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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 November, 1985.

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T215/85

Your Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your kind letter about Prince Hiro's stay in Britain as a student at Oxford University which was delivered to me personally by Ambassador Yamazaki.

It was a great honour to us that Prince Hiro chose our country in which to study and it gave me particular pleasure to entertain him to lunch at Chequers during his stay. I am glad that you consider that His Imperial Highness benefited both from his academic studies and from his personal contacts and experiences in the United Kingdom. I certainly share that impression and believe that his stay with us has highlighted the close and friendly relations between our two countries. I am most grateful to His Imperial Highness.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

11 November 1985

Dear Charles,

Prince Hiro

Thank you for your letter of 30 October about the call by the Japanese Ambassador on the Prime Minister, during which he handed over a letter from Mr Nakasone dated 26 September.

I enclose a draft letter from the Prime Minister in reply to Mr Nakasone. In parallel we are passing Mr Nakasone's thanks to those most closely involved in Prince Hiro's stay in Oxford and to the Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Boys Smith in the Home Office.

Yours ever,

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

Peter Ricketts

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HE Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone
Prime Minister of Japan

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I have spoken
to the Jap Ambo
& told him it
may be $3/4$ weeks
before we can get him
in. He accepts this.

Col. you please fix
a time with his office:
then honours is
clarified.

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Prime Minister

The diary is awful. But this could be done in literally 10 minutes

Agree, for after CHOGM?

Dear Charles,

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Let him come in to-day

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 October 1985

Call on Prime Minister by Japanese Ambassador

The Japanese Ambassador has approached us with a request for a call on the Prime Minister. I know that it would be most unusual for the Prime Minister to agree to such a call, but in view of the circumstances I think that the case is worth putting to you.

The Ambassador has received, and wishes to hand to the Prime Minister, a letter from Mr Nakasone conveying the gratitude of the Japanese Government for all that we have done in Britain in looking after Prince Hiro during his two years of study at Oxford. The Japanese value the connection between the Imperial Family and our own Royal Family very highly, and the decision of the Imperial Family that Prince Hiro, as eldest son of the Crown Prince, should spend two years at Oxford was, as you know, a mark of signal favour towards the United Kingdom and confidence in our relationship. It is natural for the Ambassador to wish to convey the feelings of his own Prime Minister personally to Mrs Thatcher on this occasion. Prince Hiro leaves the UK on 10 October, having by common consent both greatly enjoyed and benefited from his time at Oxford.

If the Prime Minister were able to spare ten minutes to receive the Ambassador, it would I am sure pay dividends in helping to consolidate the advantages which we have gained vis-a-vis the Japanese Government through our reception of Prince Hiro. The Japanese pay great attention to these small details, which can have a disproportionate effect; at a time when we need to speak formally to them on trade and other economic matters, the value of such gestures is all the greater.

The Ambassador has said that he would be happy to deliver the letter either this week, at a time to suit the Prime Minister's convenience, or after the Party Conference. I should be grateful if you could let me know whether a time can be found.

Yours ever,
Len Appleyard

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Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. *T168 AB/85*

September 26, 1985

Dear Mrs Thatcher.

On behalf of the Government and people of Japan, I should like to express my most sincere gratitude to you and the people of your country for the generous hospitality so kindly extended to Prince Hiro throughout his two years' stay in Britain as a student at Oxford University.

I understand he has not only studied about Britain, the founder of parliamentary democracy, but also broadened his horizon and developed his personality through his studies and experiences. I am sure he has gained insight into and first-hand knowledge of various aspects of Britain, such as history, culture and tradition, with which it has enriched and contributed so much to human civilization.

He will undoubtedly consider it most fortunate to have been given such an opportunity and to have enjoyed two youthful years among the British people. His experience will be an asset of immeasurable value not only for his future, but also for the promotion of good relations between our two countries, which is always one of the foremost desires of the Japanese people and myself.

The Right Honorable
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

I hope you will convey my gratitude and very best regards to those of your Government, particularly the security staff, who have been closely involved in Prince Hiro's stay in your country.

With best wishes,

Juliana Woodrow

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