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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

NSC MEMO, 11/24/73, STATE DEPT. GUIDELINES, *state review*  
BY                     , NARA, DATE 3/30/04 *3/30/04*

PARTICIPANTS: President Nixon  
Japanese Prefecture Governors  
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Assistant to the  
President for National Security Affairs  
Maj. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant  
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Friday, April 13, 1973  
11:00 - 11:22 a.m.

PLACE: Cabinet Room

President: I am happy to have you here. I hope we can make your stay as pleasant as you made that of our governors. We consider organizational relationships very important between different governments, because governors are closer to the people than the President and the Prime Minister. You can tell Prime Minister Tanaka I said that.

Governor: I appreciate our reception. It might appear that we brought snow with us. Japan, thanks to American assistance, has made economic progress.

We have neglected some of our ecology. We have poured everything into economic progress.

Our economy is a building standing on sand.

Our farmers are poor and have tiny plots (70 acres in Wisconsin, 1.3 in Japan).

There are two big problems in Japan, poaching problems and farm problems.

We have overcome our balance of payments deficits but we still need American help for development.

We are concerned that our development in recent years has been so fast that the United States might be concerned.

We are here to promote stronger bonds of friendship between our peoples.

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President: We recognize that Japan is our strongest competitor in the world -- not only because of our aid, but because of Japanese efficiency and hard work.

We will be competitors, but as this visit shows, we will be friendly competitors.

It is a good day for pictures in the Rose Garden. The crabapples are in bloom. Japan has the most beautiful flowers in the world.

(The group went into the Rose Garden at 11:18 am.) (Pictures were taken)

President: Good-bye to you all. I am looking forward to Tanaka's visit in the Fall. Tell him not to bring snow like you did.

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Japanese Government 13 April

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R. appreciate our reception. It might appear that we brought some work was. Japan thanks US assist, has made some progress.

We have requested some biological work as a phase anything work has progress

~~Thank~~ thanks & US help

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(2) Farm problem

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beautiful flowers in world.

11/18 Into garden  
Pictures

Pres said goodbye - he was looking forward  
to Tomoko visit in fall - tell him not  
to bring summer like the Gerrassa did,

11/22 depart.