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PRIME MINISTER'S
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22nd October, 1990

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

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At the countries I visited, I spelled out Japan's basic position toward a just and peaceful solution of the Gulf Crisis. Through complete implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions, all the leaders of these countries emphasized that the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait by force was absolutely unacceptable and expressed their hope that the crisis be resolved peacefully. In order to achieve that end, most of them were of the opinion that the international community should not compromise with Iraq and should be united in continuing the pressure on Iraq, centering around the economic sanctions and, if necessary, such pressures should be strengthened through further decisions at the Security Council.

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In Egypt, Jordan and Turkey, I expressed in concrete terms Japan's intention to provide emergency financial support to them to alleviate the economic difficulties arising from their observance of the economic sanctions. The support includes the emergency aid of 600 million dollars out of 2 billion dollars we already announced, and the implementation of some of the aid programs or projects which we had been discussing with them. All the countries expressed their appreciation for such assistance and their hope that the international community including Japan would continue to support them in light of the seriousness of their economic difficulties.

All the countries I visited welcomed my visit, made at this time of difficulty when they were confronted with the crisis in the Gulf, as an expression of Japan's interest in the Middle East and its political will to support the restoration of peace in the region.

I will continue to take an active part in the international efforts to seek a just and peaceful solution of the Gulf Crisis, keeping in mind what I observed during my visit to the Middle East. I would like to emphasize the importance I attach to the exchange of views and political dialogue among the industrialized democracies on this matter, and I would like to maintain a close contact with you.

Yours sincerely,

Toshiki Kaifu
Prime Minister of Japan

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP
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EMBASSY OF JAPAN
LONDON

22nd October, 1990

Dear Prime Minister,

I have been asked by Mr. Toshiki Kaifu, Prime Minister of Japan, to forward a message to you.

I have much pleasure in attaching the message herewith.

Yours sincerely,



Kazuo Chiba

Ambassador

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From the Private Secretary

23 October 1990

I enclose a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from the Japanese Prime Minister about the situation in the Gulf. I should be grateful for a draft reply in due course.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence), John Gieve (HM Treasury) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Charles Powell

Simon Gass Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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