



Japan

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

12 January 1981

Dear Michael,

Message from the Japanese Foreign Minister

I enclose a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr Ito, the Japanese Foreign Minister, thanking her for the hospitality extended to him during his visit in December.

The Prime Minister has recently sent a message to the Japanese Prime Minister following Mr Ito's visit (your letter of 23 December). We do not think that a reply to Mr Ito is required. We have written to the Japanese Embassy to acknowledge receipt of his letter.

Yours ever,

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Private Secretary

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TOKYO, JAPAN

Prime Minister

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Prime Minister

December 22, 1980

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My dear Prime Minister,

I thank you very much for the warm welcome and hospitality you extended to me during my recent visit to your country.

It was my great honour and pleasure that I had an opportunity to exchange views with you personally on various important matters of our common concern. I found our talk very informative and fruitful, which, I believe, will serve as a valuable guideline for me in working for world peace and security and the strengthening of friendly relations between our two countries.

Since it is imperative for us, the industrialized democracies, to continue to work in close cooperation under the present international situation, I should like to reiterate my Government's intention to maintain as closest contacts as possible with your Government on various matters of our common concern.

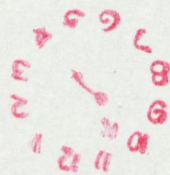
With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Masayoshi Ito

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The Right Honourable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister of
the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland



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