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The House of Commons.

26th November 1986

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP,
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Prime Minister

Yes no

*Agree to all the
 members of the Japan
 2000 Group in January,
 before they go to Tokyo?*

Dear Prime Minister,

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The third meeting of the UK-Japan 2000 Group will be held in Japan from Friday, 16th January to Monday, 19th January 1987. You may remember that, last January, following the second meeting, Jim Prior handed over the UK Chairmanship to me and I have been in charge of the preparations for the third meeting. The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed of what we are up to and to find out whether you would wish to meet members of the UK team before we leave for Japan, and how you would like us to report to HMG after our return.

You will remember that the Group was set up with the blessing of Prime Minister Nakasone and yourself following the 1984 UK-Japan Summit. Two meetings have been held so far, the first in Japan in February 1985 and the second at the NatWest Staff College, Heythrop Park in Oxfordshire, in January 1986. After that second meeting, you were kind enough to entertain members of both teams to lunch at Number 10 when you heard from the two Chairmen, Jim Prior and Ambassador Tadao Kato, the main thrust of our discussions. Since then I have kept in close touch with the FCO and have discussed with Geoffrey Howe the future of the Group and the role it might play as relations develop between the two countries. I have recently returned from a two-week visit to Japan where the Japanese Government arranged a very useful round of talks with a number of Ministries, including a meeting with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Kunahari. I was able to keep the British Embassy informed of my discussions and I had lunch with Sir John Whitehead the day after he took up his post in Tokyo.

It is clear that the 2000 Group is regarded by the Japanese Authorities as an important non-Governmental instrument for promoting understanding and furthering relations between the two countries and this point was made expressly to me and Ambassador Kato by Mr. Kunahari himself.

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I came away from last January's meeting at Heythrop Park persuaded of two things. First, the Japanese are much better than we are at looking fifteen or twenty years ahead and identifying future trends, whether in markets or otherwise. Second, they fielded a rather stronger team than we did and, in particular, their industrial representation was at a much higher level than ours.

On the first point, the CBI has reacted very positively. You will know that their under-35 "Vision 20/10" Group made its first report to the CBI Conference earlier this month. The Chairman of the Group, Mark Nicholson of Barclays Bank, will be coming to Japan in January as a member of our team, and the CBI is writing a paper to which he will speak. On the second point, I have been able to persuade a number of prominent industrialists to join the Group and to come with us to Japan. I attach a list of the proposed British participants and you will see that it includes, among others the Chairmen of GKN, IBM (UK), Rolls Royce and of Lloyds Bank. These are all new participants, as is Sir Hugh Cortazzi our former Ambassador.

Moreover, last January, we identified education reform as a subject of common interest. Accordingly I invited Kenneth Baker to join the team and to table a paper; I am happy to say that he has agreed (I understand with your consent). (I sincerely hope that the continuing dispute of teacher's pay will not stand in the way of his coming with us.)

This is a significantly stronger group than we have fielded in the past. It was made clear to me in Tokyo that both in the 2000 Group and in the Japanese Government, there is much satisfaction that we have been able to add so many distinguished names to our team.

There is however one disquieting issue which persists. While there is a great deal of respect in Japan for those in Britain who have over the years striven to build good relations with that country (notably, of course, Julian Ridsdale), it is also evident that the Japanese came to regard the Anglo-Japan Parliamentary Group as too narrowly based, and that they see the 2000 Group, drawn as it is more widely, as much better placed to achieve the objectives we all have in mind. I have done my best to make it clear that the 2000 Group does not in any way seek to replace the several existing channels of communication, but inevitably some hard feelings continue.

Turning to the subjects for discussion next January, they include:-

- (a) the usual briefing on recent political and economic events in the two countries;
- (b) discussion of the socio-economic changes in the UK and Japan over the next fifteen years, and their possible impact on the UK-Japan relationship. I envisage that this will be the opportunity to discuss the Maekawa report and what the Japanese Government is doing to implement its recommendations, and also the CBI's "Vision 20/10" paper;
- (c) a discussion of the European-Japanese relationship and the role of the two countries in the global context. I have received indications of Japanese unhappiness with their relationship with the Community and some suggestions that Britain is, at least in part, responsible for this;
- (d) a discussion on educational reform in Japan and the UK. Both sides agree that the reforms currently in hand could have a profound impact on the development of our two countries over the next two decades; and

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(e) a discussion on science/technology cooperation between our two countries. Under this head, we propose to table a paper suggesting a much wider exchange of younger technologists and managers between firms in Britain and firms in Japan with a view to promoting a better understanding in both countries of each others' scientific, technological and industrial cultures. There is also under discussion the establishment in Britain of what is being called a 'Japan Centre' which, though University-based, would be sponsored by Japanese industry. It would provide a focus for teachers, researchers and students from both countries to undertake studies and provide courses primarily for younger British men and women in industry and commerce who want to learn about Japan. (This latter idea needs much more work before it could become a firm proposal, but it is hoped that by January there will be a clear enough concept for the 2000 Group to express a view.)

This is a full agenda, but presentation of the necessary background papers is now well advanced and I hope that we shall be distributing them to the participants before Christmas.

Geoffrey Howe has asked me to "diffuse" awareness of the Group's work much more widely in this country. To this end, we are planning, in addition to the usual press briefings and report-back sessions, a series of seminars for invited target-audiences including businessmen, academics and students. These will be held during the first half of 1987.

Finally, I come to what I hope may be your own involvement. It would be of great help to us if before we go to Japan, we could have a short meeting with you, so that we could tell our opposite numbers in Japan that we had discussed our plans with you and that you wished us well. This need not be a lengthy meeting - I would have thought that perhaps 30-40 minutes would be enough. It would be extremely helpful if you could manage to find a slot for this, perhaps some time in the week beginning Monday, 5th January.

Then there is the question of reporting back. As I have said, last year you met the Group over lunch at Number 10 after the meeting. Obviously, this is not expected in 1987 when we shall be lunching with Mr. Nakasone in Tokyo. Nevertheless, I would attach importance to our having an opportunity (not necessarily for the whole Group) to report to you on the outcome of our discussions in Japan and to seek your reaction. (Alternatively, you may prefer that we report back to Geoffrey Howe.)

I realise that in suggesting both a 'before' and an 'after' meeting I am asking a lot. Nevertheless, you will appreciate that to be able to demonstrate the continuing interest of both Prime Ministers in the work of the Group is of great importance in ensuring that we can have the influence which both have sought.

I am copying this letter to Geoffrey Howe.

With kind regards
Yours ever
Patrick

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From the Private Secretary

28 November 1986

BR
The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 26 November. She will reflect on the points which you make in it, but I am writing now to say that she would be happy to see the British members of the UK-Japan 2000 Group before their visit to Tokyo. She could offer a meeting here at 10 Downing Street at 1630 on Tuesday, 6 January. I hope that this is convenient. As you kindly suggest, it would help her if you could report back after the visit to Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr. Channon.

(C. D. POWELL)

The Right Honourable Patrick Jenkin, M.P.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

27 November 1986

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Patrick Jenkin in his role as Chairman of the Japan 2000 Group. I should be grateful if you could let me have a draft reply, in conjunction with the DTI. You will see that the Group are asking for a meeting with the Prime Minister before and after their visit to Tokyo. I hope to be able to arrange a meeting before the Group go, but I think the Prime Minister would be grateful if the Foreign Secretary or Trade and Industry Secretary (or both) would see them on return.

I am copying this letter to Mike Gilbertson (Department of Trade and Industry).

C D POWELL

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MR. POWELL

MEETING WITH JAPAN 2000 GROUP

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Please offer Patrick Jenkin 1630 hours on Tuesday 6 January. But don't you think you ought to check first with the Prime Minister?

(Caroline Ryder)
27 November 1986

From: THE RT. HON. PATRICK JENKIN, M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Dear Charles,

We spoke! Here
is my letter to the
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MR. POWELL

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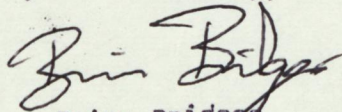
22 December 1986

Dear Mrs Ryder,

With reference to the Group's forthcoming conference in Japan in mid-January, I enclose a list of the members of the British team who will be able to meet the Prime Minister at 16.30 on Tuesday 6 January 1987. By my calculation there will be eleven people involved, although I suppose that Thorold Masefield from the Foreign Office might also attend in his official capacity.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

yours sincerely,



Brian Bridges
Secretary

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Sir Peter Parker MVO	Chairman Rockware Group
Mrs Angela Rumbold	Minister for State, Department of Education and Science
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