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101 FCO TELNO 558: PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO ME NAKASONE 1. PLEASE NOW DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR NAKASONE. BEGINS: I SEND YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN.

I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND WAS GLAD OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT JAPAN IN SEPTEMBER AS A DEMONSTRATION OF THIS RELATIONSHIP. I AM SURE THAT WE SHALL HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING AND INCREASING CO-OPERATION WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP. ENDS

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