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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 15, 1976

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern over the fisheries legislation now before the United States Congress.

The United States is participating with Japan in the Third United Nations Law of the Sea Conference. These negotiations deal with the broad range of oceans issues of importance to our countries and the world community, including the question of a fair and equitable fisheries regime. International agreement coming from the law of the sea negotiations -- agreement concluded on terms acceptable to all and in reasonable time -- offers the best prospects for safeguarding our fisheries interests.

Until there is a comprehensive Law of the Sea treaty, we look forward to continued negotiations of bilateral and regional agreements with nations fishing off our coasts. The mutually beneficial United States-Japanese negotiations concluded in Tokyo in December 1974, were an important step in this regard.

I very much welcomed our meetings at Rambouillet in November.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Takeo Miki
Prime Minister of Japan
Tokyo



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
REFERRAL

Date: 1/15/76
NSC log # 7507820

MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: Takeo Miki

From: President Ford

Date: 1/15/76

Subject: Law of the Sea

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COMMENTS:

Janet Kuebler
for Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary



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*Signed
1/14/76*

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ACTION

January 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*
SUBJECT: Reply to Letter from Prime Minister Miki

Japanese Prime Minister Miki has written (Tab B) expressing his concern over Congressional moves to unilaterally establish a 200 mile fishing zone. Miki states that such action would undermine international efforts toward a Law of the Sea treaty and interfere with U.S. - Japan fishery relations. He asks you to see to it that the United States will not take such an action.

At Tab A is a proposed reply expressing support for the Law of the Sea negotiations. The letter also notes that until there is a comprehensive oceans treaty, we look forward to continued negotiations of bilateral and regional agreements with nations fishing off our coasts.

Paul Theis' office has cleared the text of the proposed reply.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1976

MR PRESIDENT:

Jack Marsh and Max Friedersdorf
concur in the letter to Prime
Minister Miki.

Jim Connor



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EMBASSY OF JAPAN
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 5, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

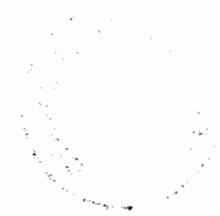
I have the honor to transmit herewith, upon instructions of my Government, the message of His Excellency Takeo Miki, Prime Minister of Japan, concerning the recent development in the United States toward the unilateral establishment of a two hundred-mile exclusive fishery zone.

Allow me to extend my best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Takeshi Yasukawa
Takeshi Yasukawa
Ambassador of Japan

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500



EMBASSY OF JAPAN
WASHINGTON

November 4, 1975

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you, Mr. President, concerning the recent development in the United States towards the unilateral establishment of a 200 mile exclusive fishery zone.

Japan, as one of the world's major maritime nations, has been making the utmost efforts through vigorous consultations in and out of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea toward establishing a stable and equitable order in the oceans of the world. As a nation dedicated to such international endeavor, we are seriously concerned about the recent move in the United States Congress to preempt, through unilateral action to establish a 200 mile exclusive fishery zone, a solution which should be ultimately agreed upon in the Law of the Sea Conference.

Such a unilateral action on the part of your country, which has an unmatched influence in the world, will not only have an extremely adverse effect on the international efforts now under way for the establishment of a new order but also cause serious confusions in the world maritime situation. Further, it would adversely affect the Japan-United States fishery relations which have heretofore been successfully promoted in the spirit of mutual trust and cooperation.

I earnestly request you to see to it that the United States, in the light of its great responsibility for and interests in the establishment of a new order in the oceans of the world, will not

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declare unilaterally a 200 mile exclusive fishery zone.

I look forward to renewing our friendship on the occasion of the forthcoming summit conference to be held in France this month.

With my warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Takeo Miki
Prime Minister of Japan



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Paul
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Paul

ACTION

December 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: JAY TAYLOR *JT*

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SUBJECT: Reply to Letter from Prime Minister Miki to the President

Tab A retyped

Prime Minister Miki has written the President expressing his government's concern over Congressional moves to establish unilaterally a 200 mile fishing zone (Tab B).

At Tab A is a proposed reply for the President's signature expressing support for the Law of the Sea negotiations. The letter also notes that until there is a comprehensive oceans treaty, we look forward to continued negotiations of bilateral and regional fisheries agreements with nations such as Japan fishing off our coasts.

Paul Theis' office has cleared the proposed reply.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I transmitting the letter to the President.

Concurrence:

Denis Clift

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from Prime
Minister Miki

Transmitted herewith is the text of a letter from Japanese Prime Minister Miki to the President expressing the Government of Japan's concern over Congressional moves to establish unilaterally a 200-mile fishing zone. The message was delivered to the Department under cover of a letter from Ambassador Yasukawa to the President, which is at attachment 2.

In his letter, Prime Minister Miki states that unilateral action by the United States to establish a 200-mile fishery zone will undermine international efforts toward a Law of the Sea Treaty and interfere with US-Japan fishery relations. He asks the President to prevent the United States from taking such action.

Attachment 1 is a draft reply to the Prime Minister from the President for your consideration.

George S. Springsteen
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Draft Reply from the President to the Prime Minister
2. Letter from Ambassador Yasukawa to the President
3. Letter from Prime Minister Miki to the President



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Takeo Miki
Prime Minister of Japan
Tokyo**



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WASHINGTON

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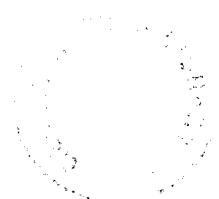
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I very much welcomed our most recent meetings
at Rambouillet. *10 November*

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Takeo Miki
Prime Minister of Japan
Tokyo



December 4, 1975

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM FOR JAY TAYLOR

We cannot concur in the attached as written. State gave you the wrong slant in their proposed reply. The President does not wish to indicate his position -- for or against -- the fisheries legislation now before the Congress.

We have redrafted the reply and cleared it with Paul Tavis. We have also made suggested changes to the staffing.

Thanks

K.F.
Gerry Flynn
x5732.5733

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Dec 2 , 75

TO: PAUL THEIS
FROM: JAY TAYLOR

The attached proposed Presidential
reply to Prime Minister Miki of Japan
is forwarded for your clearance.

Please call 3044 when cleared.



SUGGESTED LETTER

RRR

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter ~~of~~ November 4 which expressed your concern about possible unilateral action by the United States to establish a 200-mile exclusive fishery zone.

I ~~wish to~~ assure you that I share your concern about the recent passage ~~by the~~ House of Representatives of a bill which ^(to) ~~would~~ establish unilaterally a 200-mile fishing zone. We recognize the legitimate concerns of our fishermen with respect to the state of the fish stocks off our coast, but we ^{believe} ~~feel~~ that these concerns can best be met in the context of international agreements. I am hopeful ~~that~~ the Senate, which is now considering similar legislation, will recognize the dangers of unilateral action and, accordingly, oppose such action.

Until a comprehensive Law of the Sea Treaty comes into effect, we intend to negotiate arrangements with other nations to conserve the fish stock ^{S/} off our coast. These negotiations will take into account the growing world consensus on a 200-mile economic zone and the need for a smooth transition to this zone. We do not, however, intend to abrogate the existing fisheries agreement with Japan.

His Excellency
Takeo Miki,
Prime Minister of Japan,
Tokyo.

Department of State

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I hope Japan will cooperate with us in this effort to work out a smooth transition to the eventual 200 - mile economic zone under the Law of the Sea Treaty.

I enjoyed our meetings in Paris.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



RRR

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Together with Japan, the United States is participating in the Third United Nations Law of the Sea Conference. These negotiations deal with the broad range of oceans issues of importance to our countries and the world community, including the question of a fair and equitable fisheries regime. International agreement coming from the law of the sea negotiations -- agreement concluded on terms acceptable to all and in reasonable time -- offers the best prospects for safeguarding our fisheries interests.

Until there is a comprehensive Law of the Sea treaty, we look forward to continued negotiations of bilateral and regional agreements with nations fishing off our coasts. The mutually beneficial ~~US~~ ^{United States-} Japanese negotiations concluded in Tokyo last ~~July~~ ^{December} were an important step in this regard.

I very much welcomed our most recent meeting at Rambouillet.

Sincerely,

GRF

MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT: Reply to Letter from Prime Minister Miki

Japanese Prime Minister Miki has written ~~you a personal letter~~ (Tab B) expressing his ~~government's~~ concern over Congressional moves to establish unilaterally a 200 mile fishing zone. ~~In his letter,~~ Miki states that such a ~~U.S. unilateral~~ ^{unilateral} action ~~will~~ ^{is considered} undermine international efforts toward a Law of the Sea treaty and interfere with U.S. -Japan fishery relations. He asks you to ~~prevent the United States from~~ ^{take to it that} ~~would~~ ^{an} taking such action. *not*

At Tab A is a proposed reply ~~for your signature~~ expressing support for the Law of the Sea negotiations. The letter also notes that until there is a comprehensive oceans treaty, we look forward to continued negotiations of ~~fisheries~~ ^{unilateral and regional} agreements with nations fishing off our coasts. ^{text of the}

Paul Theis' office has cleared the proposed reply.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

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February 24, 1976

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Dear Mr. President,

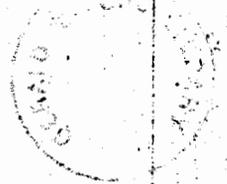
As you may recall, we agreed last summer to cooperate with each other for the protection of democracy and for the furtherance of amicable relations between the United States and Japan, affirming the permanent friendship between the two countries. We also promised to exchange our frank views with full confidence in each other.

As both the United States and Japan are now confronted with the unpleasant problem concerning Lockheed, it is with this confidence that I wish to convey to you my concern about this problem.

Yesterday, both Houses of the Japanese Diet adopted important resolutions on this matter, the copies of which are enclosed herewith for transmittal to your Government. That the Japanese Diet, the highest organ of state power under the Constitution, adopted such resolutions is a matter of great note and indicates the importance the Diet attaches to the clarification of the problem.

The Japanese political circle has been profoundly shaken by the reported allegation made at the public hearings of the Senate Sub-Committee on Multinational Corporations that Japanese government officials received payments from Lockheed. A grave concern is spread throughout Japan at present that, if the whole issue is kept

unsolved



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unsolved with the names of the officials involved remaining in doubt, democracy in Japan may suffer a fatal blow. I share this concern. The disclosure of all the relevant materials including the names of the officials involved, if any, would serve better the interest of Japanese politics and of the everlasting friendship between the United States and Japan.

Mr. President, the utmost efforts are being made here to unveil the truth, and I hope that the United States will continue to cooperate with us for the further clarification of the problem. I am convinced that Japanese democracy is strong enough to stand the test. The truth must be sought with courage and we have the confidence to face up to its consequences.

I also share your view of the need to make new international rules on the behavior of multinational enterprises. I look forward to our close consultation to this end.

Mr. President, at this moment when you are otherwise heavily engaged in your immediate duties, it is my earnest hope that you will understand my genuine concern in this matter. I would appreciate your consideration in securing continued cooperation by the United States Congress and Administration in clarifying the whole matter, in response to the requests by the Diet and the Government of Japan.

Sincerely yours,

Takeo Miki
Prime Minister of Japan



EMBASSY OF JAPAN
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 24, 1976

Sir:

Under instructions from my Government, I have the honor to request your good offices in transmitting to the President the text of the letter of February 24, 1976, from His Excellency Takeo Miki, Prime Minister of Japan, addressed to him, enclosing the translation of the two texts of the "Resolution on the Lockheed Problem", passed respectively by the House of Representatives and by the House of Councillors of Japan.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Fumihiko Togo
Ambassador of Japan

The Honorable
Henry A. Kissinger
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Resolution on the Lockheed Problem
(House of Councillors, February 23, 1976)

WHEREAS, the Lockheed problem, which has arisen at the recent hearings of the Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate, has profoundly affected the national sentiment of the Japanese people; and

WHEREAS, the true picture of the problem should be explored and made known thoroughly and promptly in order to remove the feeling of political distrust mounting among the Japanese people and to protect parliamentary democracy; and

WHEREAS, the House of Councillors firmly believes that to clear all doubts on the problem is the way to respond to the desire of the Japanese people and is most important for the true friendship between Japan and the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House that the House requests the United States Senate and the Government of the United States of America for their special consideration in making available, without exception, unpublished materials on the Lockheed problem, as it pertains to Japan, including the names of the high government officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Japan, in pursuit of the above, should positively take every possible measure, including inter alia the dispatching of a special envoy to the United States, for the clarification of the problem.

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(House of Representatives, February 23, 1976)

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WHEREAS, the true picture of the problem should be explored and made known thoroughly and promptly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the House requests the United States Senate and the Government of the United States of America for their special consideration in making available all unpublished materials on the Lockheed problem, as it pertains to Japan, including the names of the so-called high government officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House firmly believes that to clear all doubts on the problem is important for the true friendship between Japan and the United States and is the way to respond to the desire of the Japanese people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Japan, in pursuit of the above, should on its part take every possible measure, including inter alia the dispatching of a special envoy to the United States, for the clarification of the problem.

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER MIKI

1. PRESIDENT SIGNED ON MARCH 11 FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER MIKI. PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATELY TO GOJ AND NOTIFY DEPARTMENT BY NIACT IMMEDIATE WHEN DELIVERED. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW BY POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 24. I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT I SHARE FULLY YOUR DESIRE THAT THE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING LOCKHEED ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN BE CLARIFIED WITHOUT DELAY. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO PURSUE FURTHER AN INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS FORWARDED TO THE SENATE AND TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION YOUR REQUESTS FOR ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN THEIR POSSESSION



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Department of State

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PERTINENT TO JAPAN. I BELIEVE THAT MUCH OF THE MATERIAL THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED FOR FROM THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS HAS BEEN

PROVIDED. WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO SHARE WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE SEC IN THE COURSE OF ITS INQUIRY.

I SUGGEST THAT OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS MEET WITHOUT DELAY TO WORK OUT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS. THESE PROCEDURES WOULD PERMIT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FROM JAPAN TO WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS HERE, WITH ACCESS, ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, TO RELEVANT INFORMATION HELD BY UNITED STATES INVESTIGATORY AGENCIES. THE LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE OF THE SEC IS NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC ANY MATERIAL RELATING TO AN INVESTIGATION UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED. PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF SUCH INFORMATION COULD WELL PREJUDICE THE INVESTIGATION AND ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE TAKEN IN THE UNITED STATES. IT COULD ALSO PREJUDICE THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS, WHETHER OR NOT THEY MAY ULTIMATELY BECOME DEFENDENTS IN CRIMINAL ACTIONS. THESE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF UNITED STATES LAW AND PRACTICE MUST BE RESPECTED, AS OF COURSE MUST THOSE OF JAPAN. IF THESE PRINCIPLES ARE PROTECTED, I AM SURE WE CAN WORK TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY.

ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS I AM DESCRIBING WOULD ALLOW YOUR GOVERNMENT'S INQUIRY INTO THIS MATTER TO GO FORWARD WITHOUT HINDRANCE. I HOPE THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WILL PROVE SATISFACTORY TO YOU.

I AGREE COMPLETELY, MR. PRIME MINISTER, THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES THAT THIS MATTER BE CLEARED UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I ALSO WELCOME YOUR EXPRESSION OF THE NEED TO DEVELOP NEW RULES COVERING CORRUPT PRACTICES, AND I HOPE THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN CAN SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO CURTAIL SUCH PRACTICES. FINALLY, MR. PRIME MINISTER, I AM CONFIDENT, AS I KNOW YOU ARE, THAT THIS UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR WILL NOT DAMAGE THE FUNDAMENTAL AND PERMANENT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, WHICH CONTINUES



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1976

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received your letter of February 24. I wish to assure you that I share fully your desire that the allegations concerning Lockheed activities in Japan be clarified without delay. The United States Government will continue to support your efforts to pursue further an investigation of this matter.

The Department of State has forwarded to the Senate and to the Securities and Exchange Commission your requests for all available information in their possession pertinent to Japan. I believe that much of the material that your government has asked for from the Senate Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations has been provided. We are prepared to make arrangements to share with your government the information developed by the SEC in the course of its inquiry.

I suggest that officials of our two governments meet without delay to work out such arrangements. These procedures would permit law enforcement officials from Japan to work in close cooperation with their counterparts here, with access, on a confidential basis, to relevant information held by United States investigatory agencies. The legal and administrative practice of the SEC is not to make public any material relating to an investigation until the investigation is completed. Premature disclosure of such information could well prejudice the investigation and any law enforcement actions which might ultimately be taken in the United States. It could

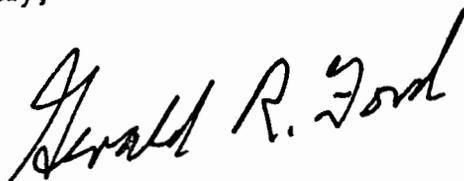


also prejudice the rights of individuals, whether or not they may ultimately become defendants in criminal actions. These basic requirements of United States law and practice must be respected, as of course must those of Japan. If these principles are protected, I am sure we can work together effectively.

Arrangements such as I am describing would allow your government's inquiry into this matter to go forward without hindrance. I hope that such arrangements will prove satisfactory to you.

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Sincerely,



His Excellency
Takeo Miki
Prime Minister of Japan
Tokyo



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Date: Mar 11, 1976
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

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To: Japanese PM Miki
From: President Ford
Date: Mar 11, 1976
Subject: Japan vs the Lockheed Allegations

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Staff Secretary

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March 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

SUBJECT: Reply to Prime Minister Miki Concerning
Charges of Lockheed Bribery

The disclosure by the Subcommittee on Multi-National Corporations of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of alleged payments by the Lockheed Corporation to high officials of the Japanese Government to secure favored treatment has stimulated great political turmoil in Japan. The continued stability of the Japanese Government and relations between the United States and Japan will be heavily influenced by the effectiveness with which both governments move to investigate the matter and bring it to a conclusion.

Not long after the allegations became public both Houses of the Japanese Diet passed resolutions urging that the United States Senate and the Executive Branch make available unpublished material relating to the Lockheed matter and, to facilitate cooperation between the two governments, that Japan dispatch a special envoy to the United States for discussions. Following the passage of these resolutions, Prime Minister Miki wrote to you (Tab B) to ask your cooperation in facilitating access to the "relevant" information, to include the names of Japanese officials involved. Informal discussions since the Prime Minister's letter was written have resulted in a tentative scenario for cooperation between our two governments in the investigation. The proposal calls for talks to be held between law enforcement officials of both governments as soon as possible, directed at reaching agreements on procedures for providing access on a confidential basis to relevant information held by U. S. investigatory agencies. These procedures would include safeguards against the compromise of evidence relevant to U. S. investigations by the SEC or Justice.

This proposal has been formalized in a draft reply to the Prime Minister's letter for your consideration (Tab A). In addition, the

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letter expresses your support for the need to develop new rules to cope with corrupt practices in international commerce. Although the Japanese Government has not finally agreed to the approach outlined in the letter, it is our understanding that Prime Minister Miki is personally committed to it and will give it vigorous support. Following receipt of your reply, it is anticipated that the Japanese Government will announce the dispatch of appropriate officials to the U.S. and that discussions will commence immediately upon their arrival.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A (the text has been cleared by Mr. Hartmann's office). Phil Buchen concurs.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

URGENT ACTION

March 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: THOMAS J. BARNES

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Prime Minister Miki's Lockheed Letter

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to the President for your signature transmitting a proposed reply (Tab A) to Prime Minister Miki's letter (Tab B) of February 24 on the Lockheed issue. It is important that we cable the text as soon as possible for delivery to the Japanese. We have also agreed with the Japanese to withhold release of the text for five hours after it is delivered in order to allow translation into Japanese.

We anticipate that Miki will respond favorably to the President's letter by a public statement in which he will also announce the dispatch of appropriate officials to the United States. Japanese and U. S. officials would then meet to reach final agreement on procedures for providing Japanese access to the material. After the signing and public release of a Justice-to-Justice memorandum, implementation would begin. The foregoing scenario does not yet have final GOJ agreement, but our Embassy has informed us that Miki is personally committed to it.

Mr. Smith of Robert Hartmann's office has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: President's letter to Japanese
Prime Minister Miki

Attached is a draft letter from the President to Prime Minister Miki. It is in response to the Prime Minister's letter of February 24 (transmitted to the White House February 25, SS No. 7603906) asking for the President's assistance in making available information concerning Lockheed activities in Japan. When White House clearance is received, the text will be sent telegraphically to Tokyo for immediate delivery by Embassy Tokyo to the Japanese Foreign Ministry, with the signed original to follow.

for *C. Arthur Borg*
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Letter from the President to Prime Minister Miki

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received your letter of February 24. I wish to assure you that I share fully your desire that the allegations concerning Lockheed activities in Japan be clarified without delay. The United States Government will continue to support your efforts to pursue further an investigation of this matter.

The Department of State has forwarded to the Senate and to the Securities and Exchange Commission your requests for all available information in their possession pertinent to Japan. I believe that much of the material that your government has asked for from the Senate Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations has been provided. We are prepared to make arrangements to share with your government the information developed by the SEC in the course of its inquiry.

His Excellency
Takeo Miki,
Prime Minister of Japan,
Tokyo.

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I suggest that officials of our two governments meet without delay to work out such arrangements. These procedures would permit law enforcement officials from Japan to work in close cooperation with their counterparts here, with access, on a confidential basis, to relevant information held by United States investigatory agencies. The legal and administrative practice of the SEC is not to make public any material relating to an investigation until the investigation is completed. Premature disclosure of such information could well prejudice the investigation and any law enforcement actions which might ultimately be taken in the United States. It could also prejudice the rights of individuals, whether or not they may ultimately become defendants in criminal actions. These basic requirements of United States law and practice must be respected, as of course must those of Japan. If these principles are protected, I am sure we can work together effectively.

Arrangements such as I am describing would allow your government's inquiry into this matter to go forward without hindrance. I hope that such arrangements will prove satisfactory to you.

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I agree completely, Mr. Prime Minister, that it is in the interest of both our countries that this matter be cleared up as soon as possible. I also welcome your expression of the need to develop new rules covering corrupt practices, and I hope the Government of Japan can support the United States proposal for an international agreement to curtail such practices. Finally, Mr. Prime Minister, I am confident, as I know you are, that this unfortunate affair will not damage the fundamental and permanent friendship between our countries, which continues to be of crucial importance to the cause of peace and progress in Asia and in the world.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from Prime Minister Miki

The attached document is the signed original of the letter from Prime Minister Miki to the President, the text of which was transmitted on February 25 (SS No. 7603906).


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Letter from Prime Minister Miki



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 25, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from Prime Minister Miki

The attached letter to the President from Japanese Prime Minister Miki was presented to the Acting Secretary by Ambassador Togo on February 24. A suggested reply from the President to the Prime Minister will follow shortly.

for 
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Letter from Prime Minister Miki



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
TOKYO

February 24, 1976

Dear Mr. President,

As you may recall, we agreed last summer to cooperate with each other for the protection of democracy and for the furtherance of amicable relations between the United States and Japan, affirming the permanent friendship between the two countries. We also promised to exchange our frank views with full confidence in each other.

As both the United States and Japan are now confronted with the unpleasant problem concerning Lockheed, it is with this confidence that I wish to convey to you my concern about this problem.

Yesterday, both Houses of the Japanese Diet adopted important resolutions on this matter, the copies of which are enclosed herewith for transmittal to your Government. That the Japanese Diet, the highest organ of state power under the Constitution, adopted such resolutions is a matter of great note and indicates the importance the Diet attaches to the clarification of the problem.

The Japanese political circle has been profoundly shaken by the reported allegation made at the public

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hearings of the Senate Sub-Committee on Multinational Corporations that Japanese government officials received payments from Lockheed. A grave concern is spread throughout Japan at present that, if the whole issue is kept unsolved with the names of the officials involved remaining in doubt, democracy in Japan may suffer a fatal blow. I share this concern. The disclosure of all the relevant materials including the names of the officials involved, if any, would serve better the interest of Japanese politics and of the everlasting friendship between the United States and Japan.

Mr. President, the utmost efforts are being made here to unveil the truth, and I hope that the United States will continue to cooperate with us for the further clarification of the problem. I am convinced that Japanese democracy is strong enough to stand the test. The truth must be sought with courage and we have the confidence to face up to its consequences.

I also share your view of the need to make new international rules on the behavior of multinational enterprises. I look forward to our close consultation to this end.

Mr. President, at this moment when you are otherwise heavily engaged in your immediate duties, it is my earnest

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hope that you will understand my genuine concern in this matter. I would appreciate your consideration in securing continued cooperation by the United States Congress and Administration in clarifying the whole matter, in response to the requests by the Diet and the Government of Japan.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Takeo Miki', written in a cursive style.

Takeo Miki
Prime Minister of Japan

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TOKYO

February 24, 1976

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500
U.S.A.

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Dear Mr. President:

Yesterday, both Houses of the National Diet of Japan unanimously passed a Resolution requesting that the United States Government make available to the Government of Japan, all necessary information concerning the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation scandal to enable our Government to take appropriate action concerning that scandal in Japan. Prime Minister Miki has also sent a personal letter to emphasize the urgency of the Resolution passed by the National Diet.

As Chairman of a Diet action group, the Seirankai, I wish to add our personal requests for the information requested by the Diet Resolution for the Following reasons:

1. To continue to withhold the information will have seriously adverse effects on the relationships between our two countries. Release of the information will strengthen our relationship.
2. Release of the information may have serious effects on our party, The Liberal-Democratic Party (the Government party), but to continue to withhold the information could destroy the Party or reduce it to a minority party. Our party is prepared to cleanse itself of anyone involved in the scandal. Failure to release the information damages the innocent and destroys public confidence in the party.
3. If the Liberal-Democratic Party is destroyed or becomes a minority party, this will quite probably change the balance of power in East Asia for all other Japanese political parties advocate foreign policies and defense policies quite different from those now followed by the Liberal Democratic Party.

Finally, may we recall your speech in Honolulu on December 7, 1975, stating that "...The second basic premise of a new Pacific doctrine is that partnership with Japan is a pillar of our strategy. There is no relationship to which I have devoted more attention...

The President
February 24, 1976
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The Japanese-American relationship can be a source of pride to every Japanese...." Let us suggest, Mr. President, that withholding information concerning the Lockheed Aircraft scandal does not seem to be in keeping with the spirit of your statement in Honolulu. The withholding of information creates suspicion, distrust and innuendo. In fairness to all, the information, including the names of any Japanese officials alleged to have received unauthorized payments from Lockheed, must be released so that appropriate action can be taken by the Japanese Government.

We send you our personal greetings.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eiichi Nakao".

Eiichi Nakao
Representative, Yamashi Prefecture
Chairman, Seirankai

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Resolution on the Lockheed Problem

(House of Representatives, February 23, 1976)

WHEREAS, the Lockheed problem, which has arisen in connection with the testimonies at the recent hearings of the Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate, has profoundly affected the national sentiment of the Japanese people; and

WHEREAS, the true picture of the problem should be explored and made known thoroughly and promptly; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the House requests the United States Senate and the Government of the United States of America for their special consideration in making available all unpublished materials on the Lockheed problem, as it pertains to Japan, including the names of the so-called high government officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House firmly believes that to clear all doubts on the problem is important for the true friendship between Japan and the United States and is the way to respond to the desire of the Japanese people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Japan, in pursuit of the above, should on its part take every possible measure, including inter alia the dispatching of a special envoy to the United States, for the clarification of the problem.



Resolution on the Lockheed Problem
(House of Councillors, February 23, 1976)

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WHEREAS, the true picture of the problem should be explored and made known thoroughly and promptly in order to remove the feeling of political distrust mounting among the Japanese people and to protect parliamentary democracy; and

WHEREAS, the House of Councillors firmly believes that to clear all doubts on the problem is the way to respond to the desire of the Japanese people and is most important for the true friendship between Japan and the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House that the House requests the United States Senate and the Government of the United States of America for their special consideration in making available, without exception, unpublished materials on the Lockheed problem, as it pertains to Japan, including the names of the high government officials; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Japan, in pursuit of the above, should positively take every possible measure, including inter alia the dispatching of a special envoy to the United States, for the clarification of the problem.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT
SUBJECT: Reply to Prime Minister Miki Concerning Charges of Lockheed Bribery

The disclosure by the Subcommittee on Multi-National Corporations of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of alleged payments by the Lockheed Corporation to high officials of the Japanese Government to secure favored treatment, has stimulated great political turmoil in Japan. The continued stability of the Japanese Government and relations between the United States and Japan will be heavily influenced by the effectiveness with which both governments move to investigate the matter and bring it to a conclusion.

Not long after the ^{allegations} ~~allocation~~ became public both Houses of the Japanese Diet passed resolutions urging that the United States Senate and the Executive Branch ~~offices~~ make available unpublished material relating to the Lockheed matter and, ~~that~~ to facilitate cooperation between the two governments, that Japan dispatch a special envoy to the United States for discussions. Following the passage of these resolutions Prime Minister Miki wrote to you ^(Tab A) to ask your cooperation in facilitating access to the ^{relevant} necessary information, ^{tion} to include the names of Japanese officials involved. Informal discussions since the Prime Minister's letter was written have resulted in a tentative scenario for cooperation between our two governments in the investigation. The proposal calls for talks to be held between law enforcement officials of both governments as soon as possible, ~~These talks would initially be directed at~~ ~~toward~~ reaching agreements on procedures for providing access on a confidential basis to relevant information held by U.S. investigatory agencies. These ^{procedures} would include, ~~however,~~ ^{rules} safeguards against ~~compromising~~ ^{the} evidence which forms a part of ongoing U.S. investigations, ^{by the SEC or Justice.}

This proposal has been formalized in a draft reply to the Prime Minister's letter for your consideration (Tab A). In addition, the letter expresses your support for the need to develop new ^{rules} ~~rules~~ to prevent ^{cooperation with} corrupt practices in international commerce. Although the Japanese Government has not finally agreed to the approach outlined in the letter,

We have conveyed the Japanese request for information to the SEC and the Senate Subcommittee. The latter has already provided a substantial amount of material in reply.



it is our understanding that Prime Minister Miki is personally committed to it and will give it vigorous support. Following receipt of your reply, it is anticipated that the Japanese Government will announce the dispatch of appropriate officials to the U.S. and that discussions will commence immediately upon their arrival.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A (the text has been cleared by Mr. Hartmann's office). Phil Buchen concurs.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT: Reply to Prime Minister Miki's Lockheed Letter

Secretary Kissinger has approved the proposed reply at Tab A to Prime Minister Miki's February 24 letter (Tab B) to you regarding the Lockheed scandal in Japan. The reply promises U. S. cooperation with the Japanese Government in a manner that will uphold the rights of individuals involved and avoid prejudice to legal action in the United States.

I anticipate that Miki will respond favorably to your letter by a public statement in which he will also announce the dispatch of appropriate officials to the United States. Japanese and U. S. officials would then meet to reach final agreement on procedures for providing Japanese access to the material. After the signing and public release of a Justice-to-Justice memorandum, implementation would begin. The foregoing scenario does not yet have final GOJ agreement, but our Embassy has informed us that Miki is personally committed to it.

Mr. Smith of Robert Hartmann's office has cleared the text of the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

**SUBJECT: Reply to Prime Minister Miki Concerning
Charges of Lockheed Bribery**

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March 12, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Japanese Government Response to
President's Ford's letter

Enclosed is a Diplomatic Note from the Japanese Embassy in Washington which conveys the March 12 decision of the Japanese cabinet to implement the President's proposal for sharing information relating to the Lockheed problem. This Note constitutes the Japanese government's formal response to the President's letter of March 11 to Prime Minister Miki.

R. A. MANNING
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Diplomatic Note

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EMBASSY OF JAPAN
WASHINGTON

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The Embassy of Japan presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor, under the instruction of its Government, to transmit herewith a text of Decision of the Cabinet on March 12, 1976, concerning the Basic Policy for Access to United States Materials on the Lockheed Problem.

Washington, D.C.

March 12, 1976

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'M. H.', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Decision of the Cabinet on March 12, 1976

Basic Policy for Access to United States
Materials on the Lockheed Problem

1. The Government understands the purport of the letter of the President of the United States to the Prime Minister received today, and it is its policy to have access to the United States materials on the basis thereof.
2. The authorities concerned will promptly take necessary measures for obtaining materials related to this problem.
3. In view of the fact that this problem encompasses both Japan and the United States, the relationship of mutual cooperation between the Japanese and United States authorities concerned will be made even closer hereafter for the clarification of the true picture of the problem.
4. The Government will devote even greater efforts hereafter for the purpose of clarifying the true picture of the problem promptly and thoroughly.

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JUNE 10, 1978

TO PRIME MINISTER MIKI

FROM PRESIDENT FORD

I WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR RECENT MESSAGE IN WHICH YOU PROPOSED THAT WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FORTHCOMING TRAVEL TO PUERTO RICO TO MEET HERE IN WASHINGTON. I WAS PARTICULARLY WARMED BY YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN WISHING TO PRESENT THE GREETING OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL.

I WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF THE SUMMIT TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN. UNFORTUNATELY, IN REVIEWING MY SCHEDULE FOR THE 25TH, A MEETING WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE ON THAT DAY. I WOULD PROPOSE, HOWEVER, THAT, SUBJECT TO YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE PLAN TO MEET HERE IN WASHINGTON ON THE 30TH FOLLOWING THE PUERTO RICO TALKS. IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS, WE COULD HAVE A MEETING HERE AT THE WHITE HOUSE AT 1100 AND CONTINUE OUR TALKS IN A BROADER GATHERING AT LUNCH ON THE SAME DAY. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THIS PROPOSAL IS AGREEABLE TO YOU. AS YOU POINT OUT, IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP AND THAT WE SEIZE APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR TIES.

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TO: PRESIDENT FORD
FROM: PRIME MINISTER MIKI
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND REPLY. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE
THAT YOU COULD SPARE YOUR TIME TO MEET ME IN WASHINGTON
D.C. ON JUNE 30 IN SPITE OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE. I AM ALSO
VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL INVITATION TO LUNCH
FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING FRUITFUL TALKS WITH YOU.
SINCERELY,
TAKEO MIKI

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BY lcl, NARA, DATE 3/6/04

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