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Dear Mr. Powell,

It was most kind of you to see me at short notice this morning and I would like to thank you for a most useful and interesting discussion.

For your information, I attach a copy of two Foreign Ministry Releases, issued on 29th August, on Japan and the Middle East situation. I hope they will be of interest.

Yours sincerely,
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Japan's Measures of Contribution to the Activities
for the Restoration of Peace in the Middle East

I. Cooperation in Peace Restoring Activities in the Gulf
Region (US \$ 1 billion)

Japan will extend cooperation to the countries engaged in activities to restore peace and stability in the Gulf region in accordance with the related U.N. Security Council Resolutions.

1. Transportation Cooperation

In view of the enormous demand for transportation which may arise from activities of the participating countries, the Government of Japan will cooperate in the transportation of goods such as food, water and medical supplies by chartering civil aircraft and ships.

2. Cooperation in Kind

The Government of Japan will take necessary measures to provide materials and equipment in such fields as protection from heat and supply of water, with a view to assisting the participating countries' activities which are being carried out in severe desert conditions.

3. Medical Cooperation

From the standpoint of making a positive contribution not only in materials and finance but also in personnel, the Government of Japan will without delay establish a system whereby a medical team of about 100 persons can be urgently dispatched, with a view to furnishing medical cooperation to the participating countries. As the first step, the Government of Japan will quickly dispatch an advance team.

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4. Financial Cooperation

In addition to the above measures 1 - 3, the Government of Japan, to help restore peace and stability in the region, will extend financial cooperation to countries concerned to bear part of such expenses as chartering of aircraft and ships. The manner and scale of such financial cooperation will be decided as soon as possible.

II. Assistance to Middle Eastern Countries Concerned

1. Assistance to Affected Countries in the Region

The Government of Japan will provide economic cooperation including a significant magnitude of highly concessional financial assistance to the countries in the region such as Jordan, Turkey and Egypt, which are confronted with urgent and serious economic difficulties. Japan will also appeal to the international organizations concerned to extend positive assistance to those countries.

2. Evacuee Relief

In response to the appeals from the international organizations concerned, Japan will bear a substantial share of the financial burden necessary for evacuee relief. As the first step, the Government of Japan has decided to extend aid of more than U.S.\$10 million for evacuee relief in Jordan.

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Emergency Aid for Evacuees in Jordan

1. Outline of Emergency Aid

On August 29, the Government of Japan decided to extend an emergency aid totalling 10 million dollars of which 8 million dollars are channeled through the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordination Office (UNDRO) to various international organizations and 2 million dollars are allocated to the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), as a fund for evacuee relief activities in Jordan. In addition, in response to the request of the Government of Jordan, the Japanese Government decided to provide assistance materials (pharmaceuticals, tents, blankets, etc.) worth 98,000,000 yen to the Jordanian Government through the Japan International Cooperation Agency. These measures will be taken from a humanitarian standpoint and as part of Japan's diplomatic policy to positively assist Jordan, which is faced with economic difficulties arising from the economic sanctions against Iraq based on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 661, and to positively contribute to peace and security in the Middle East, responding to the requests for aid to a total of 17,850,000 dollars from UNDRO and ICRC.

2. Background

As a result of the emergency situation which has arisen since the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq on August 2, a large number of foreigners have moved from Iraq into Jordan. As of August 27, the number of evacuees in Jordan was 120,000 and the number is increasing by 20,000 a day.

3. Measures by the Government of Jordan and Response of UNDRO and ICRC

The Government of Jordan has set up an Evacuees Welfare Committee and 13 reception camps to accommodate and assist these evacuees, but the measures taken by the Jordanian Government alone are not adequate for the procurement of clothing, food, shelter and the means of transportation. Therefore on August 23, the Government of Jordan requested aid from UNDRO, ICRC and other organizations. Under these circumstances, appeals for the funds necessary for evacuee relief activities were made to the international society by ICRC for a total of 3.6 million Swiss francs (about 2.85 million dollars) on August 24, and by UNDRO for a total of 15 million dollars on August 27. On August 27, the Government of Jordan also requested the Government of Japan to donate pharmaceuticals, tents, blankets, etc.

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