

June 6, 2004

Dear Mrs. Reagan,

We extend our deepest sympathies and most sincere condolences to you on the demise of President Ronald Wilson Reagan. He was an extraordinary statesman and leader who led democracy to victory over communism in the Cold War. He also attached critical importance to Japan-U.S. relations. Our people deeply appreciate the warm friendship he showed to Japan. We'll never forget the days when we worked closely with you and your husband, Ron, for a stronger Japan-U.S. relationship as well as for a better world. We also express our admiration for the constant comfort you gave to Ron during his long illness. We will eternally cherish our friendship with you and Ron.

Yasuhiro and Tsutako Nakasone
Former Prime Minister of Japan