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The Honorable Nikki Haley
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Dear Governor Haley:

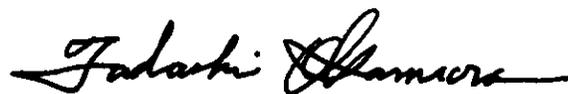
Allow me to express my deep commiseration on the dreadful rain and flooding that have inundated South Carolina in the last week. I have followed the news, and like everybody else I have been astonished by the ferocity and scale of this once-in-a-1,000-year event. I wish you and the people of the people of South Carolina every success in combatting the flood waters and securing an early recovery.

In following the events, one thing has been clear to me: although South Carolina has been hit hard, the state government and people of the Palmetto state have responded with vigor and determination, from first responders to ordinary people. In great adversity, they have shown greater courage. Most telling, throughout the crisis, you have offered the beacon of clear and decisive leadership, and I am sure that has inspired and comforted many people.

I realize we are supposed to meet at the US Southeast-Japan conference in Birmingham next month, and I hope we still can. However, if events in your home state continue to require your presence and attention, we will all fully understand. Just in case you are not there, let me congratulate you now on a job very well done.

My best wishes to you and all South Carolinians.

Sincerely,



Tadashi Okamura