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To the Members of the Press

Resending of My Questionnaire on the Japan-U.S. Status
of Forces Agreement issued to all Candidates for the Presidency
of the United States of America

I express my sincere respect to your struggling hard with your work.

In the month of October, I have sent my Questionnaire to each candidate for the next U.S. President, asking their opinions about the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement

At that time, I pledged with you that I would tell its result on the situation of receiving their answers and my next actions that should be taken. So I report you as follows.

~~My~~ My Questionnaires were sent to:

9 members in Republican Party, 8 in Democratic Party, thus in total 17 candidates. I requested them to answer by 17 Nov., 2007. However, to my regret, as of today, no answers have been received from any person of them.

~~Therefore,~~ Therefore, I have decided to send and request them again to reply the same Questionnaire. I have posted it with my request letter as attached hereto. This time, I have requested them to reply to me by the end of this month.

~~This time,~~ This time, in the said letter, I have referred to the actual number of the answers received by National Governors' Association for Military Facilities (NGAMF) in Japan, who, in March this year, conducted an opinion survey by sending their questionnaires to the related members of the U.S. and Japanese Congresses members on various issues related to the Status Agreement.

Still now in our Parliament, heated debates are going on about a policy whether Japan should continue fuel supplies in the Indian Ocean. The U.S. government might be looking with serious eyes at the development of the debates in our Parliament. In this connection, I assume and expect that addressees of my Questionnaire of this time again, will certainly reply to my questions contained in it.

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