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PRIMARY INFORMATION RESOURCES

A: JAPAN

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21 Seiki Nihon no Kousou Kondankai Saishuu Houkokusho: Nihon no Furontia ha Nihon no Naka ni Aru—Jiritsu to Kyouchi de Kizuku Shinseiki [Report of the Prime Minister’s Commission on Japan’s Goals in the 21st Century—The Frontier Within: Individual Empowerment and Better Governance in the New Millenium]. Official Residence of the Prime Minister. January 2000.

<http://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/21century/index.html> (J, E)

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Selected Newspaper Articles and Editorials

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in Asia. To flourish in the New Economy, they need to operate at Internet speed, focus on high-growth services and join cross-border alliances.”

Speeches/ Official Remarks

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B: UNITED STATES

Agreements & Reports

WTO Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products (Also known as *Information Technology Agreement*, concluded December 13, 1996). World Trade Organization. <http://www.wto.org>

Basic Telecommunications Services Agreement (Agreement among 70 countries including Japan concluded February 15, 1997). United States Trade Representative. Statement on Agreement by US Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky: <http://www.ustr.gov/agreements/telecom/barshefsky.html>

Priority Requests of the United States Government to Japan Under the Enhanced Initiative on Deregulation and Competition Policy. United States Trade Representative. 1998. <http://www.ustr.gov/reports/deregsub98.pdf>

Second Joint Status Report on The U.S.-Japan Enhanced Initiative On Deregulation and Competition Policy. United States Trade Representative. May 3, 1999. <http://www.ustr.gov/releases/1999/05/drgagr.html>

Submission By The Government Of The United States To The Government Of Japan Regarding Deregulation, Competition Policy, And Transparency And Other Government Practices In Japan. United States Trade Representative. October 6, 1999. <http://www.ustr.gov/reports/99submi.html>

“Telecommunications: Development of Competition in Local Telephone Markets.” United States General Accounting Office. GAO/RCED-00-38, January 25, 2000: 57pgs.

2000 Trade Policy Agenda and 1999 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program. United States Trade Representative. March 2, 2000, 310pgs. <http://www.ustr.gov/reports/tpa/2000>

2000 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE). United States Trade Representative. March 31, 2000, 443pgs. ISBN 0-16-050340-X. <http://www.ustr.gov/reports/nte/2000/contents.html>

Japan Section (40pgs): <http://www.ustr.gov/reports/nte/2000/japan.pdf>

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“U.S. Warns Japan in Telecom Dispute: WTO Complaint May Be Filed Over Fees.” Washington Post. 3/31/00, pE4.

Speeches/ Official Remarks

1999 - United States Comments on Ministry of Post & Telecommunications Study Group LRIC Model for Interconnection. USTR Homepage: <http://www.ustr.gov/new/dftcmnt.html>

3/14 – Through a Worldnet interactive dialogue, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Richard Fisher tells a Tokyo audience that deregulation that saved the US economy can also work for Japan, especially in the

telecommunications market.

<http://www.usinfo.state.gov/cgi-bin/washfile/display.pl?p=/products/washfile/geog/ea&f=00031506.eea&t=/products/washfile/newsitem.shtml>

3/20 – US Senators Max Baucus and Charles Grassley introduce a “Sense of the Senate” Resolution designed to encourage the Japanese government to deregulate and open the Japanese telecommunications sector. <http://www.usinfo.state.gov/cgi-bin/washfile/display.pl?p=/products/washfile/geog/ea&f=00032102.eea&t=/products/washfile/newsitem.shtml>

3/21 – Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Richard Fisher speaks on the importance of deregulation to Japan, especially in the telecommunications sector, at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan. <http://www.usinfo.state.gov/cgi-bin/washfile/display.pl?p=/products/washfile/geog/ea&f=00032101.eea&t=/products/washfile/newsitem.shtml>

3/23 – At a press conference at the US embassy in Japan, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Richard Fisher announces that talks over reducing NTT’s interconnection rates failed because “The government of Japan is proposing a policy that would reduce the cost of interconnection by too little over too long a period.” Transcript of press conference: <http://www.usinfo.state.gov/cgi-bin/washfile/display.pl?p=/products/washfile/geog/ea&f=00032404.eea&t=/products/washfile/newsitem.shtml>

3/30 – U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky announces the results of this year’s review of Japan’s compliance with the telecommunications trade agreements, highlighting its high Internet interconnection rates. USTR Press Release: <http://www.usinfo.state.gov/cgi-bin/washfile/display.pl?p=/products/washfile/geog/ea&f=00033005.eea&t=/products/washfile/newsitem.shtml>

4/4 – United States Trade Representative Charlene Barchefsky announces that July 28 will be the deadline for deciding whether to take action in the WTO against Japan over its telecommunications policy. USTR Press Release: <http://www.usinfo.state.gov/cgi-bin/washfile/display.pl?p=/products/washfile/geog/ea&f=00040401.eea&t=/products/washfile/newsitem.shtml>

INTERNET RESOURCES

A. JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister’s Office
<http://www.sorifu.go.jp> (J, E)

Prime Minister’s Official Residence
Best Place for general links to Japanese Government resources
<http://www.kantei.go.jp> (J, E)
Advanced Information & Telecommunications Society Promotion Office
<http://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/it/index.html> (J)
Promotion of an Advanced Information & Telecommunications Society
<http://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/it/index2.html> (J)

Basic Guidelines on the Promotion of an Advanced Information & Telecommunications Society
<http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/990209guideline-aits.html> (E)

Bank of Japan
<http://www.boj.go.jp> (J, E)

Economic Planning Agency (EPA)
<http://www.epa.go.jp> (J, E)

Information-Technology Promotion Agency (IPA)
<http://www.ipa.go.jp> (J, E)

Japan Science and Technology Corporation (JST, formerly JICST)
<http://www.jst.go.jp> (J, E)

Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture (MONBUSHO)

<http://www.monbu.go.jp> (J, E)

Ministry of Finance (MOF)

<http://www.mof.go.jp> (J, E)

Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)

<http://www.miti.go.jp> (J, E)

Agency of Industrial Science & Technology

<http://www.aist.go.jp> (J,E)

Japan Key Technology Center

<http://www.jkctc.go.jp> (J)

Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

<http://www.jetro.go.jp> (J, E)

New York Office

<http://www.jetro.org/newyork>

Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPT)

<http://www.mpt.co.jp> (J, E)

Communications Research Laboratory

<http://www.crl.go.jp/overview/index-J.html> (J, E)

Institute for Posts and Telecommunications Policy

<http://www.iptp.go.jp> (J, E)

Telecommunications Advancement Organization of Japan

<http://www.shiba.tao.go.jp> (J, E)

Telecommunications Policy Council

<http://www.mpt.go.jp/policyreports/japanese/telecouncil/index.html> (J)

Training Institute of

Telecommunications Administration

http://www.nttls.co.jp/tele_aca (J)

National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP)

<http://www.nistep.go.jp> (J, E)

Research Institute of Software Engineering (RISE)

<http://village.infoweb.ne.jp/~fvgn2610> (J)

National Diet of Japan

House of Representatives

<http://www.shugiin.go.jp> (J, E)

House of Councilors

<http://www.sangiin.go.jp> (J, E)

B. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Office of the President

<http://www.whitehouse.gov>

Council of Economic Advisors (CEA)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/CEA/html/CEA.html>

Information Infrastructure Task Force

<http://www.iitf.nist.gov>

National Economic Council (NEC)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/nec/html>

Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OSTP/html/OSTP_Home.html

US Government Electronic Commerce Policy

<http://www.ecommerce.gov>

US Trade Representative (USTR)

<http://www.ustr.gov>

Department of Commerce (DOC)

<http://www.doc.gov>

Foreign Commercial Service, Japan

<http://www.csjapan.doc.gov>

International Trade Administration (ITA)

<http://www.ita.doc.gov>

Office of

Telecommunications

<http://infoserv2.ita.doc.gov/ot/home.nsf>

Industries Information, (ITA)

http://www.ita.doc.gov/ita_home/itakeyin.html

Office of Japan, (ITA)

<http://www.mac.doc.gov/japan>

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov>

Department of State (DOS)

<http://www.state.gov>

Department of Treasury

<http://www.ustreas.gov>

Federal Electronic Commerce Program

<http://ec.fed.gov>

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

<http://www.fcc.gov>

**National Coordination Office for Computing,
Information, and Communications**

<http://www.ccic.gov>

National Science Foundation - Tokyo Office

<http://www.twics.com/~nsftokyo>

**United States International Trade
Commission**

<http://www.usitc.gov>

US Congress

US Senate

<http://www.senate.gov>

Joint Economic Committee (JEC)

<http://www.senate.gov/~jec>

**Commerce, Science, &
Transportation Committee—Telecom
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[http://www.senate.gov/~commerce/issu
es/telco.htm](http://www.senate.gov/~commerce/issu
es/telco.htm)

US House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov>

Commerce Committee

<http://www.house.gov/commerce>

**Telecommunications, Trade,
and Consumer Protection
Subcommittee**

[http://com-
notes.house.gov/ccheare/hearin
gs106.nsf/ttcpmain?-
OpenView&Start=1&Count=6
0&Expand=1](http://com-
notes.house.gov/ccheare/hearin
gs106.nsf/ttcpmain?-
OpenView&Start=1&Count=6
0&Expand=1)

**C. INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS**

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

<http://www.apecsec.org.sg> (E)

APEC Working Group on Telecom

[http://www.apecsec.org.sg/workgroup/t
elecom.html](http://www.apecsec.org.sg/workgroup/t
elecom.html)

**Commonwealth Telecommunications
Organization**

<http://www.cto.int> (E)

International Institute of Communications

<http://www.iicom.org> (E)

International Telecommunications Society

<http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/~jmueller/its.html>
(E)

INTELSAT

<http://www.intelsat.int> (E, F, S)

International Telecommunications Union

<http://www.itu.int> (E, F, S))

**Organization for Economic Cooperation and
Development**

<http://www.oecd.org> (E, F, S)

**Science, Technology, and Industry
Committee**

<http://www.oecd.org/dsti/sti/index.htm>

**OECD Information Technology
Outlook 2000**

[http://www.oecd.org/dsti/sti/it/prod/it-
out2000-e.htm](http://www.oecd.org/dsti/sti/it/prod/it-
out2000-e.htm)

Pacific Telecommunications Council

<http://www.ptc.org> (E)

World Bank

<http://www.worldbank.org> (E, F, S)

**Informatics & Telecommunications
Section**

[http://www.worldbank.org/html/fpd/tele
coms](http://www.worldbank.org/html/fpd/tele
coms)

World Trade Organization

<http://www.wto.org> (E, F, S)

Electronic Commerce Section

[http://www.wto.org/wto/ecom/ecom.ht
m](http://www.wto.org/wto/ecom/ecom.ht
m) (E, F, S)

**D. JAPANESE TELECOM
INDUSTRY**

Nippon Telegraph & Telephone (NTT)

<http://www.ntt.co.jp> (J, E)

NTT East

<http://www.ntt-east.co.jp> (J, E)

NTT West

<http://www.ntt-west.co.jp> (J, E)

NTT Communications

<http://www.ntt.com> (J, E)

NTT Data, Inc.
<http://www.nttdata.co.jp> (J, E)
NTT DoCoMo
<http://www.nttdocomo.co.jp> (J, E)

KDD Corporation
<http://www.kdd.co.jp> (J,E)

Astel Group
<http://www.astel.ne.jp/index.html> (J, E)

AT&T Jens
<http://www.jens.co.jp> (J, E)

AT&T Worldnet
<http://www.att.ne.jp> (J, E)

Cable & Wireless IDC
<http://www.idc.co.jp> (J, E)

DDI Corporation
<http://www.ddi.co.jp/index.html> (J, E)

Hamers' Co., Ltd.
<http://www.hamers.co.jp> (J, E)

IDO Corporation
<http://www.ido.co.jp/ido.html> (J, E)

Japan Telecom
<http://www.japan-telecom.co.jp/index3.html>
(J, E)

Nippon Denwa Shisetsu Co., Ltd.
<http://www.nds-g.co.jp/nds/index.html> (J, E)

Osaka Media Port Corporation
<http://www.omp.co.jp/PAGES/Index2.asp> (J, E)

Tokyo Telecommunications Network
<http://www.ttnet.co.jp> (J, E)

E. JAPANESE TELECOM RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Most are associated with MPT

Association of Media in Digital
<http://www.amd.or.jp> (J, E)

Foundation for Multimedia Communications
<http://www.fmmc.or.jp> (J, E)

InfoCom Research, Inc.
<http://www.icr.co.jp> (J, E)

ITU Association of Japan
<http://www.ituaj.or.jp> (J, E)

**Japan Approvals Institute for
Telecommunications Equipment**
<http://www.jate.or.jp> (J, E)

Japan Data Communication Corporation
<http://www.dekyo.or.jp> (J)

Keidanren
<http://www.keidanren.or.jp> (J, E)

**Research Institute of Telecommunications
and Economics, Japan**
<http://www.rite-i.or.jp> (J, E)

**Support Center for Advanced
Telecommunications Technology Research**
<http://www.ijnet.or.jp/scat> (J, E)

**Telecommunication Advancement
Corporation**
<http://www.tac.or.jp> (J)

Telecommunication Technology Committee
<http://www.ttc.or.jp/index.html> (J, E)

Telecom Engineering Center
<http://www.telec.or.jp> (J, E)

Telecommunications Promotion Association
<http://www1.biz.biglobe.ne.jp/~den-shin> (J)

Telecom Services Association
<http://www.telesa.or.jp> (J)

F. U.S. AND OTHER TELECOM INDUSTRIES

AT&T
<http://www.att.com>
AT&T Worldnet
<http://www.att.ne.jp> (J, E)
AT&T Jens
<http://www.jens.co.jp> (J, E)

Ameritech
<http://www.ameritech.com>

British Telecom
<http://www.britishtelecom.com>

Cable & Wireless plc
<http://www.cableandwireless.com>

Cable & Wireless IDC
<http://www.idc.co.jp> (J, E)

Global Crossing
<http://www.globalcrossing.com>

Global One Incorporated
<http://www.globalone.com>

Level 3 Communications
<http://www.level3.com>

MCIWorldcom
<http://www.wcom.com>

MCIWorldcom Japan
<http://www.mciworldcom.co.jp/index.p.html>

Nextel Communications
<http://www.nextel.com>

Sprint
<http://www.sprint.com>

Teleglobe
<http://www.teleglobe.com>

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<http://www.winstar.com/home.asp>

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