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Dear Charles,

Call On Prime Minister by Japanese Ambassador: 30 October

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/ The Japanese Ambassador, Mr Toshio Yamazaki, is calling
/ briefly on the Prime Minister to present a gift and deliver
/ a letter from Mr Nakasone conveying the gratitude of the
/ Japanese Government for looking after Prince Hiro during his
/ two years of study at Oxford. I attach a short brief and a
/ personality note.

The Ambassador has met the Prime Minister on a social occasion (dinner for President Mubarak on 14 March), but this will be his first call.

Yr ever
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CALL ON PRIME MINISTER BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR: 30 OCTOBER

OBJECTIVE

1. To consolidate the advantages which we have gained vis-a-vis the Japanese Government through our reception of Prince Hiro (the Japanese Ambassador will be delivering a letter from Mr Nakasone conveying the gratitude of the Japanese Government and will also present a gift).

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2. Honour to have assisted in education of the Crown Prince's elder son. Hope Prince Hiro's memories of his two years at Merton College, Oxford will be fond ones.

3. Well remember hosting lunch for Prince Hiro at Chequers in February 1984.

4. Express hope that Prince Hiro will not be last member of Imperial Family to consider university education in UK. (There are rumours that Prince Hiro's younger brother, Prince Aya, may be considering coming to university here: but the Japanese have said nothing).

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MR TOSHIO YAMAZAKI

Born in 1922, Mr Yamazaki graduated from the Faculty of Law, Tokyo University in 1944. In 1946 he entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1955 he took up his first overseas appointment as Third, later Second Secretary at the Japanese Embassy in London.

In 1962, Mr Yamazaki became Director of the British Commonwealth Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1964 he was again posted abroad as First Secretary, later Counsellor (1966) in the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN in New York. From 1967 until 1971 he served again in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Director of the Financial Affairs Division in the Minister's Secretariat and then (1970) as Deputy Director-General of the Treaties Bureau. He was then posted to Washington as Counsellor (1971) later Minister (1972) and subsequently given the rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary (1974) en poste. In the same year he returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, being appointed Director-General of the American Affairs Bureau. In 1977 he became Counsellor of the Minister's Secretariat and in 1978 Deputy Vice-Minister for Administration. His Ambassadorial career began in 1980 with a posting to Egypt and then in 1982 to Indonesia.

Mr Yamazaki is married with one son and one daughter. His interests include golf.

He has an impressive command of English; his wife's English is similarly excellent.

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