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Ambassador J. D. Hodgson
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Dear Jim:

I do appreciate your writing me about the Togo's
Washington arrival in early February. Joyce and I
will look forward to meeting them early in their
tour here.

With our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Rumsfeld



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Tokyo, January 9, 1976

Dear Don and Joyce,

My purpose in writing is to bring to your attention some fine people, Japan's newly-appointed Ambassador to the United States and his wife, who will shortly be moving to Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Fumihiko Togo will be arriving there in early February when Mr. Togo assumes his Ambassadorial duties. This couple will, I'm sure, rapidly become among the more respected members of the Washington diplomatic community.

In his prestigious role of Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs here in Tokyo, I have worked closely with and gained a high regard for Mr. Togo. Some of his prior assignments have given him a considerable understanding of the United States. They include a period as Consul General in New York City and Chief of the Foreign Ministry's North American Affairs Bureau. He is a broad-gauge man of measured and wholly reliable comment. I consider him a man of quality.

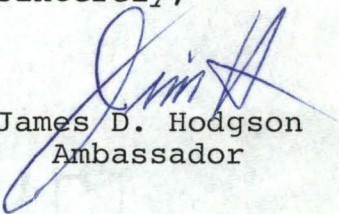
Mrs. Togo is attractive, ingratiating and wholly familiar with western ways. I hope that early during their tenure in Washington you will have an opportunity to become acquainted with them.

Honorable and Mrs.
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I suppose I should add what I think just about all our friends realize by now, and that is that Maria and I continue to find life in Tokyo fascinating. Here the Japanese calendar proclaims 1976 to be the Year of the Dragon. Let us hope the creature proves to be of the benign variety and provides us all with a salubrious Bicentennial Year.

Sincerely,



James D. Hodgson
Ambassador

