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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

The President had the following reaction to arriving in Japan:

"It was a beautiful, sunny day and I believe that's a good sign for my trip as the first American President to visit Japan. The welcome was warm and friendly and I look forward to seeing more of Japan and its people."

The President is staying in a large, ornate suite on the second floor of the Akasaka Palace. The room overlooks a plaza and fountain. The walls of the President's room have brocade panels. The chandeliers are gold and crystal and there is a marble fireplace and marble topped tables in the room.

The President will host a private dinner this evening in a dining room in the Palace for his senior staff members accompanying him on the trip. Ambassador Hodgson also will attend. Others attending are Henry Kissinger, General Scowcroft, Don Rumsfeld, Bob Hartmann and Ron Nessen.

The President plans to retire early, Nessen said.

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