

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON June 30, 2020

Dear Mrs. Yokota:

The First Lady and I are saddened to learn of the loss of your husband Shigeru.

It was my great honor to meet you and your husband during my visit to Japan in 2017. I was moved by your unflinching determination to reunite with your daughter Megumi and to ensure that all the families of abductees know the truth regarding the whereabouts of their loved ones. Thanks to the tireless advocacy of you and your husband, the North Korea abduction issue remains a primary focus for Japan and the United States. We join you and your sons, Takuya and Tetsuya, in continuing this important work to finally bring Megumi home.

We send our deepest condolences and prayers to you and your family during this sorrowful time.

Sincerely,