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EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS AT AIRPORT, JUNE 19

Press release 375 dated June 19

Vice President Nixon:

Mr. Prime Minister, it is a very great honor for me to extend on behalf of President Eisenhower and the American people our welcome on the occasion of your visit to Washington, the Nation's Capital, as the representative of the Government and the people of Japan. I recall the visit that I paid to your country 4 years ago and the welcome that we received from people in all walks of life on that occasion. I can assure you that in the 7 very busy days that you will spend in our country you will find on every side among the American people admiration and respect and friendship for the people of Japan and for your Government.

I am confident that in the conversations and discussions you will have with President Eisenhower, Secretary of State Dulles, and other members of our Government that those discussions will lead to better understanding between our people and progress toward the great objectives which both of our peoples and our Governments share, the objectives of peace and freedom for all the peoples of the world.

Prime Minister Kishi:

I deeply appreciate your cordial welcome. I am happy to come to Washington as a state guest in response to the kind invitation extended to me by President Eisenhower. As has been announced, the purpose of my visit is to hold frank and friendly discussions with the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of State, and other high officials of the United States Government on matters of common interest and concern to Japan and America. Our Governments will seek through our talks the ways and means by which we can further strengthen our ties of friendship and cooperation and work together more closely and hence more effectively in the cause of world peace and human welfare.

I have come to lay the groundwork with your leaders for such Japanese-American collaboration

and partnership. I look forward to these talks which begin today and continue until Friday. I am sure they will be very helpful to both our countries in deepening their understanding of each other, and I confidently hope that my visit to America will help to prepare the way for a new era of Japanese-American relations.

MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY

The Department of State announced on June 13 (press release 360) the members of the official party for the visit of Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi of Japan, June 16-29. They are as follows:

Nobusuke Kishi, Prime Minister of Japan
Koichiro Asakai, Ambassador of Japan to the United States
Hirohide Ishida, Chief Cabinet Secretary (Rank of Cabinet Minister)
Takizo Matsumoto, Member of the House of Representatives
Kingo Machimura, Member of the House of Representatives
Takeo Fukuda, Member of the House of Representatives
Zenshiro Hoshina, Member of the House of Representatives
Takeji Kobayashi, Member of the House of Councillors
Renzo Sawada, Personal Adviser to the Prime Minister (former Ambassador of Japan to the United Nations)²
Kogoro Uemura, Vice President, Federation of Economic Organizations²
Shunichi Matsumoto, Member of the House of Representatives, Foreign Office Adviser (former Ambassador of Japan to London)²
Sunao Sonoda, Member of the House of Representatives (former Parliamentary Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs)²
Koh Chiba, Director, American Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Office
Harumi Takeuchi, Chief, Foreign Office Archives Section (Prime Minister's official secretary in the Foreign Office)
Shintaro Abe, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
Wiley T. Buchanan, Jr., Chief of Protocol of the United States
Douglas MacArthur II, American Ambassador to Japan (Washington and New York only)
Clement E. Conger, Assistant Chief of Protocol, Department of State (Washington, New York, and Los Angeles only)
Stuart P. Lillico, Press Officer, Department of State

² Although not members of the official party, these persons accompanied the Prime Minister as personal advisers. A number of other Japanese accompanied the Prime Minister as members of his unofficial party, as well as a group of Japanese journalists.

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