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More message?

A. J. C. 2/10.

21 October 1983

Yes me

Dear John,

Mr Nobusuke Kishi, former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Japan and Grand Old Man of the Liberal Democratic Party, is celebrating his 88th birthday on 8 November. 88 is a particularly auspicious age in Japan.

The Prime Minister met Mr Kishi at Sir Hugh Cortazzi's dinner when she was in Japan last year. For this reason the Ambassador has suggested that a message of good wishes from Mrs Thatcher would be much appreciated. He has said that President Reagan is certain to send a similar message.

We support Sir Hugh Cortazzi's recommendation and his suggestion for a text on the following lines:

"Many happy returns. All good wishes on this auspicious occasion. I recall with much pleasure our meeting last year."

If the Prime Minister agrees, the Ambassador would be happy to convey this message personally.

Yours ever
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Mr. Nobusuke Kishi

The Prime Minister has seen John Holmes's letter of 21 October and agrees that the suggested message to Mr. Kishi should be conveyed by Sir Hugh Cortazzi on her behalf.

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