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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

FOR AMBASSADOR HODGSON

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FROM: BRENT SCUNCROFT

SUBJECT: DAISAKU IKEDA'S BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER TRANSMITTING DAISAKU IKEDA'S BICENTENNIAL
GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT. AS YOU KNOW, A PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE
HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED (STATE 160040).

BECAUSE OF A BUREAUCRATIC ERROR HERE, ANOTHER REPLY HAS BEEN SENT
DIRECTLY TO IKEDA FROM MILTON E. MITLER, DEPUTY SPECIAL ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT, ON AUGUST 2. THE TEXT OF HIS LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:
DEAR PRESIDENT IKEDA:

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THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM MESSAGE TO
HIM ON THE OCCASION OF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

AS AMERICA ENTERS ITS THIRD CENTURY, IT IS OUR CONTINUING INTENTION
TO REFLECT AND IMPLEMENT THOSE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY ON WHICH OUR
NATION WAS FOUNDED 200 YEARS AGO. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR NATION IS
STILL YOUNG WHEN COMPARED TO THE VENERABLE HERITAGE OF BUDDHIST
TEACHINGS.

AS YOU KNOW FROM YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, THE
UNITED STATES APPLAUDS EFFORTS SUCH AS YOURS TO ENHANCE PEACE
AMONG MEN AND NATIONS. AMBASSADOR HODGSON HAS REPORTED YOUR
CONSIDERABLE ROLE IN SUSTAINING THE TIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE
UNITED STATES. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IN THE COMING YEARS THE RELA-
TIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL GROW EVER STRONGER AND BECOME A
MODEL OF CREATIVE INTERCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

THE PRESIDENT GREATLY APPRECIATES YOUR EXPRESSION OF GOOD WILL.

***** WMBR COMMENT *****

MCFARLANE, RODMAN

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END QUOTE

I WANTED TO BE SURE THAT YOU WERE MADE AWARE OF THE SECOND MESSAGE.

BEST REGARDS,

BREN!

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