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Mr. Shane L. Stone
The Former Chief Minister of
Australia's Northern Territory

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Dear Mr. Stone

Your letter dated Feb 7 has shocked me because I have regarded you as one of the key persons to promote our "ORDRIVER SUGAR PROJECT".

I don't know the background so I should not say any further.

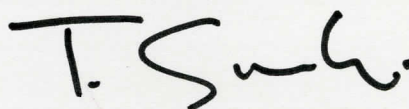
But I promise that we, Marubeni, will do best to promote the project to be the stable supply source of sugar for the world market and also for the prosperity of the region.

At this opportunity, I would like to express my deep appreciation to your support and leadership extended to the project.

I really hope I can see you again in the near future somewhere in Australia or in Japan.

Please contact me if you come to Japan not necessary on business but also for vacation.

I am looking forward to seeing you again.



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