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Lieutenant General Burton Field Commander, Fifth Air Force United States Air Force

Dear General Field,

Japan is now suffering serious damages on their lives, properties and infrastructures by the great earthquake and tsunami. It is also giving us big scars in our hearts. Lots of people lost their lives, if we luckily see the survivors they've lost their family members and their houses and they are at a lost in what to do. The devastating damage to the atomic power plant is dropping dark shadow to the heart of all of the people around the world worrying about what will come next.

In such a national tragedy, we are encouraged and strongly moved by the lively activities of the United States Forces and Japan Self Defense Forces under the difficult situations. We are very proud of those forces and the tie between two forces. "Operation Tomodachi" is saving us from the bottom of disappointment and disaster.

On behalf of the members of Japan-America Air Force Goodwill Association (JAAGA), I would like to express our appreciation on the great support of your forces and the United States to Japan. As for JAAGA activities, we decided not to have some programs such as SPORTEX10B and Misawa Air Base Tour. In addition to these programs, we cancelled all events of the JAAGA 15th Anniversary. It's a great pity that we will not be able to see you and have your lecture on 7th July.

Please give our best regards to those who are working for Japan and Japanese people. We are ready to give them any support they may need. We are looking forward to seeing you after Japan find the path for reconstruction with the great support by the U. S. and the U.S. Forces.

Thank you very much again for your great support.

Sincerely,

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