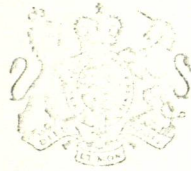


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THE PRIME MINISTER

18 June, 1982

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your message, conveyed to me by Ambassador Hirahara on 28 May, in which you outlined the latest trade measures adopted by your Government. I should like to take this opportunity to acknowledge also the more detailed material sent to the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Trade.

I welcome the further steps described in your message to open the Japanese market to increased manufactured imports. I see them as further evidence that your Government wishes to undertake a sustained effort to make the Japanese economy as open to inward trade and investment as the other major free economies.

I believe this sustained effort is very important both for your country and for other industrial countries, and that the secure maintenance of the open trading system certainly requires such an effort. As you know I much admire the economic success of your country, which has made the Japanese economy the second largest in the free world. I appreciate the great national effort which has been required to achieve this. But this success has been dependent on the open trading system and carries with it particular responsibilities towards that system.

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Exports have played a very large part in your success. Japanese prosperity will be more secure and the risks of protectionist reactions less if your economy which has made so much progress now becomes a more open economy and one less dependent on exports for its growth.

So I hope that, given the strength of your economy, we may look forward quite soon to a situation, resulting from measures taken by the Japanese Government and private sector, in which Japan's import performance becomes comparable to that of other major developed countries, and to a time when there is a much more balanced interchange of trade, commerce and investment between Japan and the other free industrial economies. I am sure this would be to the benefit of us all. I hope therefore that the measures about which you wrote to me, useful as they are, will be followed by further and even more far reaching steps.

I look forward to discussing these issues with you when I visit Tokyo in September.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Dickey

His Excellency Mr. Zenko Suzuki
