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Dear Senator Obama,

I would like you to know my highest respect to you for your tremendous effort in the Presidential Campaign 2008. Whether you or Mrs. Clinton, there was no such intensifying nomination campaign before in the Democratic Party. I would like you to thrive much more energetically forward till the Election Day in November 2008.

Naturally in all of the United States, the Japanese mass media such as TV news report daily about the U.S. Presidential Campaign 2008. We see you on TV more frequently than the Japanese Prime Minister comes up on the screen. Almost all the Japanese citizens can tell you who you are now. The collective worldwide attention will also empower you vastly and with heavier load of responsibilities as the top leader of the United States of America.

I am Tsuyoshi Saito, the former member of the House of Councilors, the Upper House, in Japan, and now a member of the Japanese Democratic Party. When I found that you'd run for the 44th United States Presidency, I sent to you two letters in October and December, as enclosed herewith. You must have been working so hard to dedicate yourself for your people, not even have had time to respond to me from Japan. Please accept my apologies for sending questionnaires to you during your busiest time.

I would like to ask you concerning on the relationship between the United States and Japan toward the future, the Japan-US Security Treaty, and the 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.

Your thoughts concerning in this presidential campaigns, your determination toward the future would be highly appreciated. I believe that exchanging our opinions will induce the truly harmonized relationship between the United States and Japan.

I appreciate you very much for your cooperation and am looking forward to your response sooner.

I wish my very best for your prosperity and well-being and for your family members's.

Sincerely,

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