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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Kent:

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter and encouraging words about the President's meeting with former President Carter and former Prime Minister Nakasone. I am delighted that they were pleased with how the Oval Office meeting went. I know that the President was pleased with it.

I am also delighted that you are off once again to Japan for what sounds like a fascinating series of meetings. Please let me know when you return. I would love to talk with you and get a first hand report.

Thank you again for all your help in enabling me to assist the President in preparing for what turned out to be a very useful meeting.

Warmest regards,



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Dear Roger,

It was good seeing you earlier this month in connection with our Carter-Nakasone conference. I enjoyed our discussion, and relayed the gist of what you felt might interest the President back to Carter and Nakasone about thirty minutes later. Carter claimed that your emphasis on the economic dimensions of the Soviet crisis was exactly his concern as well, although I have never felt that he had much sense of economic matters. Nakasone seemed delighted at how things ultimately turned out at the Oval Office meeting, and we certainly appreciate your efforts in sensitizing the President to the issues with which we have been dealing.

I will be leaving tomorrow morning for a couple of weeks in Japan, first for a Tokyo reporting session on our Washington meetings, chaired by Nakasone, and then for a symposium on political reform led, of all people, by Takeshita's confidante Shin Kanemaru, whom perhaps you know. I will then be holding a long series of meetings with Japanese politicians and bureaucrats, as well as business people, before returning to Princeton and Washington on October 14. A recurring subject, I am sure, will be the President's forthcoming visit to Tokyo, and if I pick up anything of interest I will certainly relay it to you.

Thanks again for your sensitive handling of the Carter-Nakasone meeting. We just received Carter's final comments on the project, and I have asked my secretary in Washington to have a copy of the completed report to you as soon as possible.

Warmest regards,



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