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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO MR SUZUKI

1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM  
MR SUZUKI. BEGINS

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

AS I PREPARE MYSELF FOR RESIGNATION FROM THE POST OF  
PRIME MINISTER, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY HEARTFELT  
GRATITUDE FOR THE FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION YOU HAVE SHOWN  
TO ME EVER SINCE I BECAME PRIME MINISTER IN 1980.

IT WAS MY PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO HAVE HAD SUCH INVALUABLE  
OPPORTUNITIES OF MEETING YOU WHEN I VISITED LONDON IN JUNE OF  
LAST YEAR AND WELCOMED YOU HERE IN TOKYO THIS SEPTEMBER, AS  
WELL AS AT THE SUMMIT MEETINGS IN OTTAWA AND VERSAILLES.

THROUGH OUR COMMON ENDEAVOURS, I AM PLEASED TO SAY, THE  
CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE BEEN  
FURTHER STRENGTHENED FOR THE PAST YEARS AND THE HUMAN CONTACTS  
AT ALL LEVELS HAVE BEEN REMARKABLY PROMOTED. IN WHATEVER  
CAPACITY, I SHALL CONTINUE TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS, THOUGH MODEST  
THEY MAY BE, TO THE FURTHERANCE OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES.

THANKING YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR KIND CO-OPERATION AND  
ASSISTANCE EXTENDED TO ME DURING MY TENURE OF OFFICE, I SEND  
YOU MY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

YOURS SINCERELY, ZENKO SUZUKI. ENDS

2. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER.  
BEGINS:

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE, DELIVERED TO ME BY YOUR SSY.

I TOO ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAD FOR DISCUSSION IN  
LONDON AND IN TOKYO, WHERE YOU TOOK SO MUCH TROUBLE TO MAKE ME

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WELCOME, AND AT THE TWO SUMMIT MEETINGS. I BELIEVE THAT  
RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE INDEED BEEN  
FURTHER STRENGTHENED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. THIS WAS DUE IN  
NO SMALL MEASURE TO YOUR EFFORTS.  
I SEND YOU MY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.  
ENDS.

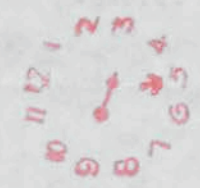
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