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DOLE TO NAKASONE: SEIZE THE MOMENT ON TRADE

WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANS.) TODAY RELEASED A LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER NAKASONE OF JAPAN CONGRATULATING THE PRIME MINISTER ON HIS PARTY'S LANDSLIDE VICTORY IN RECENT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. THE LETTER ALSO CALLS THE OCCASION AN "UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY" FOR THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN TO MAKE NEW PROGRESS IN RESOLVING CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL TRADE ISSUES .

"Japan is a vital ally and friend," Dole said in a statement accompanying the announcement of the letter. "We must not allow commercial grievances to divide us. We must make every effort to solve them, and now we have been presented with an extraordinary chance to do so. We would be foolish not to seize the moment.

On the back is the text of the letter, which Senate Minority Leader Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) and the entire Finance Committee is expected to sign.

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July 16, 1986

His Excellency Yasuhiro Nakasone
Prime Minister
2-1 Kasumigaseki
1-Chome, Chiyoda-ku,
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We are writing to offer our congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the triumphant victory of your party in the recent parliamentary elections. This impressive ratification of your leadership represents an unprecedented opportunity for our two nations to make progress in resolving the issues of international trade which have caused us mutual concern.

We hope that your government will seize this historic moment to implement the philosophy expressed in the recent Maekawa Report, and to open Japanese markets accordingly.

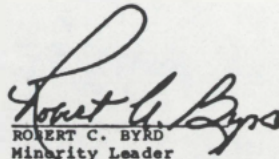
The intention which you expressed during your meeting in April with President Reagan to increase imports, especially of manufactured goods, represents a laudable vision for the future. The test of such an intention, of course, will lie in actual results.

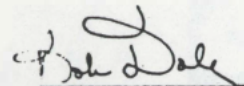
To this end, it is our hope that both of our governments can use the occasion of your electoral success to redouble our efforts in market-opening negotiations concerning such products as semiconductors, tobacco, aluminum, soda ash, autoparts, and agricultural processed goods, as well as the bidding to supply products and services in connection with the construction of Kansai International Airport. In addition, we hope for renewed efforts to increase Japanese purchases of American wood products, chemicals, coal, silicon, beef, and other competitive American exports.

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We look forward to continued cooperation and friendship between our nations.

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT C. BYRD
Minority Leader


BOB DOLE
Majority Leader

