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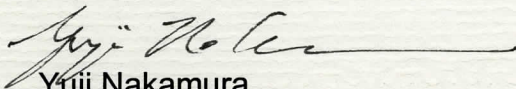
Dear Mr. Stone,

Thank you for your kind letter of 7 February 1999 in which you have informed me of your retirement as Chief Minister of the Northern Territory.

I would like to thank you for your support as Chief Minister and for your promotion of relations between the Northern Territory and Japan. I was always delighted to be able to meet you when visiting Darwin.

I wish you all the very best for your future.

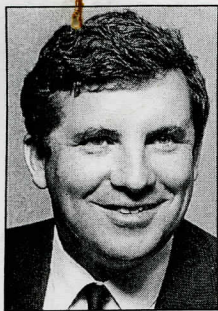
Yours sincerely,



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My dear Consul-General

Thank you for your letter of March 10 following on from my retirement as Chief Minister of the Northern Territory.

I always valued the very strong relationship between the Northern Territory and Japan and you can be assured that, in a private capacity, I will continue to promote those strong bilateral relations.

My wife, Josephine, and our two children, Jack and Madeleine, will be travelling to Japan during the course of July. We will be there between July 6 and 12 before making our way to Beijing.

Thank you for the hospitality and courtesies that you extended to me during my time as Chief Minister and in the event that I can ever be of any assistance, you should not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Shane L. Stone