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Governor Haley
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Dear Governor Haley,

I hope this finds you well. I am writing to you today to express my condolences following the tragedy that occurred in the United States last Sunday. The people of Japan were deeply shocked and saddened by this horrible act of hatred and violence. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, relatives, and friends of the victims. The Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe, sent President Obama the following message of condolence on June 13:

"I am immensely shocked and utterly outraged to hear about the shooting terrorism incident that occurred in the state of Florida, resulting in a large number of casualties among US citizens. We cannot tolerate acts of terrorism for any reason. I resolutely condemn it.

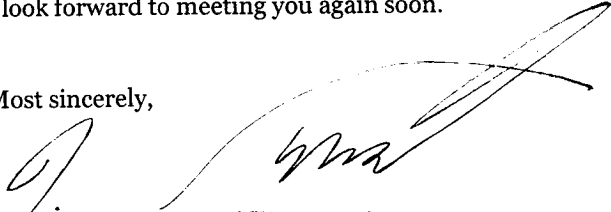
I would like to express our sincere condolences to all the victims and their families, and hope that those who were injured will recover as soon as possible.

Japan stands with the United States and the people of the United States at this difficult time. Terrorism challenges the values shared by Japan and the United States. Japan shares President Obama's strong determination to the fight against terrorism, and continues to engage in the fight against terrorism in cooperation with the United States and the international community."

I earnestly hope that the sorrow of the bereaved people will be healed in part by the sympathy of their fellow citizens and of people all over the world and that those who were injured will recover quickly.

I look forward to meeting you again soon.

Most sincerely,



Takashi Shinozuka (Thomas)

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