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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER NAKASONE  
TO THE RT.HON. MARGARET THATCHER, MP  
BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

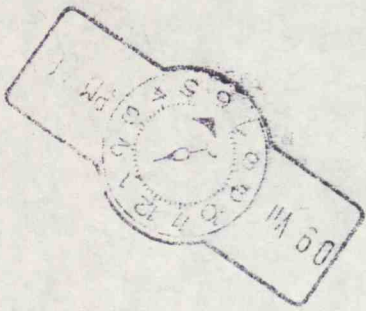
" I thank you very much for your message concerning South Africa, which was transmitted to me through Sir Sydney Giffard on July 1, 1986.

"It has been, and will continue to be, the position of the Government of Japan that the abolition of Apartheid should be effected through peaceful means. That was the substance of the appeals repeatedly made by us to the South African Government and all the Parties involved.

"I am pleased therefore to learn of the efforts rendered by the Commonwealth and the European Community with that objective. I also earnestly hope that the mission of Sir Geoffrey Howe will prove fruitful.

"With regard to measures toward South Africa, especially economic measures, I believe that they require concerted efforts of the international community, should they be effective, as you imply in your message. In co-operation with major industrial democracies, the Government of Japan will be prepared to study possible ways of participating in such concerted efforts.

"In the meantime, I wish to maintain close contact with you and other leaders of the major Western industrialized countries on this issue./."



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