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MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN

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IT WAS WITH THE GREATEST OF PLEASURE THAT I
RECENTLY LEARNED OF THE DECISION OF THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT TO LIBERALIZE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.

WE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
THIS GREAT INFLUX OF NEW VISITORS FROM JAPAN. WE
LOOK UPON JAPAN AS A GOOD FRIEND AND A LOYAL ALLY AND
BELIEVE THAT FREQUENT VISITS BY JAPANESE TOURISTS
CANNOT HELP BUT CEMENT AN ALREADY STRONG RELATIONSHIP.

EACH OF THE 50 STATES IN THE UNITED STATES SENDS
TWO SENATORS TO WASHINGTON TO SIT IN THE UPPER CHAMBER
OF THE CONGRESS. I AM ONE OF THE TWO SENATORS ELECTED
FROM HAWAII.

THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII ARE ESPECIALLY EXCITED BY THE
PENDING ARRIVAL OF SO MANY OF YOU FROM JAPAN. AS YOU
KNOW, MANY OF OUR TRAVEL AGENTS HAVE VISITED JAPAN
TO TAKE NOTE OF YOUR SPECIAL INTERESTS AND DESIRES.
THEY WILL SEE TO IT THAT YOU DO NOT LEAVE HAWAII WITH
A FEELING OF DISSATISFACTION IN YOUR HEARTS.

I KNOW THE POETIC BEAUTY OF MANY PARTS OF JAPAN,
HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT OUR COUNTRY IN
1960 AND, INCIDENTALLY, THE BIRTHPLACE OF MY GRAND-
PARENTS IN FUKUOKA PREFECTURE.

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BUT I THINK YOU WILL ALSO FIND A CERTAIN POETIC
BEAUTY IN HAWAII. **COPY** MARK TWAIN, ONE OF AMERICA'S WELL
KNOWN AUTHORS, BEST DESCRIBED HAWAII IN THE FOLLOWING
WORDS WHICH ARE AS TRUE TODAY AS WHEN HE WROTE THEM IN
1866:

No alien land in all the world has any deep,
strong charm for me but that one;
No other land could so longingly and beseech-
ingly haunt me sleeping and waking, through
half a lifetime, as that one has done.
Other things leave me, but it abides;
Other things change but, it remains the same.
For me its balmy airs are always blowing,
its summer seas flashing in the sun;
The pulsing of its surf-beat is in my ear;
I can see its garlanded crags, its leaping
cascades, its plumed palms drooping by the
shore;
Its remote summits floating like islands
above the cloud-rack;
I can feel the spirit of its woodland
solitude; I can hear the plash of its brooks;
In my nostrils still lives the breath of
flowers that perished twenty years ago.

MARK TWAIN ALSO DESCRIBED HAWAII AS, "THE
LOVELIEST FLEET OF ISLANDS THAT LIES ANCHORED IN ANY
OCEAN," A DESCRIPTION WHICH I FIND EQUALLY FITTING
TODAY.

THE HAWAII OF 1964 COMBINES THE BEST OF THE OLD
AND NEW HAWAII. WE HAVE OUR MODERN LUXURY HOTELS,
TOWERING ABOVE THE WHITE, SHIMMERING SAND OF OUR
LOVELY BEACHES, BUT OUR PEOPLE STILL HAVE WHAT WE CALL THE

ALOHA SPIRIT AND IT IS THIS SPIRIT THAT KEPT ALIVE
FOR MARK TWAIN---AND MANY OTHERS---THE BREATH OF
FLOWERS THAT PERISHED TWENTY YEARS AGO.

ALOHA IS A FAVORITE---AND MOST VERSATILE---
HAWAIIAN WORD. IT MEANS "HELLO," IT ALSO MEANS
"GOODBYE". AND IT MEANS "I LOVE YOU." THE ALOHA
SPIRIT IS ONE BUILT ON LOVE OF FELLOW MAN. IT IS
A SPIRIT THAT ENABLES PEOPLE OF MANY RACES TO LIVE
SIDE BY SIDE TOGETHER IN PEACE. THIS IS THE GREAT
HERITAGE OF THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE WHO PASSED IT ON TO
THOSE OF US WHO CAME AFTER THEM, FOLLOWING THE
ETERNAL LURE OF THE ISLANDS OF HAWAII.

BEYOND HAWAII SOME 2,300 MILES TO THE EAST,
LINES THE VAST EXPANSE OF THE CONTINENTAL UNITED
STATES. YOU WILL FIND EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE RANGING
FROM THE SUB-ZERO WEATHER OF OUR ROCKY MOUNTAINS TO
THE SUB-TROPICAL CLIMATE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND
OF FLORIDA.

YOU WILL SEE THE VAST PLAINS WHICH POSED A CHALLENGE
TO SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS AN EPIC STORY NOW
IMMORTALIZED IN BOOKS AND MOTION PICTURES ABOUT THE
AMERICAN WEST.

YOU WILL SEE VAST INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES ON BOTH
THE EAST AND WEST COASTS AND THE GREAT CITIES OF THE
CHICAGO, DETROIT, PITTSBURG, HOUSTON, AND MANY OTHERS.

YOU WILL MEET THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA.

THE CALIFORNIANS---IN FACT MOST RESIDENTS OF
WESTERN UNITED STATES---ARE DEVOTEES OF INFORMAL LIVING.
THEY LOVE THE SUN AND THE WATER. THEIR FAVORITE MEAL
IS A STEAK COOKED OVER A CHARCOAL FIRE ON THE PATIO IN
THEIR BACK YARD. THE RESIDENTS OF THE MID-WEST AND
EAST, WHO LIVE IN OLDER SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY, ARE
MORE RESERVED BUT JUST AS FRIENDLY ONCE YOU GET
ACQUAINTED. IN NEW ENGLAND, THE SIX STATES IN THE
NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE COUNTRY, YOU WILL FIND A
WEALTH OF HISTORICAL LANDMARKS DATING BACK TO 1620
WHEN THE FIRST ENGLISHMEN STEPPED ASHORE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

NEW YORK CITY IS THE HOME OF THE AMERICAN
THEATRE, THE FAMOUS NEW YORK YANKEES AND---THIS YEAR AND
NEXT---NEW YORKERS ARE PLAYING HOSTS TO THE WORLD BY
STAGING THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR.

PHILADELPHIA IS ANOTHER HISTORIC CITY. IT IS THERE
THAT AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED---THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

CLOSE BY IS WASHINGTON, THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.
YOU MAY SEE THE TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS IN SESSION WELL

INTO THE MONTH OF JULY THIS YEAR.

OUR SOUTHERN STATES ARE ALSO FILLED WITH MEMORIES
OF THE PAST---OLD BATTLEFIELDS, ONCE-GRACIOUS MANSIONS
DATING BACK TO PRE-CIVIL WAR DAYS---FIELDS OF TOBACCO
AND COTTON---OLD RIVER BOATS ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREVER YOU GO, YOU WILL FIND AMERICAN HOSPITALITY
AWAITING YOU. MANY AMERICANS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
THEIR FIRST VISITS TO JAPAN THIS YEAR AS OUR VACATION
SEASON GETS UNDERWAY.

I KNOW THAT BOTH THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN AND THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES CANNOT HELP BUT BENEFIT
FROM THIS WIDESPREAD TOURIST EXCHANGE.

OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL EMERGE FROM THESE VISITS
WITH EVEN CLOSER TIES IN THE FUTURE.

Sincerely,

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