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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT

FEBRUARY 24

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

February 24, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
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OUT	5:24 AM	5:33	Ms. Patty Presock (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 5:28 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	5:34 AM	5:45	Mr. Frederick D. Mc Clure Office, Washington, D.C. 456-2230	Tlkd-ok 5:36 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	5:45 AM	5:56	Mr. Richard G. Darman Office, Washington, D.C. 395-4840	Tlkd-ok 5:47 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	5:56 AM	6:00	Ms. Patty Presock (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 5:56 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	6:09 AM	6:32	Secretary Nicholas Brady Office, Washington, D.C. 556-2533	Tlkd-ok 6:23 AM via Secure Voice
INC	PM			
OUT	6:48 AM	6:56	Mr. C. Boyden Gray Office, Washington, D.C. 456-2632	Tlkd-ok 6:50 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	7:01 AM	7:09	Governor John H. Sununu Hotel Okura, Tokyo, Japan Tokyo Signal x312	Tlkd-ok 7:01 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	7:10 AM	7:18	General Brent Scowcroft Hotel Okura, Tokyo, Japan Tokyo Signal x316	Tlkd-ok 7:10 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	7:39 AM		Governor John H. Sununu Hotel Okura, Tokyo, Japan Tokyo Signal x312	LW with Mrs. Bush 7:39 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	7:57 AM	7:58	Governor John H. Sununu Hotel Okura, Tokyo, Japan Tokyo Signal x312	Tlkd-ok 7:57 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	8:29 AM	8:36	Dr. Louis W. Sullivan Office, Washington, D.C. 475-6056	Tlkd-ok 8:32 AM
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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

February 24, 1989

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OUT	8:46 AM	9:01	Conference Call: King Juan Carlos I Hotel Okura, Tokyo, Japan 582-0111 Room 663	Tlkd-ok 8:54 AM
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OUT	AM		Ms. Karen Prokop White House Situation Room White House Signal 2-2264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		King Juan Carlos I Hotel Okura, Tokyo, Japan 582-0111 Room 663	LW with Spanish Delegation 12:55 PM
INC	12:54 PM			
OUT	AM		King Juan Carlos I Hotel Okura, Tokyo, Japan 582-0111 Room 663	Passed Message From General Scowcroft 1:10 PM
INC	12:56 PM			
OUT	AM		King Juan Carlos I Hotel Okura, Tokyo, Japan 582-0111 Room 663	Tlkd-ok 9:03 PM
INC	9:02 PM	9:55		
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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Tokyo, Japan

DATE 24 February 1989

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0944	Depart Hotel Okura via Motorcade
0955	Arrive Shinjuku Gyoen
1233	Depart Shinjuku Gyoen via Motorcade
1244	Arrive U.S. Embassy
1322	Depart U.S. Embassy via Motorcade
1325	Arrive Hotel Okura
1447	Depart Hotel Okura via Motorcade
1449	Arrive Ambassador's Residence
1841	Depart Ambassador's Residence via Motorcade
1844	Arrive Okura Hotel
1903	Depart Okura Hotel via Motorcade
1913	Arrive Akasaka Palace
2000	Depart Akasaka Palace via Motorcade
2007	Arrive Hotel Okura



News Summary

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WHITE HOUSE NEWS SUMMARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1989 -- 6:00 a.m. EST/8:00 p.m. TOKYO EDITION

TRIP NEWS

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TRIP NEWS

BUSH SAYS HE'LL WIN TOWER BATTLE

TOKYO -- President Bush vowed Friday to stand behind the troubled nomination of John Tower to be defense secretary and predicted the Senate would ultimately confirm the former senator as Pentagon chief.

"I'm going to win this battle," Bush told reporters....

"I'm going to strongly back Sen. Tower and I don't believe he is going down the drain," the President said. (Reuter).

BUSH ASSERTS 'STRONG SUPPORT' FOR TOWER

TOKYO -- President Bush says he still has "strong support" for his pick as defense secretary, John Tower -- despite the fact that his nomination was rejected by the Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday.

Speaking with reporters in Tokyo today after attending the state funeral of Japan's Emperor Hirohito, Bush said he hopes the full Senate will vote to approve the Tower nomination.

In doing so, he denied the Tower nomination is "going down the drain."

...[Despite the party-line vote] Bush declined to say whether he thinks the decision to reject Tower was partisan. He says it's just a difference of opinion that he's certain will be cleared up after the matter is debated in public.

Bush also said he isn't considering anyone else for the post.

The President told reporters that Tower is his choice -- his only choice -- and that he'll stick with him.

The President denied the Tower defeat in the Senate Armed Services Committee puts an end to the friendly relations with Congress typical in the early going of a presidency. As he put it: "The honeymoon is still going fine. (AP)

BUSH PAYS LAST RESPECTS TO HIROHITO; HOPES TO SALVAGE TOWER

TOKYO -- Bundled against the cold, President Bush bowed in final respects to Emperor Hirohito at a rain-drenched funeral today as his entourage tried from afar to salvage the troubled nomination of John Tower as secretary of defense....

Bush showed no sign of distress [at the committee's vote]. He flashed a thumbs-up sign and smiled as his armored limousine -- flown in specially from Washington -- brought him back to the American ambassador's residence after three hours at Hirohito's funeral....

He repeatedly refused to answer questions on Tower at post-funeral photo sessions as he met with [foreign leaders] at the U.S. ambassador's residence....

Recognizing that Tower's nomination suddenly was in deep trouble, White House Chief of Staff Sununu was up most of the night on long-distance telephone calls to Senate Republicans and others, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said....

Accompanied by his wife, Barbara, Bush was given a front-row, center seat in one of the two huge open-sided tents at the state funeral....

When their turn came, Bush and his wife paused in front of the coffin and lowered their heads in a slight bow.... (Terence Hunt, AP)

BUSH CONTINUES BILATERAL TALKS AFTER FUNERAL

TOKYO -- President Bush refused to let political turmoil at home disrupt his agenda abroad Friday and he moved immediately from the funeral of Emperor Hirohito into another round of meetings with leaders from around the globe.

After more than two hours in a chilly rain at the elaborate funeral of the late Japanese monarch, Bush spent another two hours near a warm fire at the U.S. Embassy meeting separately with a string of foreign dignitaries -- and ignoring every question from reporters about the big news from Washington [the Tower vote]....

Bush refused to respond personally when American reporters pressed him at the open photo sessions before each of his 10- to 20-minute chats with the foreign leaders. He turned each time to his guest and explained politely that he has "a new policy" about ignoring questions in such forums.

Aides later indicated the President would speak to reporters later Friday.
(Lori Santos, UPI)

BUSH VOWS FLOOR FIGHT ON TOWER NOMINATION

TOKYO -- President Bush, stung by the Senate Armed Services Committee's rejection of John Tower as defense secretary, vowed this morning to carry the confirmation battle to the floor of the Senate.

Shortly before leaving his hotel suite to attend the state funeral of Emperor Hirohito, Bush met with senior aides -- some of whom had been up most of the night working desperately to try to avert the committee's vote against Tower -- and plotted strategy for the floor fight....

Bush had not spoken with Tower by the time he departed for the Hirohito funeral but, according to White House aides, the President has no intention of discussing the him the possibility of withdrawing the nomination.

(Jack Nelson & James Gerstenzang, Los Angeles Times, A1)

WORLD LEADERS MOURN HIROHITO; BUSH CONTINUES MARATHON TALKS

TOKYO -- President Bush on Friday joined representatives from more than 160 nations in mourning the late emperor Hirohito amid a heavy schedule of bilateral meetings that demonstrated the President's caution in foreign policy....

After separate talks between Bush and three Middle Eastern leaders, administration officials tried to signal that the U.S. would be taking a more active role in a peace initiative in the region. But these same officials offered few details and were cautious in assessing the roles of individual players in the process....

"I believe the President is not trying to make quick headlines," said National Security Adviser Scowcroft. "What he is trying to put into place is a foreign and national security policy which will look forward."

Secretary Baker underscored that point after Bush's talks with King Hussein, President Mubarak and President Herzog.

While Baker used the terms "opportunities" and "new initiative" in describing the U.S. role in forging a Mideast peace plan, he was non-specific in response to questions. He said there "ought to be an extensive amount of practical groundwork accomplished before we rush off to have a big, high visibility conference under the television lights."

(Kevin Morida, Dallas Morning News)

ARABS PRESS BUSH ON PEACE TALKS

TOKYO -- Egyptian President Mubarak and Jordanian King Hussein separately pressed President Bush today to adopt the idea of an international Middle East peace conference, but Israeli President Herzog urged him to wait and Bush indicated he would continue to take a cautious approach, participants in the meetings said.

...The President's day was dominated by talk about the Middle East in the wake of this week's groundbreaking visit to the region by Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze, who is advocating an international peace conference hosted by the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.
(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A14)

HIROHITO'S FUNERAL SYMBOLIZES CLOSING OF A TURBULENT ERA

TOKYO -- With President Bush and leaders of almost every other nation looking on, Japan prepared today to bury its late emperor Hirohito....

The morning dawned misty and eerily quiet, as commuters stayed home and police blocked cars from traveling through the city. Hours before it began at 9:30 a.m., thousands of Japanese lined the streets where Hirohito's funeral procession was to travel, standing silently under black umbrellas, waiting to bow their farewells to a man many of them had been brought up to believe was a god. (Fred Hiatt & Margaret Shapiro, Washington Post, A12)

EXPLOSION SET OFF IN ADVANCE OF HIROHITO MOTORCADE

TOKYO -- Suspected leftist radicals set off an explosion Friday along the funeral route of Emperor Hirohito, causing minor damage, and more than 800 protesters marched through Tokyo demanding an end to the monarchy and an apology for war crimes.

Police said the blast, possibly caused by a homemade rocket, struck the elevated highway before the 32-car motorcade bearing the emperor's body passed the spot and no one was injured.
(David Butts, UPI)

D'AMATO CALLS FOR INCREASED JAPANESE COMMITMENT TO DEFENSE

President Bush's trip to Japan is leading to renewed calls in Congress for the island nation to share more of the burden for regional defense in the Pacific.

"Our defense effort is 9.2 times greater than the Japanese effort, based upon the share of our respective gross national products we devote to defense," Sen. D'Amato said Thursday. "The American taxpayer is wondering whether this division of effort is fair any longer."
(AP)

NATIONAL NEWS

SENATE PANEL REJECTS TOWER'S PENTAGON NOMINATION, 11-9

The Senate Armed Services Committee last night dealt a crippling blow to the nomination of former committee chairman John Tower as secretary of defense, voting 11 to 9 along straight party lines to recommend that the Senate reject his nomination....

As the committee met into the night in a packed hearing room, senator after senator gave lengthy explanations for their votes, with Democrats largely agreeing with assessment earlier in the day by Sen. Shelby that Tower was "crippled beyond repair" by endless allegations that could not be effectively refuted. Republicans countered that the allegations were not proved.

In Tokyo, senior officials traveling with [President] Bush called the Tower situation a "fiasco," and seemed stunned that it had deteriorated so quickly into committee defeat. They said that the President had "no alternative" but to fight for his confirmation on the floor of the full Senate, since a withdrawal would be seen as a critical sign of weakness in the first few weeks of the administration.

The officials said that Bush had not spoken to Tower, and they were uncertain as to his intentions following the committee vote. But they speculated that Tower would remain committed to fighting for the nomination.
(Helen Dewar & Tom Kenworthy, Washington Post, A1)

SENATE PANEL REJECTS TOWER'S PENTAGON NOMINATION

Former Texas Sen. Tower suffered a stunning setback Thursday night when Democrats on the Senate Armed Services Committee that he once headed lined up solidly to reject his nomination as secretary of defense.

Led by Chairman Nunn, all 11 of the panel's Democrats voted to urge the full Senate to reject Tower, while all 9 Republicans backed President Bush's choice of the 63-year-old Texan to head the Pentagon.

But Bush's top congressional strategist said the White House was determined to take the issue to the full Senate, where the nomination is expected to come up next Wednesday or Thursday.

"We're not going to back away from it because it looks like we'll lose, because I think there's flexibility to win," said Fred McClure, White House assistant for legislative affairs and a former Tower aide. "And we'll make every effort to do that." ...

Republicans, led by Sen. Dole, backed the former Texas senator and warned that a partisan vote to reject him would damage the Senate.

"We are about on the verge...of tearing this place up," Dole told the Senate. "I think it is time we understand that this is not a trial of John Tower. This is a confirmation."

(Richard Whittle & Mark Nelson, Dallas Morning News, A1)

SENATE PANEL VOTES 11-9 TO REJECT TOWER NOMINATION TO DEFENSE POST

The Senate Armed Services Committee voted to reject the nomination of John Tower as defense secretary, setting the stage for a bitter test of wills between the Senate's Democratic leadership and the Bush administration....

"The President wants this, that's enough," said a White House official bluntly. Bush will make next week's vote in the full Senate a test of GOP loyalty as he seeks to salvage his nominee and isolate the Democrats....

History is on the President's side, but Bush will pay a price unless Tower's nomination is withdrawn. A protracted struggle could undermine the bipartisan climate Bush needs for his legislative program. "They can't win even if they win," said one Democratic strategist, referring to the White House. (David Rogers & Andy Pasztor, Wall Street Journal, A18)

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE REJECTS TOWER

The Senate Armed Services Committee Thursday rejected John Tower...recommending in an 11-9 party-line vote that the full Senate follow suit....

Questions about whether Tower would drop out were inevitable, and veteran Democrat Robert Byrd...sent a blunt message to Bush.

"I hope the President will withdraw it.... If the President sends another name up here, it'll be confirmed by a heavy Democratic majority," Byrd said.

Democrats, almost to a man, cited Tower's drinking habits, and Republicans countered they were letting perception rule Tower's nomination, asserting that a detailed FBI report on Tower contained nothing to disqualify him.

"With the President in Japan tonight...what kind of message are we sending," said Sen. Lott, who said the affair could turn into a messy partisan fray on the Senate floor.

Sen. Thurmond, his voice rising to a shout, told the panel, "It is perception that is frightening this committee. It's not the truth; it's perception. This committee ought to have the courage to do what is right regardless of perception...and when you get the truth, John Tower would be confirmed." ...

Sen. Wirth, countered, "I would like to try to answer the question of 'where is the smoking gun?' There is no smoking gun in all of this -- our task would be easier if there were. The ground is littered with a substantial number of empty cartridges."

But the most damning [Democratic] comment came from Sen. Nunn....who said he was skeptical about Tower's "ability to restore public trust in Pentagon management" and concerned "as to his ability to command the confidence and respect of his subordinates and to set the moral standards for the men and women in uniform."

Nunn said, "Finally, I cannot in good conscience vote to put an individual at the top of the chain of command when his history of excessive drinking is such that he would not be selected to command a missile wing, a SAC bomber squadron, or a Trident submarine." (Eliot Brenner, UPI)

BITTER PILL FOR BUSH AS PANEL FINDS TOWER UNFIT FOR PENTAGON

President Bush has been handed a bitter pill with the Senate Armed Services Committee's rejection of John Tower as defense secretary but is counting on the full Senate to rescue the nomination....

His spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, acted swiftly to quash speculation that the nomination might be withdrawn.

"The President has not lost one iota of confidence in Sen. Tower his ability to be defense secretary," Fitzwater told reporters in Tokyo.

A spokesman for Tower said the nominee would be at work in the defense transition office Friday and would await the Senate vote.

(William Scally, Reuter)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS REJECTION OF TOWER TO FULL SENATE

The Senate Armed Services Committee voted Thursday to recommend rejection of John Tower's nomination as defense secretary, splitting 11-9 along party lines as it handed President Bush the first major defeat of his young administration.

In Tokyo, presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Bush stands by the nomination.... "We now go to the floor" of the Senate, Fitzwater declared.

But Sen. Nunn...opened the nearly-three-hour session saying Tower's "record of alcohol abuse cannot be ignored in my view."

"I have searched in vain for several weeks for the point in time when the nominee himself acknowledged this problem and dealt with it decisively. The nominee made it very clear that he has never sought medical assistance for his drinking problem," said Nunn....

Fitzwater said the committee had "every right to look into" allegations which included reports of heavy drinking and womanizing. But Fitzwater also complained, "We hear vague talk about concern about his personal habits and we think this debate ought to be on a slightly higher level than that."

(Donna Cassata, AP)

THE TOWER 'SIGHTINGS'

Many Told FBI Of Seeing Nominee Drunk

When Earl DeBerge came to his offices at Behavior Research Center in Phoenix yesterday morning, FBI agents, working on the case of John Tower, were there to meet him and go over his calendars from 1987 and 1988.

Weeks ago DeBerge provided the FBI with what the White House calls "unsubstantiated rumors" but what some senators call part of a pattern of "fairly believable" allegations about Tower's drinking habits. DeBerge said that while he was a guest at the Jefferson Hotel, where Tower also stays when in Washington, he saw the former senator drunk three times -- in May 1987, in December 1987, and last August.

On the three days cited by DeBerge, Tower provided records that indicate he was in Seattle, Dallas or Pakistan. The FBI is now working on a new set of dates culled yesterday from DeBerge's calendars....

Over the past 48 hours, as one senator after another ventured into a secure room in the Capitol to read the complex, jumbled FBI report on the sometimes not-so-private life of John Tower, there has been generally one conclusion: Numerous people, like Earl DeBerge, think they saw Tower drunk, and not just in the 1970s, when Tower acknowledges he was a heavy drinker, but far more recently. But none can prove it.

(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A1)

WHITE HOUSE SAYS BUDGET PACT BEST MEDICINE FOR INTEREST RATES

TOKYO -- The White House said Friday that the decision of major U.S. banks to raise their prime interest rate to 11.5% underscored the need for a budget agreement with Congress....

"We are as concerned about inflation as anyone, but we also want interest rates to remain low. The best way to do that is a budget agreement that cuts the deficits, that cuts federal spending and takes the pressure off interest rates," presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater told reporters.

Fitzwater...said President Bush believed that "progress on the deficit is the best medicine for interest rates.

"We must get on the the process of getting a budget agreement," the White House official added. (Reuter)

FED, TWO MAJOR BANKS RAISE INTEREST RATES Brady Calls Inflation Threat Overstated

Interest rates took their second leap upward in two weeks yesterday as the Fed aggressively tightened credit and two major banks [Chase Manhattan Bank & Republic National Bank of New York] lifted their prime lending rates by one-half point, to 11.5%.

The continued climb in borrowing costs, which has been under way for nearly a year, is bad news for the Bush administration. In a new sign of tension between the administration and the Fed, Treasury Secretary Brady yesterday rebuked the central bank for being overly concerned about inflation....

Brady, who is generally informed of the Fed's plans, suggested in testimony before the House Banking Committee that the central bank ought not to be tightening until clearer evidence emerges that inflation is rekindling. His comments, which came in response to questions, were the strongest criticism of the Fed so far by any official of the Bush administration....

"You can try to fight inflation by saying, 'I think inflation is under way and we ought to get ahead of it.' Maybe that's the Fed's job. Or, you can deal with it when you see it. I don't know as I see as strong evidence of inflation right now as does the Federal Reserve."

(Paul Blustein, Washington Post, A1)

TAX PANEL REJECTS BUSH PROPOSALS ON MEDICARE, CAPITAL GAINS

The House Ways and Means Committee quickly turned down President Bush's proposals to trim Medicare costs by \$5 billion and to halve the capital gains tax rate.

The panel...on Thursday approved a report by voice vote which said it has no intention of approving either of those requests from the new President.

"While the committee will work diligently in this area, it is not reasonable to expect providers or beneficiaries to absorb the level of reductions proposed by the administration in the Medicare program for fiscal year 1990," the committee report said.

The report did not mention the capital gains tax directly, but nonetheless made clear the committee backed the position of Chairman Rostenkowski that Bush's proposal would violate the spirit of fairness in the income tax overhaul Congress approved in 1986. (Steven Komorow, AP)

SENATE PANEL RECOMMENDS SULLIVAN FOR HHS

The Senate Finance Committee yesterday approved the nomination of Louis Sullivan as secretary of health and human services by a 19-0 vote after he had deftly threaded his way through a potential mine field of policy questions on abortion, Social Security, Medicare cuts and fetal-tissue research.

Chairman Bentsen said he expects the full Senate to vote on Sullivan's nomination Tuesday. (Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A4)

U.S. AGAIN URGES COURT TO OVERTURN ABORTION RULING

The Justice Department urged the Supreme Court yesterday to overrule its landmark 1973 abortion decision, asserting that the ruling is "not firmly grounded in the Constitution," adopts "an unworkable framework" and allows courts "to usurp the functions" of legislatures.

The "time has come for the court to abandon its efforts to impose a comprehensive solution to the abortion question," the department said in a friend-of-the-court brief filed in a case involving a 1986 Missouri anti-abortion law. (Al Kamen & Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A4)

WITH NO PAY RISE ON HILL, REFORMS ARE UNLIKELY

By endorsing a ban on honorariums for speeches and writing, President Bush's ethics commission appears to have doomed its recommendations on Capitol Hill, according to congressional and commission officials.

[A] panel member said, the recommendations of the Commission on Federal Ethics Law Reform, which President Bush plans to use as the basis for sweeping changes in federal ethics laws, "will probably be ignored."

(Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A3)

CONSERVATIVES SURVEY POST-REAGAN LANDSCAPE

Conservative activists from across the country opened a three-day conference here yesterday to consider the political world without their leader, Ronald Reagan, and assess their role under President Bush....

David Keene, a principal organizer of the Conservative Political Conference, said that while "most conservatives are cautiously optimistic about the policy positions of the Bush administration," they have questions about Bush's commitment to several conservative issues, including SDI and support for "freedom fighters" around the world.

(Maralee Schwartz, Washington Post, A5)

GOP REP. LUKENS OF OHIO INDICTED IN SEX CASE

COLUMBUS -- Rep. Donald (Buz) Lukens was indicted today on a misdemeanor charge that he had sex with a teen-age girl.

Lukens, 58, who is divorced, declared that he is innocent.

(AP, Washington Post, A4)

GEORGE W. BUSH GROUP WILL BID FOR TEXAS RANGERS SOON

DALLAS -- A Dallas-Fort Worth group headed by George W. Bush and businessman Edward Rose soon will attempt to buy Eddie Chiles' majority share of the Texas Rangers, baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth announced Thursday. (Kevin Sherrington, Dallas Morning News)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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CAIRO -- Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze criticized U.S. efforts to limit Moscow's impact on the Middle East, and Secretary Baker said Friday that despite the Kremlin's accelerated efforts in the region the White House would not be rushed to act.

Shevardnadze, speaking to reporters...objected to President Bush's remark earlier in the day that Moscow's role in the region should be restricted.

"That injected an undesirable element of rivalry," Shevardnadze said. He then added, with a smile, "This is, by the way, my first critical remark about President Bush." ...

After Bush met with three Middle East leaders at the U.S. Embassy, Baker told reporters the U.S. is ready to play an active role in bringing about "direct negotiations" between Israel and the Palestinians....

But Baker resisted suggestions the U.S. needs to act in some dramatic way to counter the Soviet Middle East initiative....(Naguib Megally, UPI)

SHEVARDNADZE PROPOSAL

Soviet Urges Urgent Mideast Peace Effort

CAIRO -- Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze, delivering a major foreign policy address here, warned today that "time in the Middle East is working for war rather than peace." He called for a high-priority "collective" effort this year to balance Israel's security concerns and Palestinian aspirations for a homeland in a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Shevardnadze...said Soviet leaders "do not know any magic formula" for Middle East peace, but have recognized the threat posed to East-West arms reduction by instability and arms competition between Middle Eastern adversaries who have acquired nuclear and chemical weapons.

Saying his mission was aimed at promoting the early creation of an "instrument" for negotiations, a U.N.-sponsored Middle East peace conference, he asserted after meeting here with Israeli Foreign Minister Arens and PLO Chairman Arafat that neither superpower could "single-handedly" bring about peace. (Patrick Tyler, Washington Post, A12)

U.S. URGES PRO-IRANIAN GROUP TO RELEASE HOSTAGES

The U.S. Thursday urged a pro-Iranian group which holds U.S. hostages and has vowed vengeance on American defenders of novelist Salman Rushdie to release its captives unconditionally....

Asked to comment on [the group's] statement, State Department spokesman Charles Redman said: "We hold the kidnappers fully responsible for the safety and welfare of all the hostages. The hostages are innocent victims. They should be freed immediately and unconditionally."

Redman declined to say whether Washington interpreted the statement as a threat to the lives of the hostages, caused by the Rushdie controversy....

"These kind of statements just don't do anything to enhance the prospects or the possibility of Iran moving back into the civilized world," Redman said. (Reuter)

BUSH TO CALL INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT

President Bush plans to hold an international conference on global environmental issues next year, the new head of the EPA said Thursday.

"The President will announce, I think within the next several weeks, more specific plans of the kind of conference he anticipates," William Reilly...told Reuters in an interview. "It has a high priority. It's very much on his mind."
(Robert Kearns, Reuter)

MEXICO, U.S. SIGN ANTI-DRUG ACCORD

MEXICO CITY -- Mexico and the U.S. signed an anti-drug agreement Thursday that will boost bilateral efforts to fight the demand for drugs as well as their production and transport, the Foreign Ministry said.

"The accord will permit concrete actions...and without doubt will benefit the common cause of preserving the peace, security and health of both countries," the ministry quoted Mexican Attorney General Enrique Alvarez del Castillo as saying in a statement.
(Reuter)

U.S. SAYS NO VISA REQUEST RECEIVED FROM STROESSNER

The U.S. said Thursday it had not received a visa application from deposed Paraguayan dictator Gen. Stroessner and did not expect one despite reports that he hoped to settle here.

A Brazilian Foreign Ministry official said in Brasilia Wednesday that Stroessner had "made clear his intention to live in the United States" and had sought a visa.

But State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters, "As far as we're aware, we have no application for a visa and don't expect one."
(Reuter)

CONTRAS WILL NOT LAY DOWN ARMS IN EXCHANGE FOR PARDON

MANAGUA -- The contras rebels will not lay down their arms in exchange for a pardon of political prisoners held by the Sandinista government, the top contra military commander said Thursday in a radio broadcast.

"We, the combatants, cannot negotiate our weapons in exchange for the freedom of these prisoners," Enrique Bermudez...told Radio Impacto, a Costa Rican station monitored in Managua.
(Douglas Tweedale, UPI)

CONTRAS SAW NORTH AS 'SAVIOR,' REBEL LEADER TESTIFIES

The Nicaraguan contra rebels saw Oliver North as their savior after U.S. funding was cut off and trusted him to spend \$90,000 of their money as he saw fit, contra leader Adolfo Calero said.

"I believe he (North) became a kind of savior," Calero testified Thursday in North's criminal trial....

"We felt abandoned and that we had no support. Then all of a sudden we were introduced to this man -- our men seemed to be as important to him as Americans," Calero told a federal court jury.

"We will be ever grateful to him. They're going to erect a monument to him once we free Nicaragua."
(Deborah Zabarenko, Reuter)

ENVOY PASSED ARMS REQUEST TO NORTH
Pickering Describes Role In Scandal

Thomas Pickering, the Bush administration's nominee to be U.S. ambassador to the U.N., answered questions about his role in the Iran-contra scandal before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and appeared to clear the way for a vote in his favor next week.

Pickering, ambassador to El Salvador from 1983 to 1985, said he had not informed the State Department of his role in delivering a \$1 million arms request in December 1984 to Oliver North because he considered it a "very private, confidential and sensitive matter" that should not go in normal cable traffic.

...He told Chairman Pell that he considered the request too sensitive to tell his superiors -- apparently including Secretary Shultz -- while here on a visit. But Pickering knew within "several weeks" that they had learned about it because he saw the same information show up in an intelligence cable, albeit without reference to his role in the arms request.

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A9)

COURTMARTIAL FINDS U.S. NAVY CAPTAIN GUILTY OVER REFUGEES

SUBIC BAY, Philippines -- A court martial found a U.S. Navy captain guilty Friday of dereliction of duty in failing to give enough help to a boatload of Vietnamese refugees.

The six-man court found Capt. Alexander Balian innocent on another charge of failing to assist a refugee who swam to his ship, the USS Dubuque, when it encountered the refugees in the South China Sea last June.

(Kathleen Callo, Reuter)

WHITE HOUSE NEWS SUMMARY
11:00 P.M. EST Feb. 23/1:00 P.M. Feb. 24 TOKYO Edition

Includes Network Evening News

TOWER COMMITTEE VOTE FINAL -- The Senate Armed Services Committee voted 11-9 on party lines to report the nomination of Sen. John Tower to be secretary of defense unfavorably to the Senate floor.

(CNN -- 9:00 P.M. EST)

PRESIDENT'S TRIP/HIROHITO FUNERAL

ABC's PETER JENNINGS: Not the best of weather here today for the actual funeral of Emperor Hirohito.... The Japanese are, to say the least, impressed with attendance: 55 heads of state, including President Bush, 11 prime ministers, 14 other royal families. The Japanese believe that most of the world has come to honor the Emperor's role in Japan's postwar period and to make the point that Hirohito himself is not to be blamed for Japan's wartime aggression....

(ABC-Lead)

NBC's TOM BROKAW: Good evening from Tokyo, where it is Friday morning, the day of the Emperor's funeral. And in Washington, what could be the political funeral of John Tower is scheduled to get under way as well. Here in Japan, mourners are just now beginning to assemble....

(NBC-Lead)

BROKAW: Mr. Bush has been very busy on the diplomatic front here in Tokyo. As soon as he arrived, he hit the ground running with a series of mini-summits with other leaders.

(TV COVERAGE: President at luncheon.)

Bush's first stop was a lengthy luncheon with President Mitterrand, the senior European statesman here. Later, a White House spokesman said the two presidents discussed NATO business and the Soviet Union's renewed role in the Mideast -- with President Bush saying the Soviets should play only a limited role in that troubled region. President Bush was able to get a fresh assessment of the Soviet efforts when he met later with President Mubarak, who came here directly from talks in Cairo with Foreign Minister Shevardnadze. After Mubarak, King Hussein. And Bush also had a short meeting with President Hertzog.

(TV COVERAGE: President meeting Mideast leaders separately in front of fireplace.)

Administration spokesmen describe these meetings as the beginning of President Bush's personal diplomacy in the Mideast.

(NBC-3)

CBS's DAN RATHER: ...10,000 invited guests are gathering in a national park for the funeral ceremonies. They include representatives of 163 countries, 55 heads of state -- but first and foremost among them is the President of the United States, making his first overseas trip since he took office to be present at the dawn of a new era.

CBS's LESLEY STAHL: George Bush's early announcement that he would come to the Emperor's funeral was important in encouraging other world leaders to do the same and was seen here as a symbol of the strength of the U.S.-Japanese relationship. But even as the funeral began, the President couldn't escape all of his problems: the troubled Tower nomination back home and the sense that Soviet leader Gorbachev is besting him on the world stage.

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STAHL continues: Day One in Tokyo: a round of meetings with the leaders of Egypt, Israel and Jordan.

(TV COVERAGE: President greets President Mubarak; shown sitting with Mubarak, followed by Hussein and then Hertzog.)

The President is seeking to answer criticism that he's off to a slow start in foreign policy and to dispel a perception that the Soviets are moving into a resulting power vacuum in the Middle East.

(MARLIN FITZWATER: "We don't see that it would be particularly helpful to have a more dominant role by the Soviet Union.")

(SECRETARY BAKER: "We would want to know that there were concrete contributions that they had in mind rather than simply rhetorical exercise.")

STAHL: "Any new American proposals?"

BAKER: "No, we did not.")

Moving around Tokyo is slow going because of tight security. But the President is managing a dizzying number of get-acquainted sessions with other leaders, what officials call "grip and grins."

(TV COVERAGE: President shaking hands with Prime Minister Takeshita.)

(MARTIN WEINSTEIN, Japan scholar: "I don't think any big substantive issues are going to be dealt with in any of these capitals, certainly not in Tokyo.") Little substance but lots of stamina, with a full schedule right after 16 hours in the air. So what is his greatest challenge?

(WEINSTEIN: "Just being awake.")

(FITZWATER: "The President's very pleased by the course of the day so far. We're all still awake.")

The President may be pleased by what's happening here in Tokyo, but he's concerned about events back in Washington over Tower. Aides say whatever happens in committee, they expect to be able to lobby in Tower's behalf when his nomination goes to the Senate floor.

(CBS-2)

TOWER NOMINATION

RATHER: As President Bush is taking his place for Emperor Hirohito's funeral, trouble for one of Mr. Bush's most important Cabinet appointments is deepening back home. The Senate Armed Services Committee is meeting at this hour for an up-or-down vote on recommending John Tower's confirmation....

CBS'S BOB SCHIEFFER reports the Tower nomination appears to be in more trouble than ever. After a three-hour private meeting this afternoon, two Democratic senators and one Republican senator said the Democrats appear now to have the votes in committee to recommend Tower not be confirmed.

(CBS-Lead)

SCHIEFFER reports on the continuing public session.

(SEN. NUNN: " -- nominees must be of unquestionable integrity and suited by temperament for the demands of managing our nation's military forces. The Office of Secretary of Defense is unique in the Cabinet. The secretary of defense is in the chain of command for military operations, which runs from the President to the secretary of defense to the unified and specified combatant commanders in the field.")

(SEN. DOLE: "If it becomes a party-line vote, Republicans on one side and Democrats on the other, then I think we've had a big, big setback in the United States Senate.")

(CBS-4)

JENNINGS: ...This is the first time that President Bush has made such an appearance [on a state visit] as the leader in his own right, and he has hardly got up this morning when his leadership was being challenged and challenged again seriously at home. The Senate Armed Services Committee is about to vote on the nomination of John Tower -- which today spells trouble.

ABC's JIM WOOTEN reports Tower's future was being charted along strict party lines on Capitol Hill. Sen. Nunn had decided to vote against him, a key turning point for Tower. When that became known, Sen. Shelby quickly followed suit.

(SEN. SHELBY: "I believe that the President of the United States needs to go ahead and look for another nominee.")

Both Shelby and Nunn, like other Democrats on the committee, said they were still uncertain as to whether Tower has a drinking problem. So even before the committee met in a private session, some Republican members -- like Sen. Wilson -- were publicly unhappy with the way things were going.

(SEN. WILSON: "I will tell you that I think that that process has been hijacked. There have been anonymous leaks of totally unfounded allegations.")

And on the Senate floor, Sen. Dole could scarcely conceal his anger at the direction in which the committee seemed to be headed.

(SEN. DOLE: "The only thing I hope is that when they meet later today, it's going to be a vote that expresses the concerns of the senators but it's not going to be party line.")

But Sen. Byrd suggested that that's exactly what it may be when the Senate finally votes. And he said he will vote no.

(SEN. BYRD: "There's no smoking gun in the FBI reports, but there is enough smoke to cause one to be most uneasy.")

So what we're watching is extremely rare: a presidential appointment given a thumbs down by a Senate committee. (ABC-2)

BROKAW: President Bush will be present for about three hours of these [funeral] ceremonies, but before he leaves his hotel this morning, he must be busy with what is shaping up as a major embarrassment back in Washington: the expected rejection of John Tower....

NBC's ANDREA MITCHELL reports Republicans are already charging politics, but the Democrats say the decision to go against a former colleague was an agonizing one. Anticipating defeat, the Republicans started to assess blame -- claiming Tower was victimized by partisan attacks and irresponsible news reports.

(SEN. DOLE: "Is he on trial? Do we have to have beyond a reasonable doubt? It's got to be 100% or I can't vote for John Tower? What have we come to in the United States Senate? What kind of a standard do we need someone to meet?")

(SEN. STEVENS: "I have not heard anyone who has served in the Senate with John Tower say that John Tower had a drinking problem. And if there's anyplace that would bring out a drinking problem, it's right here.")

Republicans said the FBI report should be released so the public can judge whether Tower should be confirmed.

(SEN. WILSON: "I will tell you that I think that that process has been hijacked. There have been anonymous leaks of totally unfounded allegations to the news media.")

MITCHELL continues: Last minute Republican pressure did not seem to be working. Even as the room was being prepared to vote, Democrats began declaring themselves against the nominee.

(SEN. BYRD: "My judgement would be to vote to recommend to send the nomination to the Senate with an adverse recommendation. To do otherwise, I think would be a copout.")

Levin said he would vote no because he's troubled about alcohol abuse and Tower's relationship with defense contractors. Exon had said already he is against Tower. Now Shelby said he would vote no. So will Dixon. The rest of the Democrats are expected to follow.

(SEN. NUNN: "I cannot in good conscience vote to put an individual at the top of the chain of command when his history of excessive drinking is such that he would not be selected to command a missile wing, a SAC bomber squadron, or a Trident missile submarine.")

BROKAW: Here in Tokyo, the traveling White House has been tracking as best it can the Tower troubles back in Washington.

NBC'S JOHN COCHRAN: I talked to a senior White House aide a short time ago. He said that if Tower loses within the committee, the President still wants to go to the Senate floor for a vote. The thinking behind that is this: Mr. Bush does not want to show the white flag too soon. Yes, if the Senate rejects Tower it would be a serious political setback for Mr. Bush, but he would survive it. If the President looks weak or wimpy, however, it could cripple his young presidency.

BROKAW: How does the President deal with the Democrats who are voting against Tower? Does he take them on directly?

COCHRAN: He deals with them very diplomatically, very carefully. What he will not do is try to take them on with a partisan attack himself, even if he feels that they have been partisan. After all, he has made bipartisanship a hallmark of his presidency. He has to work with the Democrats. He will be unhappy, he may be angry, but he will try to hide that anger as best he can.

(NBC-2)

MIDEAST/U.S.-SOVIETS

ABC'S BRIT HUME: The President may have come to Japan as a gesture to America's most important Asian ally and trading partner, but he spent much of his first day in talks with some of the other foreign leaders here. Mr. Bush had lunch with President Mitterrand. He later met separately with three Middle East leaders, including King Hussein. Mr. Bush also spoke with President Hertzog and President Mubarak.

(TV COVERAGE: President and others at table; President meeting in front of fireplace, one-on-one with Mideast leaders.)

Secretary Baker is here with him, but all the rest of Mr. Bush's foreign policy team and his foreign policy itself are not yet in place. Mr. Bush has been under some pressure to counter the Soviet Union, which has been on the move diplomatically in several areas, including the Mideast. After the President's meetings, Baker seemed to be challenging the Soviets to prove their good intentions.

(SECRETARY BAKER: "One thing that I think might contribute, might contribute in a concrete way, toward peace in the Middle East would be if the Soviet Union could find its way clear to establishing full diplomatic relations with Israel.")

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HUME continues:

Baker also urged the Soviets to stop supporting radical regimes like Libya. But on the question of an international conference on the Mideast, Baker fell back on what has become the familiar foreign policy refrain of this Administration: Give us time for further study. Still, it seems evident that this Administration will give the Mideast greater priority than did its predecessor.

JENNINGS: When President Bush was meeting with President Mitterrand, he told him that he envisioned a more limited role for the Soviets in the Mideast, and that did not sit well with Foreign Minister Shevardnadze in Cairo.

ABC'S DEAN REYNOLDS reports Shevardnadze said he was sorry to hear that the White House believes the Kremlin's role in the Mideast should be limited. In a speech earlier, Shevardnadze said the superpowers should stop trying to push each other out of the region. The stakes, he said, are too high. He conceded it would help to establish formal ties with Jerusalem and Moscow will do that as soon as Israel attends an international peace conference and talks to the PLO, which Israel refuses to do. Today, Chairman Arafat praised Shevardnadze for creating a limited form of Israeli-PLO dialogue as a go-between. (ABC-3)

SULLIVAN NOMINATION

RATHER: The Senate Finance Committee voted 17-0 to recommend Dr. Louis Sullivan's confirmation. That vote came after Dr. Sullivan apologized for causing what he called confusion recently about his abortion views. He said today he wants the Supreme Court to overturn its landmark ruling that made abortion legal. (NBC-4, CBS-5)

PRIME RATE

JENNINGS reports two major banks -- Chase Manhattan and the Republican National Bank -- have raised their prime rate from 11 to 11.5%. (CBS-6, ABC-4)

FIRST LADY

BROKAW: Mrs. Bush is traveling with her husband, bringing with her the same friendly, informal manner that she displays at home. When she met with the wife of Prime Minister Takeshita, they talked about, among other things, earthquakes. Mrs. Bush commented on Tokyo's recent earthquake, and Mrs. Takeshita recalled a Japanese saying that there are four things to fear: earthquakes, lightning, fire and "the old man." Mrs. Bush laughed at the old man reference. (NBC-10)

SPEAKER WRIGHT

UTLEY reports the House Ethics Committee met behind closed doors to discuss whether some of Speaker Wright's activities have been unethical.

NBC's BOB KUR reports the ethics committee chairman says the investigation has uncovered fuzziness and loopholes in House rules. (NBC-5)

KHOMEINI/LEBANON-HOSTAGES/RUSHDIE

UTLEY reports Ayatollah Khomeini said Western pressure against Iran for his death threat against Salman Rushdie would not deter him, that Iran could survive without close ties with the West. His intransigent position is being echoed by other Moslems. Islamic Jihad in Lebanon released a photo of American hostages Steen, Turner and Polhill and in a written message the movement threatened reprisals against anyone who defends Rushdie and his book.

The largest chain of bookstores in the nation said it will sell "The Satanic Verses" again, after having stopped for security reasons. Waldenbooks said the novel will not be on the shelves, however. Customers will have to request it. (CBS-9, NBC-8)

NORTH TRIAL

UTLEY reports the government tried to show the extent of Col. North's involvement in keeping the contras alive at a time when Congress had banned American aid. (NBC-7)

LUKENS

UTLEY reports Rep. Lukens was indicted on a misdemeanor charge for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He is accused of having had sex with a 16-year-old girl. Lukens has denied the charges. (CBS-7, NBC-6)

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**ADDRESSES OF CONDOLENCES
AT THE FUNERAL CEREMONY OF
EMPEROR SHOWA**

**FEBRUARY 24, 1989
TOKYO, JAPAN**

Funeral Ceremony of Emperor Showa Order of Ceremonies

February 24, 1989
at Shinjuku Gyoen

COMMENCEMENT OF THE CEREMONY

The Hon. Keizo Obuchi
Chief Cabinet Secretary

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PAYING OF REVERENCE AND ADDRESSES OF CONDOLENCES

The Hon. Noboru Takeshita,
Prime Minister

The Hon. Kenzaburo Hara,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Hon. Yoshihiko Tsuchiya,
President of the House of Councillors

The Hon. Koichi Yaguchi,
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

PAYING OF REVERENCE

Heads of State / Special Envoys

All Other Persons in Attendance
(in unison)

Address of Condolences
by
The Hon. Noboru Takeshita
Prime Minister

It is with great sorrow that we must now bid a final farewell to His late Majesty Emperor Showa here at this Funeral Ceremony.

The more than sixty years during which Emperor Showa reigned were eventful and turbulent times for Japan, including the calamities of that deplorable war, the struggle to reconstruct itself from the ruins amid confusion and dire poverty and to regain its full independence, and the attainment of unprecedented economic growth and eventual development into a nation of international standing.

During all these years, Emperor Showa ardently wished for world peace and the well-being of the Japanese people, and he always remained at one with them in the effort to overcome the nation's difficulties. Particularly after the war, along with devoting himself to his official duties as the symbol of the state and of the unity of the people under the Constitution, he also pursued his study of biology most diligently and his scholarship was greatly admired in Japan and overseas.

There are few who have not been moved by his purity of heart and clarity of spirit, his benevolence and impartiality, and his selfless, earnest, and sincere personality. His august virtues will assuredly be told and retold for ages to come, and he will continue to live in our hearts forever.

Bidding as I must a final farewell, I recall His late Majesty's gracious bearing and know not how to stifle the tears that well up inside me.

Address of Condolences

by

The Hon. Kenzaburo Hara

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Respecting the wishes of His late Majesty, all of us, the Japanese nation, will continue to strive mightily to ensure that Japan is open to the rest of the world, full of vigor, and culturally rich, and will further promote the cause of world peace and human welfare.

Thus it is that I most humbly and respectfully offer this eulogy to Emperor Showa. May his soul rest in peace.

The passing of His late Majesty Emperor Showa was all too sudden for us all.

Emperor Showa's long reign covered a span of more than threescore years, years that included times of great turmoil and of distress and travail beyond description. As the symbol of the state, he dedicated himself after the war unwaveringly to the cause of well-being of the Japanese people and world peace — at home devoting himself earnestly to affairs in matters of state and encouraging the Japanese people with his attendance at numerous events and ceremonies and internationally strengthening Japan's relations with other nations — and contributed profoundly to the prosperity and development which Japan enjoys today. At the same time, he also made a considerable academic contribution through his study of biology. In all of this, he earned the boundless respect of the people.

Thus it is that we were stricken with unbearable grief and sorrow at his passing, and thus it is that the House of Representatives offers this eulogy to Emperor Showa on behalf of the entire nation.

Address of Condolences

by

The Hon. Yoshihiko Tsuchiya

President of the House of Councillors

Despite the earnest prayers of the entire nation for his good health and long life, His late Majesty Emperor Showa passed away all too suddenly.

The more than sixty years of Emperor Showa's reign were indeed times of great trial and tribulation both in Japan and worldwide. Always pure of heart and selfless of disposition, His late Majesty devoted himself to affairs in matters of state in keeping with the Constitution, striving for the stability and improvement of the people's lives and the promotion of culture within Japan and endeavoring internationally for firmer bonds of friendship with other nations and for world peace. Likewise through his research, he demonstrated to the people the importance of nature's profundity and the pursuit of truth. In all he did, the late Emperor thus won the adulation and respect of the people.

The passing of His late Majesty has left us stricken with infinite and enduring sorrow, and it is on behalf of the entire nation that the House of Councillors offers this eulogy to Emperor Showa.

Address of Condolences

by

The Hon. Koichi Yaguchi

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

It is with profound sorrow that we gather here today at the Funeral Ceremony of His late Majesty Emperor Showa.

During the more than sixty years that Emperor Showa reigned, he was unwaveringly concerned for the stability of the nation and the welfare of the people, and he became a much-beloved and familiar figure after the war as the symbol of the state and of the unity of the people. Recalling his compassionate and noble character, we feel boundless gratitude even today.

Confident that Emperor Showa would have wanted it thus, we of the judiciary are determined to do our utmost to support the rule of law in keeping with the spirit of the Constitution of Japan.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.