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Letters to the U.S. Presidential Nominees on the SOFA Issue

My respect to be expressed for all your hard work in various scenes everyday.

Since last year, I have distributed two press releases as enclosures herewith.

Today, I sent my third letters to Mr. McCain, the Republican Appointed Nominee, Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Obama, both in the intensifying Democratic Party Campaigns, and to those who resulted to support the future president.

The response to my previous letters was negative unfortunately, however, I will continue to endeavor what I am aiming at my own goal. Accordingly, I need your support and cooperation. You will know how greatly you would be appreciated.

In Japan, the serial tragedies such as the sexual assault cases to the minors in Okinawa, and repetitive crimes caused by the US military service personnel which can easily induce serious attention to the SOFA, Agreement under article VI of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between Japan and the United States of America, regarding Facilities and Areas and the Status of United States Armed forces in Japan.

The Japan's political trend varies, however, and is facing with the reality of the problems and it will be the possibility to take future bilateral negotiations about this issue. Therefore, it is obviously, very important for the future president of the United States of America to have views on this issue.

I will distribute another press release when it's time to express the status quo in the appropriate manner. Thank you very much.