

THE JAPAN THAT CAN SAY NO

The author offer this book to American readers with recognition that too much is at stake for Japan and the United States to drift apart. To stay together, we have to understand each other. And a frank, sincere dialogue is the key, even if our tempers flare occasionally. For many cultural reasons, Japanese are not used to freewheeling debate. Uncomfortable in confrontational situations, we try to avoid a clash of opinions. but Japanese must realize that silence is self destructive and reticence can harm a friendship. The differences between Japanese and Americans often lead to misintrepretaton and stereotyping. A mutual dose of honesty and clarity is the antidote. I hope this book will be a catalyst for candor.

