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*Dear John,*

In his letter of 8 September about the Japanese Imperial Family's plans to send Prince Hiro to Oxford University, Sir Antony Acland (who is abroad at the moment) said that the matter might be raised with Mrs Thatcher by the Japanese Prime Minister. The Japanese Ambassador has now told us that it may be thought more appropriate for the Emperor to raise it when the Prime Minister has lunch at the Imperial Palace.

We have brought the Japanese Ambassador up to date with the position as set out in Sir Antony Acland's letter. We have suggested that Hugh Cortazzi might play a part in that side of the arrangements concerning Lord Mansfield, since Hugh Cortazzi knows Lord Mansfield and has stayed at his house at Scone. The Japanese Ambassador will now consult the Imperial Family further about this and other points.

*Yours ever,*

*Michael.*

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cc:

Richard Hatfield Esq  
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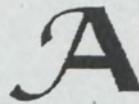
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with us to the Far  
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Dear Robin,

PRINCE HIRO OF JAPAN

1. The Japanese Ambassador told us in confidence the other day that the Japanese Imperial Family are thinking of sending Prince Hiro (now aged 22), the eldest son of the Crown Prince of Japan, to this country for a period of study. The intention is that he should come to Britain in May next year to improve his English before going on to Oxford University in October 1983 for two years.

2. The Japanese Ambassador asked us to look into one or two aspects of this: I attach a copy of the speaking notes he left with us. We have made some progress. The Home Office are looking at security protection. Lord Belstead has been in touch on a personal basis with Lord Mansfield who is in principle prepared, once one or two details are sorted out, to look after Prince Hiro during vacations. We shall need to consult the British Council in due course about Prince Hiro's initial period of English study, and we propose shortly to seek the advice of Lord Trend, as a Principal of an Oxford college and a former Cabinet Secretary, about the choice of an Oxford college. We shall bring the Japanese Ambassador up to date before he leaves for Tokyo on 11 September to prepare the way for the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit.

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Antony Acland

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## SPEAKING NOTES LEFT WITH MR GIFFARD BY THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR

1. Under whom should he carry out his research? He is interested in inland and coastal trade and communications in Medieval and Modern Britain. He studied the History of Transport in Medieval Japan in a Japanese university and the theme of his thesis there was "'Maritime Transport in the Seto Inland Sea in Medieval Days'". There is a suggestion that he would best study under Professor Peter Mathias of All Souls College, Oxford and Dr Joan Thirsk of St. Hilda's College, Oxford.
2. Is there a possibility that he could study at All Souls College, Oxford? If the college, which we understand normally accepts senior researchers and fellows, finds difficulty in accepting him, which other colleges do you recommend for his studying? (He strongly hopes to live in the college.)
3. Which degree course is recommended for his study?
4. We would like to know the detailed procedure for his entry, such as qualification requirements, when he should apply to the college, when he will receive the result of his application, payment to the college and university, cost of living etc.
5. What sort of security protection would be provided by the British side? We would also like to know whether it is possible for us to send a bodyguard for him to Britain, and other relevant matters concerning his protection.
6. Although he will be staying in the college during term, where do you think he could stay during the vacations? Would you be able to recommend some families with whom he could stay (just for your reference, we understand the Earl of Mansfield and Mansfield is a good friend of his family).

7. Before he starts studying in Oxford, he would like to study English for a few months. With which family do you think he could stay in order to do so? What are the necessary arrangements that would need to be made?