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B. SUBJECT: Interview: Dr. Yoichi Funabashi (Asahi Shimbun - Photo Op)

VENUE: E1227 Conference Room

ATTENDEES: JDW, Funabashi, Bergeman

ISSUES:

1. JDW's efforts to reform the Bank
2. Bank facilitating public-private sector cooperation
3. JDW views on development, esp. South Asia & Middle East.

Dr. Funabashi authored several books:

1. Neibu - Inside China
2. The US - Japan Economic Entanglement - The Inside Story
3. Managing the Dollar: From the Plaza to the Louvre

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 11, 1996

TO: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn, EXC

FROM: Klas Bergman, EXTME



EXTENSION: 31782

SUBJECT: **Your interview with Dr. Yoichi Funabashi of *Asahi Shimbun*, from 4:15-4:45, Tuesday, September 17**

Dr. Funabashi, Washington Bureau Chief of *Asahi Shimbun*, has a very high reputation in economic policy circles for *Managing the Dollar*, his book-length analysis of financial cooperation among the G-7. He writes regular columns both for *Asahi Shimbun* and for *Asahi Evening News*, an English-language daily newspaper. As his attached bio indicates, he is an editorial member of *Foreign Policy* and a senior contributing editor of *International Economy*. When he first wrote you asking for an interview before the Lyon Summit, he sent you his most recent book, *Asia Pacific Fusion: Japan's Role in APEC (1995)*. Dr. Funabashi is a good friend of Mr. Hashimoto of Fuji Bank.

He would like to discuss the following (for possible use in his columns and future books):

- Your efforts to reform the Bank; how you envision the institution's future role as a global organization.
- How the Bank is facilitating public-private sector cooperation.
- Your views on development, especially in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East. He is interested in how cultural differences have impacted economic advances in these regions and wants to know how the Bank incorporates the cultural and social sensitivities into its advice and assistance for client countries. He is also interested in comparing South Asia, Africa and the Middle East to East Asia and Latin America (the latter two regions having attracted relatively more foreign direct investment than the former three).

I will accompany Dr. Funabashi to your office.

cc: Mmes. A. Tsatsakis, J. Holden (EXC); Mr. M. Malloch Brown, Ms. J. Armitage, Ms. J. Kirby (EXTVP), Mr. S. Miyamura (TOKDR)

Attachment

YOICHI FUNABASHI, PH.D

Washington, D.C. Bureau Chief and Diplomatic Correspondent of the *Asahi Shimbun*

Dr. Funabashi is a leading journalist in the field of Japanese foreign policy. He is an editorial member of *Foreign Policy* and a senior contributing editor of *International Economy*.

The Japan Press Award -- often called Japan's Pulitzer Prize -- was awarded Dr. Funabashi in 1994 for his columns on foreign policy. His articles for *Foreign Affairs* ("Japan and the New World Order") and *Foreign Policy* ("Japan and America: Global Partners") were awarded the Ishibashi Tanzan Prize in 1992. He was named the 1985 winner of the Vaughn-Uyeda Prize for excellence in reporting on international affairs.

Dr. Funabashi has authored several books:

Neibu -- Inside China
(Asahi Shimbun, 1983)

The U.S. - Japan Economic Entanglement -- The Inside Story
(Iwanami Shoten, 1987)

Managing the Dollar: From the Plaza to the Louvre
(Institute for International Economics, 1988)

A Design for a New Course of Japan's Foreign Policy
(Iwanami Shoten, 1993)

Editor, *Japan's International Agenda*
(New York University Press, 1994)

Co-Author, *An Emerging China in a World of Interdependence*
(Report to the Trilateral Commission, 1994)

Asia Pacific Fusion: Japan's Role in APEC
(Institute for International Economics, 1995)

The Japanese edition of *Managing the Dollar* was awarded the Yoshino Sakuzo prize, the most prestigious prize for social science works in Japan.

Dr. Funabashi was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University (1975-76). He was the *Asahi Shimbun's* correspondent in Beijing (1980-81) and in Washington, D.C. (1984-87). He was a visiting fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington in 1987.

Dr. Funabashi was born in Beijing in 1944 and graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1968. He is married to Reiko Kinoshita, a journalist.

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