

July 7, 1970  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER**

**FROM: John H. Holdridge**

**SUBJECT: Letter to Professor Makoto Momoi Concerning Nakasone Visit**

An invitation has gone forth to Yasuhiro Nakasone, the new Director General of the Japanese Defense Agency, to visit the United States at Secretary Laird's invitation.

Professor Momoi had written you on January 27 suggesting such a visit, and you replied on February 17 that you would look into it. It might be useful to tie this matter up by sending a response to Momoi's acknowledgment of March 7 (Tab B), noting that the invitation had been extended, expressing your desire to meet Nakasone, and using the occasion to make a point which you had wanted made: that Nakasone is unlikely to be able to see the President.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That you sign the letter to Professor Momoi at Tab A.

**Attachment**

Dear Dr. Momoi:

Further to our correspondence concerning a visit to the U. S. by Minister Nakasone, I imagine that you have heard that he has been invited for a visit in September.

I very much look forward to meeting Minister Nakasone during his stay here. You had initially suggested the possibility of a meeting with the President. I am afraid that pressures on the President's schedule may make that impossible, but I am sure that, during his meetings with Secretary Laird and others, Minister Nakasone will have useful opportunities to exchange views on our common defense responsibilities.

It was a pleasure to hear from you, and I hope that the opportunity will arise to see you again.

Best regards,

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Dr. Henry A. Kissinger  
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Dear Dr. Kissinger,

Thank you very much for your letter of February 17, 1970. Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone was most pleased to know that you would most certainly look into a possible visit to the United States on his part, either late June or early July.

The minister and I are looking forward to receiving your further response so that we could process the matter through regular channels.

In the meantime, the minister would like to reconfirm that he is less interested in protocols than in serious discussions over his new defense concept now in the process of review.

Sincerely yours,

  
Makoto Momoi

Encl: a copy of Minister Nakasone's speech at The Foreign Correspondents Club on March 5, 1970, and some clippings from newspaper comments.

cc : one to the minister only.