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(Hinchliffe/Simon)  
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TOKYO Draft Two

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN COMMUNITY RECEPTION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1992  
TOKYO, JAPAN**

Thank you. I'm glad to be here, with wonderful hosts [Ambassador and Mrs. Armacost] and with friends like all of you. I do have one disappointment, though. Earlier today I wanted to stop and buy some souvenirs -- but Barbara's cut my kozu kai. \\

This meeting gives me a chance to hear from you.

Separately, you're engineers, teachers, electronics specialists, businessmen and women. Together, as the American community in Tokyo, you show the world the advantages of our nations' relationship. Better than any other Americans, you understand this complex culture -- ~~this exquisite enigma~~ that is Japan.

In addition, you play pivotal roles as decision and opinion makers. I want to learn about your experiences, and about your insights into how to make our nations' working relationship as mutually beneficial and productive as possible.

And I want to discuss with you one message that is absolutely critical to our nation's future. America is great only if America spreads its wings.

Our world faces a new day. We've joined together to break down the old symbols of isolationism -- symbols like the Berlin Wall. Well, now we have the chance to break down other kinds of barriers. We need to start by swinging our sledgehammers at the wall of misunderstanding that separates two peoples. When we can

break down that wall -- then our horizons will be unlimited. For America must continue to grow abroad in order to grow at home.

Nowhere is this more true than here, in the Pacific region. And no relationship is more important to our interests than the one with Japan. We must join hands together in trust and commitment. In that embrace we will learn from each other -- learn from the traditions and thoughts that are different as well as from the interests and objectives we share.

I know that's not always easy. Economic competition can strain even the healthiest relationship, especially when there's a lack of reciprocal access to each other's markets. Each of us must begin by realizing that open markets and free trade give every nation the chance to express its own economic genius.

Yes, we have work to do at home. My upcoming State of the Union message will set out a broad agenda to restore American competitiveness. But we also have to look beyond our shores to figure out how to solve our economic problems. We must realize that we need to make our global partnership work in order to address problems at home. One critical element: we need greater access to Japan's markets. I know many of you here can attest to the fact that, although this isn't an easy task, it can be done.

We can -- and we will -- achieve our objectives. We will do this not by hiding behind misunderstandings, or by turning our backs on challenging relationships, but by using the strengths of those relationships. We will succeed by working to understand each other, our ways of life and our dreams.

I want to thank every one of you here tonight for the daily contributions you make toward building stronger U.S.-Japan relations. Keep up the good work. God bless you -- and the wonderful country that is our home.

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(Hinchliffe/Simon)  
December 11, 1991 11 a.m.  
TOKYO Draft One

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN COMMUNITY RECEPTION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1992  
TOKYO, JAPAN**

Thank you. I'm glad to be here, with wonderful hosts [Ambassador and Mrs. Armacost] and with friends like all of you. I do have one disappointment, though. Earlier today I wanted to stop and buy some souvenirs -- but Barbara's cut my kuzu kai. \\

This meeting gives me a chance to hear from you -- American men and women who live and work on the leading edge of our country's deep and complex relationship with Japan. You show that the dimensions -- and the potential -- of this relationship make it absolutely vital to both nations.

In addition, you play pivotal roles as decision and opinion makers. I respect what you do. I want to learn about your experiences, and about your insights into how to make our nations' working relationship as mutually beneficial and productive as possible. So I'll keep my own remarks brief.

Some people back home think that the end of the Cold War means we can retreat into isolationism. They believe that time spent abroad isn't relevant to America's problems. Well, I want to tell them: if there's one lesson we've learned in the last 50 years, it's that American interests can only be protected by active American involvement abroad.

Nowhere is this more true than here, in the Asia/Pacific region, where American economic interests continue to grow. And no relationship is more important to our interests than the one

with Japan. Our economic interdependence is growing. Our security relationship is critical. We share foreign policy interests and objectives. All this means that for the future, we must work together closely -- even more closely than we are now.

I know that's not always easy. Economic competition can strain even the healthiest relationship -- especially when there's a lack of reciprocal access to each other's markets.

Yes, we have much work to do at home. My upcoming State of the Union message will set out a broad agenda to restore American competitiveness. But we also have to look beyond our shores to figure out how to solve our economic problems. We must realize that we need to make our global partnership work in order to address problems at home. One critical element: we need greater access to Japan's markets. I know many of you here can attest to the fact that, although this isn't an easy task, it can be done.

We can -- and we will -- achieve our objectives. We will do this not by turning our backs on cooperative relationships, but by using the strengths of those relationships -- by applying them to help all of us find solutions.

I want to thank every one of you here tonight for the daily contributions you make toward building stronger U.S.-Japan relations. Keep up the good work. God bless you -- and the wonderful country that is our home.

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GET-TOGETHER WITH TOKYO AMERICAN COMMUNITY  
Ambassador's Residence, January 7, at 7:00 p.m.

SCENESETTER

PURPOSE

This all-American event provides an opportunity to hear, informally and directly, the views of prominent Americans who live and work in Japan.

THE SETTING

Senior US business executives, our top military commanders, outstanding Americans in the arts and education, and senior embassy personnel will attend this informal get-together on the eve of your first substantive meetings with the Japanese. Ambassador Armacost's reception will provide a good opportunity to hear the views of these prominent Americans, who work at the leading edge of our relationship with Japan and, in many respects, play pivotal roles as decision and opinion makers.

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## U.S. EMBASSY COMMUNITY EVENT

### SCENESETTER

#### PURPOSE

To express appreciation to US and Japanese members of the Embassy staff and their families for their work on behalf of the US-Japan relationship and in making your visit to Japan a success.

#### THE SETTING

This event will be held in the Embassy's first floor auditorium; about 500 American staff, family members and Japanese foreign service nationals are expected to attend. Following your remarks at a similar event during your February 1989 visit to Japan, you and Mrs. Bush invited children of the Embassy community to pose with you for a group photograph, and greeted members of the audience. No outside visitors or members of the media will attend.

DRAFT REMARKS FOR EMBASSY COMMUNITY EVENT

Barbara and I want to thank so many of you for sharing your time with us today as we complete a very successful visit to Japan and our other key friends and allies in Asia.

As all of you know better than anyone else, the US-Japan relationship is one of the most important in the world. Our discussions with Prime Minister Miyazawa and other Japanese business and political leaders have further strengthened our relationship and laid the basis for a global partnership well equipped to deal with the challenges we will face in the coming decade.

Much of what we have accomplished during the past three days would not have been possible without your hard work and long hours, and I'd like to offer my sincere gratitude to you all for supporting the visit and helping to make it a success.

When I was chief of our interests section in Beijing some years ago, I learned first hand the hard work and dedication that goes into representing our country overseas. I left there convinced that there is no more dedicated a group of public servants than the men and

women who represent the United States' interests abroad, and the able and professional staff of foreign service national employees who support them in their efforts. This is one President who appreciates from personal experience the efforts you put in to support our goals here; keep up the good work.

I also want to say a special word of thanks to the unsung heroes of Embassy Tokyo -- the spouses and children of the Embassy staff for putting up with the long hours of separation from your husbands, wives and parents. Without your support and understanding, their work would be far more difficult. I know your spouses and parents appreciate it and so do Barbara and I.

A lot has happened since Barbara and I last visited with many of you in this same room three years ago. None of us could have predicted the changes which have taken place during those three years. I suspect that the coming years will be equally unpredictable and challenging. I am confident, however, that under the excellent leadership of Mike Armacost and with your continued hard work, we will meet those challenges.

Thank you all very much.

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