branch provide 24 hour protection for Prince Aya.

Prince Aya was educated at Gakushuin School in Tokyo and graduated from the Department of Politics of the Faculty of Law Gekushuin University in March 1988. He also received extensive private tuition in biology and has written a research paper on the taxonomy of Thai Catfish to be submitted to the Japanese Journal of Ichthyology.

He is President of the Yamashina Institute of Ornithology and of the World Wildlife Fund Japan (his inauguration ceremony was attended by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the World Wildlife Fund International). Prince Aya has visited New Zealand, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. He has also visited the UK previously, when, in 1985, he came to see his older brother, now HIH Crown Prince Naruhito, who studied at Merton College Oxford from 1983 to 1985.

Prince Aya's favourite sports are tennis and table tennis. He is also reputed to be fond of fast cars and rock music.



cc: B/CLP (1)

MR. POWELL

Lunch for Prince Fumihoto  
Saturday, 22 April

I attach the list of guests attending the lunch on Saturday for Prince Fumihoto together with an outline programme and a draft seating plan.

If you agree, could the seating plan please go into the Prime Minister's box for approval.

Sue Goodchild

Prime Minister

20 April 1989

Content with the seating plan? I have put Prince Edward to other side of Prince Fumihoto (rather than beside you) so that they can talk. con.

SEATING PLAN FOR LUNCH ON SATURDAY, 22 APRIL

Dr. David Drewry	Mrs. Powell
Mrs. Ingrams	Sir Peter Imbert
Professor William Hayes	The Countess of Dalkeith
Lady Imbert	HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE EDWARD
Dr. Akira Fuji	HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FUMIHITO
MR. DENIS THATCHER	PRIME MINISTER
Mrs. Chiba	His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan
The Earl of Dalkeith	Mrs. Hayes
Mrs. Drewry	The Hon. William Waldegrave
Mr. Leonard Ingrams	Miss Carol Thatcher
Mr. Charles Powell	



LIST OF GUESTS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY THE  
PRIME MINISTER AND MR. DENIS THATCHER IN HONOUR OF HIS IMPERIAL  
HIGHNESS PRINCE FUMIHITO OF JAPAN ON SATURDAY, 22 APRIL 1989  
AT 12.30 PM FOR 1.00 PM AT CHEQUERS

The Prime Minister  
and Mr. Denis Thatcher

His Imperial Highness Prince Fumihito

His Royal Highness The Prince Edward

His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan  
and Mrs. Chiba

Dr. Akira Fuji  
Chamberlain to  
HIH Prince Fumihito

The Hon. William Waldegrave, MP

The Earl of Dalkeith  
and The Countess of Dalkeith  
HIH Prince Fumihito met  
them in Scotland

Sir Peter Imbert  
and Lady Imbert  
Chief Commissioner, Metropolitan  
Police. Visited Japan in December  
Responsible for personal  
protection of HIH Prince Fumihito

Professor William Hayes  
and Mrs. Hayes  
Master, St. John's College, Oxford  
HIH Prince Fumihito studies  
at St. Johns

Mr. Leonard Ingrams  
and Mrs. Ingrams  
HIH Prince Fumihito's hosts for  
6 weeks in August/September  
while he improved his English

Dr. David Drewry  
and Mrs. Drewry  
Director, British Antarctic  
Survey Team

Miss Carol Thatcher

Mr. Charles Powell  
and Mrs. Powell

OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY, 22 APRIL 1989

- 1230 British guests arrive
- 1235 His Imperial Highness Prince Fumihito arrives  
accompanied by:  
His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan  
and Mrs. Chiba  
Dr. Akira Fuji
- 1240 His Royal Highness The Prince Edward arrives
- 1315 Sit down to lunch



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MRS. PONSONBY

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LUNCH FOR JAPANESE PRINCE

The Prime Minister had been going to give lunch at Chequers for Prince Fumihito, who is currently at Oxford, sometime in January but he had to return to Tokyo following the Emperor's death. The Prime Minister would like to reinstate the lunch and we shall need to find a Saturday or Sunday at Chequers when she could do so. I understand the Prince is likely to be here until the end of the Oxford term in mid-June but not thereafter.

Could you please let me have a suggested date.

C. D. POWELL

28 February 1989

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EMBASSY OF JAPAN  
46 GROSVENOR STREET  
LONDON W1X 0BA

12th January 1989

Dear Prime Minister,

I have today received a cable from Tokyo advising me that His Imperial Highness Prince Fumihito is unlikely to return to his studies at Oxford University until after the Funeral Ceremony of His late Majesty The Emperor, which is to take place on 24th of February. The Imperial Family are observing strict Court Mourning during a period of fifty days after the demise of His late Majesty.

His Imperial Highness has particularly requested me to convey to you his gratitude for your kind invitation to luncheon at Chequers on 22nd January, and to tell you how much he regrets that he cannot now be present. The Prince hopes that he may count on your understanding of the situation.

May I add my personal regrets for any inconvenience you may have been caused.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Kazuo Chiba*

Kazuo Chiba  
Ambassador

The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,  
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury,  
10, Downing Street,  
London, S.W.1.



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MRS GAISMAN

JAPAN: CROWN PRINCES'S SON

The second son of the Crown Prince of Japan is spending a year at Oxford. The Prime Minister would like to invite him to a lunch at Chequers in the first three months of next year. Could you look for possible dates. We can make contact with the Crown Prince's son - who is returning to Tokyo for Christmas - through the Japanese Ambassador's office.

C. D. POWELL

26 November 1988

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mrs. Gaisman

JAPAN: CROWN PRINCE'S SON

You said some time ago that you ought to invite the Crown Prince of Japan's second son, who is now at Oxford, to lunch at Chequers. You will recall that you did the same for the first son some years ago.

The Japanese Ambassador recently reminded me of this. The Crown Prince's son is returning to Tokyo over Christmas, but is due back at Oxford in January, although if the Emperor dies, he may have to return to Japan for a while. Would you like Tessa to find a Saturday or Sunday in February/March when he could lunch at Chequers?

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C. D. POWELL  
25 November 1988

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PRIME MINISTER

Lunch for Prince Hiro  
Chequers: Saturday, 18 February

I attach the list of guests attending the lunch tomorrow at Chequers for Prince Hiro together with the seating plan.

The Prince's formal title is His Imperial Highness Prince Naruhito. On first introduction, he should be addressed as Your Imperial Highness and thereafter as Prince Hiro.

*Sue Goodchild*

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17 February 1984

c.c. Mr. Denis Thatcher  
Mr. Mark Thatcher  
Mr. Robin Butler

LIST OF GUESTS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER  
AND MR. DENIS THATCHER IN HONOUR OF HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS  
PRINCE NARUHITO ON SATURDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1984 AT 12.30 PM FOR 1.00 PM

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The Prime Minister  
and Mr. Denis Thatcher

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, The Hon. Mrs. Angus Ogilvy  
and The Hon. Angus Ogilvy

His Imperial Highness Prince Naruhito

His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan  
and Mrs. Hirahara

Dr. Akira Fuji

Prince Hiro's chamberlain

Rt. Hon. Nicholas Ridley, MP  
and Mrs. Ridley

The Earl of Mansfield  
and The Countess of Mansfield

Received Prince Hiro at their  
home in Scone Palace

Sir Clive Sinclair

Colonel Tom Hall  
and Mrs. Hall

Chairman of International  
Language Centres Ltd.

Owner of the language school  
where Prince Hiro spent summer  
1983

Miss Karen Fortson

Mr. Mark Thatcher

Mr. Robin Butler



SEATING PLAN FOR LUNCH ON SATURDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1984

Colonel Tom Hall

Mr. Mark Thatcher

Miss Karen Fortson

HE The Japanese Ambassador

The Earl of Mansfield

Mrs. Ridley

Mrs. Hirahara

HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS  
PRINCE NARUHITO

MR. DENIS THATCHER

PRIME MINISTER

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA  
THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY

THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY

The Rt. Hon. Nicholas Ridley

The Countess of Mansfield

Dr. Akira Fuji

Sir Clive Sinclair

Mrs. Hall

Mr. Robin Butler

ENTRANCE

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

17 February 1984

Dear John,

Lunch at Chequers on 18 February

The Prime Minister is giving lunch tomorrow to Prince Hiro of Japan. You might find the following background useful.

Prince Hiro, who will be 24 on 23 February, is the eldest son of the Japanese Crown Prince and thus second in line to the Imperial throne. He went to Australia for a short period of schooling in 1974 but otherwise his education has been in Japan. He arrived in the UK in June 1983 for preparatory language tuition before starting his M.Litt studies in October at Merton College, Oxford. His subject at Oxford is mediaeval history with special emphasis on water transport. As far as we are aware, his studies have been progressing satisfactorily apart from some initial problems (now overcome) with his English.

Prince Hiro has made one official visit, to Brazil in 1982, when he also visited New York and Mexico. His main interests are sport and music. He is a keen tennis player (reputedly unbeaten since his arrival in Britain) and also went skiing in Liechtenstein this January. He will no doubt have been following the Winter Olympics closely. He plays the viola, cello and piano and is expected to take part in a concert at St John's, Smith Square, in May with a touring Japanese orchestra. The Prince is a personable, although slightly shy, young man, who is quite ready to relax in conversation after some initial hesitation.

The Prince's parents are to visit the UK from 4-7 March on their return from an official visit to Zaire and Senegal, and will travel to Oxford to see the Prince. They will be calling on Colonel Hall who will be a lunch guest on 18 February, and in whose house Prince Hiro stayed for three months while studying English last summer. They are lunching with HM The Queen on 6 March, but the visit is otherwise private. The Prime Minister might enquire after the health of the Prince's grandfather (the Emperor). When

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street

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/Sir Hugh





Sir Hugh Cortazzi had his farewell audience on 25 January the Emperor seemed to be well for a man of 82, although he shows some signs of age. Sir Hugh Cortazzi was able to congratulate their Majesties on their 60th wedding anniversary which fell on 26 January.

Prince Hiro (and the Imperial Family in general) has no direct involvement and probably not a great deal of interest in international political and economic questions. The Prime Minister may nevertheless like to be reminded of the main strands of UK-Japan relations. The relationship is inevitably affected by the existence of a trading deficit of £2,600m in our bilateral visible trade. (Japanese exports to the UK were £3,374m in 1983 and UK exports to Japan £797m.) Nonetheless Japanese investment in the UK, noticeably the Nissan deal, and voluntary restraint arrangements in sensitive areas of Japanese exports, do help the trading relationship. There are currently talks taking place in Tokyo between the EC and the Japanese Government on trading matters during which the EC will be encouraging the Japanese, in their next package of measures to promote imports, not to concentrate entirely on measures aimed to meet US concerns.

Apart from the Crown Prince and Princess's private visit there are a number of high level visits planned for the first six months of 1984. Captain Mark Phillips visits Japan privately at the beginning of March. Mr Tebbit and Sir G Howe are planning trips to Tokyo during the Easter recess. Mr Nakasone and other Japanese Ministers will be coming to London for the Economic Summit.

On the political and cultural level relations between the two countries remain good in spite of the Japanese Government's refusal last December to accept a visit by HMS Invincible. This episode, which was in large part the result of pressures during the Japanese election campaign, is not expected to have any long term effects. The Japanese Government have said that they look forward to ships' visits from the UK in the future.

*Yan*  
*Peter Ricketts*  
 (P F Ricketts)  
 Private Secretary



*With the compliments of*

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SIR ANTONY ACLAND

A. J. C. -  $\frac{2}{2}$

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FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, SW1

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*Thank you.*

*Yes (M) 1/2*

FROM: M Elliott  
Far Eastern Department

DATE: 1 February 1984

cc: Mr Donald  
Protocol Department

PS/PUS

*Pl. copy to Mr Cole No. 10.*

PRINCE HIRO

1. Colonel Hall telephoned this morning. He said that it has now been agreed that the Japanese Crown Prince and Princess will call on him at Chiselhampton House during the morning of Monday 5 March. They will then go on to lunch with Sir Rex Richards at Merton, and will then call at Broughton Castle during the afternoon. The purpose in all cases is evidently to express gratitude for all that those concerned have done for Prince Hiro.
2. Colonel Hall added that the teacher whom he had provided to give Prince Hiro additional English coaching during the first term at Oxford has now been withdrawn. Prince Hiro is having some help from a fellow student at Merton but not of any formal kind.
3. Colonel Hall suggested that the PUS might like to be aware of these developments.

*M Elliott*

1 February 1984

M Elliott  
Far Eastern Department



10 DOWNING STREET

MR. COLES

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Please note on the attached guest list I have not included Carol and Mark nor a Lady-in-Waiting for Princess Alexandra should she accept.

*Sue*

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24 January 1984





10 DOWNING STREET

MR. COLES

Chequers and Round Tables

I am told by Chequers  
that they can get 10 people  
round the tables down there -  
they set the tables differently  
from No. 10 or something!!!

Sue

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24 January 1984

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*See Sue Goodchild*



*1) Caroline & Mark  
2) see Goodchild - to  
submit draft guest  
list pl.*

Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
London SW1A 2AH

20 January 1984

*A.S.C. 20/1*

*Dear John,*

Prince Hiro of Japan

Thank you for your letter of 11 January.

It is confirmed that Prince Hiro will be able to accept an invitation from the Prime Minister to lunch at Chequers on Saturday 18 February.

Of those mentioned in Roger Bone's letter of 9 January, we think that on reflection it would not be appropriate to invite the Earl and Countess of Haddington; the Earl is aged 89, and as his home is in Scotland he might well be reluctant to travel. From the Japanese side we recommend that the Japanese Ambassador and his wife should be invited and the Japanese would also hope that the Prince's Chamberlain, Dr Fuji, could be included. For the remainder of the list, and the reserves, we are suggesting names from the musical and artistic world, bearing in mind the Prince's interest (he plays the viola, cello and piano). In view of the Prince's own age (he will be 24 on 23 February) we have included one rather younger couple. On this basis we propose the following:

- (The Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher)
- Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy
- Prince Hiro
- The Japanese Ambassador and Mrs Hirahara
- Lord and Lady Mansfield
- Lord and Lady Saye and Sele
- Col and Mrs Hall
- ~~Mr and Mrs Yehudi Menuhin~~ *abroad*
- Mr and Mrs Simon Rattle
- Dr Fuji

Reserves:

- Sir Colin and Lady Davis
- Mr and Mrs Julian Lloyd-Webber
- Sir Hugh and Lady Casson
- Sir Roy and Lady Strong
- Sir Clive and Lady Sinclair

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As the Prince will already have met most of those on the first list, you could consider dropping (for example) Lord and Lady Saye and Sele, and go straight for a couple from the reserve list.

*Yours ever,*

*Peter Ricketts*

(P F Ricketts)  
Private Secretary

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Japan: Dec 83



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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

11 January 1984

Prince Hiro of Japan

Thank you for your letter of 9 January.

The Prime Minister has decided that she would like to offer Prince Hiro lunch at Chequers on Saturday 18 February. Could you please establish whether he could accept an invitation on that day. In the light of your reply, it is the Prime Minister's intention to invite Princess Alexandra and her husband. It would be helpful if you could let me have a draft guest list for a total of 18 people (including the other names in your letter but not the Duke and Duchess of Kent).

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

PRINCE HIRO OF JAPAN

You said at Chequers the other day that you thought you should entertain Prince Hiro before his father and mother visit the UK. I have now established that they are coming from 4 - 7 March.

✓ Would you like to offer Prince Hiro lunch at Chequers on either Saturday, 18 February or Sunday, 28 February?

You mentioned the possibility of inviting the Kents or the Ogilvies. The Duke and Duchess of Kent visited Japan in 1979 (and also 1973). The Ogilvies have not been there since 1965 but Princess Alexandra invited Prince Hiro for a drink when he arrived here in June and opened the Great Japan Exhibition in 1981 with his great-aunt, Princess Chichibu. Would you like to invite the Ogilvies to lunch with Prince Hiro?

*Yes please not*

I will let you have a full draft guest list later.

*A. J. C.*

10 January 1984





10 DOWNING STREET

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What is  
happening about  
the coronation  
Prince of Japan.

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Mr. Dyer.

See attached papers. When,  
some time before 4 Dec, can we  
do it?

A.J.C. 10/1.

Lat. 18 Feb 01  
Sun 28 " at Chequer  
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

9 January 1984

*Dear Sir,*

Thank you for your letter of 5 January about the Prime Minister's desire to offer a meal to Prince Hiro of Japan (not in fact the Crown Prince as his grandfather the Emperor is still alive).

The dates proposed for the unofficial visit to the UK by the Prince's father and mother, the Crown Prince and Princess, are 4 - 7 March.

You asked about the Kents' and the Ogilvies' connections with Japan. The Duke and Duchess of Kent visited the country last in 1979 and before that in 1973. The Ogilvies have not been there since 1965. However Princess Alexandra invited Prince Hiro for a drink when he arrived here in June, and opened the Great Japan Exhibition in 1981 with his great-aunt, Princess Chichibu. We believe that on balance Princess Alexandra probably has the stronger connection with Japan, but not decisively so.

The two acquaintances to whom Sir Antony Acland referred are Colonel Tom Hall, Chairman of International Language Centres Ltd and a Gentleman at Arms in the Royal Household, and his wife. Prince Hiro stayed with the Halls for three months during the summer when he was receiving private tuition in English arranged by Colonel Hall. The Prime Minister might also like to be aware that Lord and Lady Mansfield have received Prince Hiro at their home in Scone Palace, where they had earlier entertained the Crown Prince and Princess; and that the Earl of Haddington and Lord Saye and Sele have had Prince Hiro to stay for a few days at their homes near Edinburgh and Banbury respectively.

*Yours faithfully*  
*R B Bone*

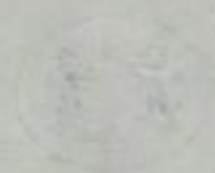
(R B Bone)  
Private Secretary

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**10 DOWNING STREET**

*From the Private Secretary*

5 January 1984

CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN

As you know, the Prime Minister wishes to offer the Crown Prince a meal at some point while he is in this country.

I understood from Sir Antony Acland yesterday that the Crown Prince's mother and father propose to visit the UK to see their son. The Prime Minister believes that she should offer him a meal before they come. I should therefore be grateful to know what the dates of this visit are.

① BFA

Two other points. The Prime Minister has it in mind to invite either the Kents or the Ogilvies to the same occasion. I should be grateful to know of any connection which they have with Japan and of which you are aware.

Finally, Sir Antony Acland mentioned to me some weeks ago that he thought it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to invite to the meal two acquaintances of his who had done much for the Crown Prince while he was in this country. I should be grateful if Michael Jay, to whom I am copying this letter, could provide me with their names.

② JH

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Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

Crown Prince of Japan

You have said that you would like to invite the Crown Prince to lunch one weekend (the Japanese prefer the weekend because their Royal Family wish to avoid the Prince's studies being disrupted by other engagements).

May we now offer lunch at Chequers on either Sunday 19 February or Sunday 26 February?

A.S.C.

May I see the diary?

20 December 1983

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The S.A. agrees to the same dates and wd. the 19th & 26th but also either the Kent or the Opilvice. A.S.C. 23/12.

Kent  
Opilvice

