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### CABINET ADMINISTRATION STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: April 20, 1981 NUMBER: 018503CA DUE BY: April 23, 1981

SUBJECT: Suzuki Visit Preparation

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Remarks:

Attached is a draft of proposed "objectives" and "themes" for the Suzuki visit. Would you please review the attached and provide:

- An evaluation of items mentioned that are of interest to your department; and,
- 2) Suggestions regarding items that should be part of the planning and briefing for the Suzuki visit.

**RETURN TO:** 

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Director,
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# PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

- 1. To obtain Suzuki's understanding and support for our approach toward the Soviet Union, including countering Soviet-inspired difficulties in Third World areas such as Southwest Asia and the Caribbean Basin.
- 2. To promote deeper U.S.-Japan security cooperation, including expanded Japanese self-defense efforts, increased financial support for U.S. forces in Japan, enlarged economic assistance targeted on countries of strategic consequence, and a more active diplomacy.
- 3. To nail down an understanding concerning the auto problem and urge further liberalization of access to Japan's market.
- 4. To encourage complementary approaches on Asian issues (i.e., China, Korea, and Southeast Asia).
- 5. To coordinate our approaches toward political and economic issues for the Ottawa Summit.
- 6. To facilitate expanded cooperation on energy questions through the resolution of differences on nuclear energy issues and promotion of Japanese investment in Western states' steam coal.

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#### ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

# A. Principal Themes

- 1. Approach toward the Soviet Union. Japan has taken a hard-nosed approach toward the Soviets, especially since Afghanistan. It has been consulted in tandem with NATO closely on Polish sanctions. If we lift the grain embargo, Japan would be forced to rescind its trade sanctions. Secretary Haig is committed to consulting in advance with Japan about any change in our sanctions policy.
- 2. Security Cooperation. Japan and U.S. agree on the world situation, the need for increased Japanese defense responsibilities, and for foreign assistance to strategically sensitive countries. We need to pinpoint the division of missions and roles on defense and commit Japan to further defense buildup and aid-giving in the context of the East-West struggle.
- 3. Asia. Close consultation and coordination with Japan is the essence of our Asia policy. We must prod Japan a bit on closer cooperation with Korea, assure them on our China policy, and dovetail our approaches on Southcast Asia.
- 4. Ottawa Summit. Europeans want to put Japan in the dock on market penetration. Japan, but not other members, wants to use summit for political coordination vis-a-vis Soviets.
- 5. Energy Cooperation. Japan expects us to change nuclear policy to remove source of friction in our relationship. Japan also wants U.S. backing for its man for International Atomic Energy Agency chief. We want Japan to invest in U.S. Western coal infrastructure and/or conclude long-term purchasing contracts.
  - 6. Autos. To be handled separately per April 17 meeting.
- 7. General Trade. We should make general pitch for greater market access for U.S. goods in order to mitigate large imbalance.
- 8. Caribbean Basin. We have pressed Japan since January to give more attention to checking Cuban-Soviet influence. Japan has responded quickly on aid to Jamaica, made a good statement on El Salvador, and may restudy trade links with Cuba if we raise it.

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# B. Sub-Themes

- 1. Middle East. Japan is stuck with a three-year-old invitation to Arafat which it may honor despite our concerns that this would be detrimental.
- 2. Sea-level Canal. President Carter invited Japan to participate in a study for a sea-level canal in Panama which we are obligated to do anyway under treaty. Japan may raise the issue to gauge the attitude of the Reagan Administration.
- 3. SLT Cooperation. Good relationship here, but Japan concerned about funding future on U.S. side. Usually a positive, tangible area in our relationship to which we can point.
- 4. Fishing. Suzuki, who has fishing background, may wish to assure himself that the new Administration is aware of Japanese interest in access to the U.S: fishing zone.

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