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Dear Governor,

Hereby I would like to express my renewed thanks to you for your wonderful and thoughtful friendship.

My heart has almost stopped when I happened to see a gentleman in a Tokyo coffee-shop who extremely well resembled the Governor! I have never forgotten a single day of your dependable and respectable support given during the entire period of my stint in Oregon, and also thereafter. However, it was a shocking experience reminding vividly all my days in the fondest Oregon.

I am especially happy to inform you today, Governor, that the Japanese Government received an OK from Libya for my appointment as Ambassador to that country. Isn't it so dramatic and exciting to know that in this time of turmoil in international society this being realized by successfully obtaining consent from world's toughest man like Col. Kaddafi. As I told already, I am determined to develop wonderful friendship with him for the improvement of world's stability. I may highly likely succeed, in view of the depth of my understanding of Islamism and the degree of my commanding Arabic

language acquired through intensive and Spartan training given 1963-65 in Baghdad as well as 1977-79 in Cairo.

The situation being as such, for you, Governor, my immediate future concrete schedule would be like as follows:

1. By Their Majestys' audience for me and Mrs. Watanabe on Decembr 13th in the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, my nomination will be officially finalized. (however, it is planned to be publicly announced as soon as the Hosokawa Cabinet makes decision in its meeting on Friday December 10th, which time you are free to speak openly to any one about this matter.

I am awfully sorry for you having kept waiting soooooo long until evrything officially and diplomatically settles. You know very well, it's been not my fault but the Clonel's.....taking a half year to respond favorably to the request made by Japan! (you may easilly understand in the time Col. is staunchly objecting US to have its Embassy in Tripoli and he knows well I am a close friend of Americans.

2. I must proceed to Tripoli within 45 days

counting from above-mentioned date, that is, the last week of January, 1994.

3. I fly to Tunisia via European capital, and drive road way into Libya, because US is forcefully denying the Col. to have any airplane fly over its territory. Therefore, if I, who is so good a friend of Americans, go there by air, sure US military attack instantly from the Mediterranean fleet! What a silly human-being.....or animal? we are. Friend of enemy is always enemy? Definitely NO. This I have learned through 40 long years of diplomatic activities, specially in Afghanistan when US and then USSR were enemies each other .. not mine, I made both Soviet Ambassador and US Ambassador more than good friends of mine. I knew they are just nice human being as I am. As I told you, Governor, this conclusive belief of mine and with determination, I could succeed to have both Tabieef (Soviet Ambassad in Kabul and member of Central Committee, USSR Communist Party) and Golbachev listen to my FRIENDLY advice of withdrawing Soviet forces from war-torn Afghanistan.
4. I am taking an Indonesian cook to Tripoli because of his performance and perosonality exceedingly well shown during my tenure in

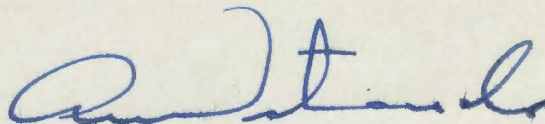
Indonesia.

I have met several times with Mr. Motomura, former Consul-General, who is still actively working for betterment of Oregon in Tokyo at the age of around 80. The intention of mine to talk with Oregon-related person was nothing but to find out a way I might be able to do a bit of contribution to promote Oregon-Japan friendship after I retire from active role of Japan's diplomatic service. However, I have graduated from Consul-Generalship whose retirement age being 63, to be TOKUBETU-SHOKU, that is, Ambassadorship in Japan is a cabinet-ranking position without age-limit. And I would like to continue my present profession as long as my health permits. In this sense I may follow a way little different from Mr. Motomura or Mr. Moriyama who are to retire at the age of 63.

Mr. Governor, I miss so very much Portland, and now in Tokyo I am wondering if I could ask you a favor of sending one copy of new member-list of Portland's Downtown Rotary so that I could see photoes of all my good friends in the Club. Tuesday lunch there was one of my most favorit events to attend

while in Oregon. This you can see in the fact that my presence was kept 100 % all through...unusual for a person in active of office.

Hoping to see Mrs. Attiyeh and yourself,
I remain, faithfully yours,



Akira Watanabe
Ambassador-designate

November 19th 1993
TOKYO