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Japan and the United States, Part II: Diplomatic, Security, and Economic Relations, 1977-1992—278 microfiche with printed guide and index This microfiche subset continues the documentation of relations between the U.S. and Japan begun in *Japan and the United States: Diplomatic, Security, and Economic Relations, 1960-1976*. While the former subset focuses on the formative years of their post-war alliance, part two details the challenges the alliance faced in a renewed Cold War climate and the subsequent sudden fall of the Soviet empire.

The collection features over 1700 documents, assembled during a decade-long Freedom of Information Act initiative by an expert team from the National Security Archive, a non-profit group based at George Washington University. The subset concerns itself with an era of profound changes in the Japan-U.S. relationship and in global politics. Having weathered scandals that brought down leaders in both nations—Nixon by Watergate and Tanaka by Lockheed—Washington and Tokyo found little respite as the new diplomatic currents set in motion by Nixon and Kissinger continued to buffet the alliance.

Meanwhile new challenges arose. The renewed Cold War brought heightened attention to the security relationship between Washington and Tokyo, even as increased trade competition and tension between the two nations threatened to undermine political support for the alliance. The fall of the Soviet regime and the end of the Cold

War created further tests for the alliance, as both parties sought an updated vision to guide diplomacy and to provide a new rationale for the alliance. Ideas about a “New World Order” or unipolarity would soon run aground in the face of new regional and non-state based threats, as well as North Korea’s challenge to stability and peace.

This subset documents high-level policy-making within the U.S. government and discussions with the Japanese. The declassified documents—most of which appear here for the first time—include records of key U.S.-Japanese summit meetings; communications between heads of state; top-level internal deliberations; memoranda, cables, and studies concerning U.S. diplomatic relations with Japan; records of the U.S.-Japan security relationship; documents related to trade and international monetary relations; and intelligence estimates and studies of Japan’s foreign policy objectives, military capabilities, economic policies, and internal situation. Documents include:

- Memorandum of Conversation (Classification: Secret) between Vice President Mondale and Prime Minister Fukuda, February 1, 1977
- Talking Points (Classification: Secret), The President’s July 8th Meeting with Prime Minister Kaifu, c. July 8, 1990
- Cable (Classification: Secret), Baker to Department of Defense, Subject: Dealing with the North Korean Nuclear Problem: Impressions from My Asia Trip, November 18, 1991

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