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Dear Prime Minister,

Learning that Mr. Michio Watanabe, member of Diet and a long political associate of mine, is proceeding to Britain, I am writing to ask you to be good enough to receive and talk with him about the current Japanese - British relations.

Mr. Watanabe has served key Cabinet portfolios, including Minister of Health and Welfare, Agriculture and Fisheries, and twice Finance, and, though young, forms the core of the Liberal Democratic Party and the modern conservatism in Japan.

I am certain that you will find Mr. Watanabe informative as well as interesting.

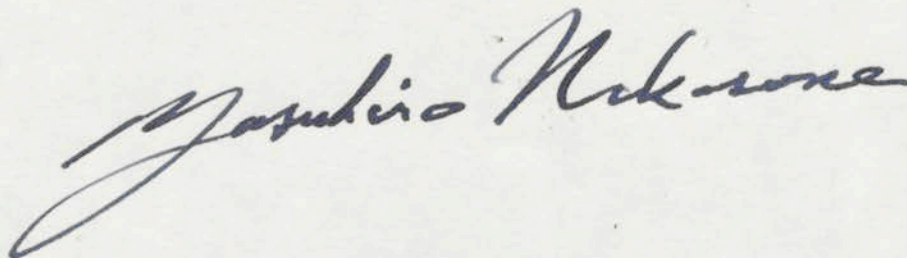
Now that the term at Oxford has started and Prince Hiro has entered into academic and social life at Merton College, I should like to express my heartfelt sense of gratitude to you and the British people concerned for the kind and constant consideration devoted to His Imperial Highness.

Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
10 Downing Street
London, SW1
U.K.

During the two years at Oxford, your Alma Mater, the Prince will learn not only academic science but the basic thinking and philosophy of Western civilization, broadening the Prince's outlook to the world.

Thanking again for the considerate attention to Prince Hiro and wishing you to meet next year at the Summit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Yasuhiro Nakasone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping initial "Y".

Yasuhiro Nakasone
Prime Minister of Japan