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PRESS RELEASE

Distinguished scientist and former Secretary of the International Whaling Commission pays courtesy call to Japan's Institute of Cetacean Research.

Dr. Ray Gambell, former Secretary of the International Whaling Commission today visited the Institute of Cetacean Research in Tokyo. During his visit with the Institute's Director General, Dr. Seiji Ohsumi, Dr. Gambell reiterated comments he has previously made to the British Broadcasting Corporation. Dr. Gambell said that Japan's research is providing valuable information that is used by the IWC's Scientific Committee and that the research is perfectly legal under the terms of International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling. Dr. Gambell also said that much of the research could not be carried out by non-lethal means.

Dr. Gambell's remarks come at a time when Greenpeace are currently conducting a public relations campaign in the Antarctic protesting Japan's whale research program and are in direct contradiction to statements by Greenpeace.

Dr. Ohsumi discussed the current Greenpeace campaign with Dr. Gambell expressing the view that Greenpeace are intentionally misleading to public on whaling issues as part of their fundraising efforts. He referred to Greenpeace activities as "eco-terrorism".

Dr. Gambell is in Japan to participant in a symposium sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the management of ocean resources and the whaling dispute. His lecture is titled "Whaling: Past, Present and Future". Dr. Gambell is the former head of the Whale Research Unit of the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences, housed in the Natural History Museum, London. He has attended

the meetings of the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission since 1965 and convened a number of special meetings concerned with sperm whales and age determination in whales. He was a scientific advisor and member of the UK delegation to the International Whaling Commission itself from 1965 to 1975.

In May 1976 Dr Gambell was appointed as the first full-time Secretary to the International Whaling Commission, and from that time was deeply involved in the regulation of the whaling industry world-wide and the administration of international scientific research. He retired in September 2000 and since then has been engaged in lecturing and writing on the whaling issue.

Dr. Gambell was awarded the OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) in the Queen's 1994 New Year's Honours for his services to the biology and conservation of whales. He has published more than 70 scientific papers and books.

*(Photo Attached, from left to right): Doctor Ray Gambell,
ICR Councillor Dan Goodman and Doctor Seiji Ohsumi at the
Institute of Cetacean Research in Tokyo.*

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