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wants to settle usfj issue before clinton summit
2. ow2110145295 tokyo nhk general television network
japanese 211408 -- 'no plans' to sign land lease for u.s.
bases before summit

SOURCE: Tokyo KYODO in English 0930 GMT 22 Oct 95

TEXT:

[FBIS Transcribed Text] Saga, Japan, Oct. 22 KYODO -- Former Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa on Sunday [22 October] accused the coalition government of dealing ineffectively with Okinawa Prefecture's refusal to force landowners to lease their plots for U.S. bases there.

"The government has not clearly demonstrated its position and has not done anything," Hosokawa, currently with the largest opposition Shinshinto (New Frontier Party), said in a speech in Saga in southwestern Japan.

He also took a swipe at Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama for having been publicly ridiculed by a bureaucrat, alluding to Noboru Hoshuyama, the head of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency who resigned for allegedly calling the premier stupid.

Hosokawa also expressed concern about Japan's leadership role at the November talks in Osaka of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

Hosokawa became prime minister in August 1993 but quit in April 1994 amid a financial scandal.

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1. THIS CABLE CONTAINS UNCLASSIFIED BUT SENSITIVE
INFORMATION AS MARKED.
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2.(U) SUMMARY: A PEACEFUL ANTI-U.S. MILITARY BASE RALLY
IN OKINAWA DREW A CROWD IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 21. WHILE ESTIMATES OF THE CROWD SIZE VARY WIDELY,
THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE RALLY WAS THE LARGEST ANTI-
BASE ACTION IN DECADES, AND REPRESENTS THE FEELINGS OF
ALMOST THE ENTIRE OKINAWAN POLITICAL SPECTRUM. WHILE THE
TONE OF THE PROTESTS WAS GENERALLY MODERATE, A FEW SMALL
FAR-LEFT GROUPS EXHIBITED SOME STRIDENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN
PROPAGANDA. TWO SUCH LEFTIST FACTIONS STAGED MARCHES TO
THE GATE OF A NEARBY U.S. BASE AFTER THE RALLY, BUT
OTHERWISE THE RALLY HAD LITTLE DIRECT IMPACT ON AMERICANS
HERE. AFTER THIS RALLY, IT IS APPARENT THAT GOVERNOR OTA IS
ON STRONGER POLITICAL GROUND THEN THE GOJ IN DEALING WITH
THE LAND LEASE ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

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3. (U) THE "PREFECTURAL PEOPLE'S RALLY" PROTESTING THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN OKINAWA AND THE RAPE OF A 12 YEAR OLD OKINAWAN GIRL, ALLEGEDLY BY THREE U.S. SERVICEMEN, DREW A CROWD IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS TO A PARK IN GINOWAN CITY THE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21. THE RALLY WAS WELL ORGANIZED AND PEACEFUL; SCHEDULED TO LAST FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 PM, IT BEGAN ON TIME AND ENDED AROUND 3:15. ESTIMATES OF THE CROWD'S ACTUAL SIZE VARY CONSIDERABLY; THE POLICE FIRST ESTIMATED ABOUT 58,000, WHILE THE ORGANIZERS CLAIM 85,000. HOWEVER, FROM AERIAL VIEWS OF THE CROWD ON TV, AND FROM THE OBSERVATIONS OF A USIS TOKYO OFFICER ON THE SCENE, WE PUT THE TOTAL AT NO MORE THAN 25,000. IN CHECKING FURTHER WITH THE POLICE, WE LEARNED THAT THEY COUNTED NOT ONLY PEOPLE AT THE RALLY SITE BUT ALSO THOSE GATHERED IN THE GINOWAN CITY GYMNASIUM NEXT DOOR. THE POLICE ALSO ADDED PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE RALLY SITE BUT IN THE VICINITY WHO FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER DID NOT ENTER THE PARK ITSELF. (NOTE: IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN ABOUT 1,000 BUSES TO DELIVER 50,000 PEOPLE TO WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE SITE, BUT THE CROWD MANAGED TO ASSEMBLE IN AROUND 30 MINUTES. END NOTE.)

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4. (U) REGARDLESS OF THE EXACT NUMBER, HOWEVER, THIS WAS CLEARLY THE LARGEST PROTEST ACTIVITY OF ANY KIND SINCE THE REVERSION OF OKINAWA TO JAPAN IN 1972, AND PROBABLY SINCE A

CONFLICT OVER MILITARY LAND RENTS IN THE MID-1950S. EVEN 25,000 PEOPLE WOULD BE TWO PERCENT OF THE PREFECTURAL POPULATION, AND THREE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE MAIN ISLAND.

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5. (U) THE RALLY WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED BY THE SEVEN POLITICAL PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY, FROM COMMUNISTS TO LDP, BUT IT WAS ALSO SPONSORED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED GROUPS, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENTS AND ASSEMBLIES OF ALL 53 MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PREFECTURE. OTHER SPONSORING GROUPS INCLUDED WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, YOUTH GROUPS, LABOR UNIONS (EVEN THE BASE WORKERS' UNION), AND EVEN SUCH NORMALLY APOLITICAL GROUPS AS A FLOWER-ARRANGING CLUB, THE PUBLIC BATH WORKERS' UNION AND THE SUSHI SHOP OWNERS' ASSOCIATION. HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GROUPS WERE ALSO IN EVIDENCE.

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6. (U) THE BROAD RANGE OF THE SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS SERVED TO TONE DOWN THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE RALLY, AS WELL AS THE RHETORIC OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS. THE RESOLUTION PROTESTS THE RAPE AND CALLS FOR: A) DISCIPLINE AMONG U.S. TROOPS AND PREVENTION OF CRIMES BY MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS, B) APOLOGIES AND COMPENSATION TO TH VICTIM, C) REVISION OF THE STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA), AND D) REDUCTION AND REALIGNMENT OF THE BASES. NOTABLY, IT DID NOT CALL FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL BASES OR THE REVISION OR ABROGATION OF THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. WHILE SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED SURELY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO INCLUDE THOSE POINTS, THE MORE CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS, SUCH AS THE LDP AND BUSINESS GROUPS, WOULD NOT HAVE SIGNED ON TO SUCH DRASTIC DEMANDS.

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7. (U) A TOTAL OF EIGHT PEOPLE ADDRESSED THE RALLY: GOVERNOR OTA, PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER KAKAZU, A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL AND REPRESENTATIVES OF A WOMEN'S FEDERATION, A YOUTH COUNCIL, A CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS EXECUTIVES' GROUP AND THE RENGO LABOR UNION FEDERATION. THE SPEAKERS GENERALLY HELD TO THE RELATIVELY MILD TONE AND CONTENT OF THE RESOLUTION. GOVERNOR OTA, IN HIS BRIEF REMARKS, JUSTIFIED HIS CURRENT REFUSAL TO HELP CARRY OUT EXPROPRIATION OF LAND FOR BASES BY SAYING THAT THE GOJ HAD NOT CARRIED OUT ITS SIDE OF THE BARGAIN UNDER WHICH HE TOOK PART IN THIS PROCESS A FEW YEARS AGO. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT WANT THE UPCOMING GENERATION TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BASES IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

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8. (U) THE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE, SEIICHI INAMINE, GAVE THE ;Oh{AnNG INEQUALITY IN THE SOFA AND FOR BASE CONSOLIDATION, BUT ALSO CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT'S LACK OF PREPARATION FOR THE USE OF RETURNED BASE LAND (IT'S NOT CLEAR IF HE WAS REFERRING TO THE GOJ, THE OPG, OR BOTH). HE WAS ALSO THE ONLY SPEAKER TO STRESS U.S.-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP. STILL, THE PARTICIPATION OF A LEADING BUSINESSMAN SUCH AS INAMINE IN AN EVENT LIKE THIS IS VERY UNUSUAL, AND DEMONSTRATES THE VERY BROAD REACH OF THE RALLY.

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9. (U) THE CROWD WAS ATTENTIVE BUT NOT ELECTRIFIED, AND APPLAUDED WHEN APPROPRIATE. RALLY PARTICIPANTS APPEARED RELAXED AND NOT EMOTIONALLY WORKED UP. TRANSPORTATION UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 NAHA 0583

E.O. 12356:

ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN ORGANIZED VERY WELL, WITH CAR AND BUS PARKING LOTS DESIGNATED SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM THE RALLY SITE, AND THE ARRIVAL OF VARIOUS GROUPS WAS WELL TIMED.

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10. (U) WHILE THE TONE OF THE OVERALL RALLY WAS FAIRLY MODERATE, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF SMALL RADICAL GROUPS IN ATTENDANCE, WHOSE SIGNS, SLOGANS AND IN SOME CASES ACTIONS WERE FAR LESS RESTRAINED THAN THE MAINSTREAM. AT LEAST A FEW OF THESE RADICALS WERE FROM OUTSIDE OKINAWA. FOR INSTANCE, A DELEGATE FROM OSAKA APPROACHED RALLY LEADERS WITH AN AMERICAN FLAG AND SUGGESTED BURNING IT. ASSEMBLY SPEAKER KAKAZU REPORTEDLY SNATCHED THE FLAG AWAY AND BERATED THE WOMAN FROM OSAKA FOR SUGGESTING SUCH A THING. HOWEVER, LOCAL PAPERS REPORT THAT THE FLAG WOUND UP GETTING BURNED LATER, OFF IN A CORNER OF THE RALLY SITE.

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11. (U) SOME OF THE SIGNS POSTED AT THE RALLY SITE AND ALONG NEARBY HIGHWAYS CARRIED VIRULENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN MESSAGES, VERY RARE IN OKINAWA. ONE SIGN SAID, IN ENGLISH, "RAPIST AMERICANS GO TO HELL." ANOTHER READ, "OKINAWA IS FOR PEOPLE, ANIMALS (AMERICANS) GET OUT." OTHERS, IN JAPANESE AS WELL AS ENGLISH, CARRIED SIMILAR MESSAGES, SOME EMPLOYING ENGLISH PROFANITIES. AGAIN, WE BELIEVE THE MAKERS OF THESE SIGNS REPRESENT ONLY A VERY SMALL MINORITY OF RALLY PARTICIPANTS.

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12. (U) TWO OF THESE RADICAL GROUPS LED MARCHES TO THE GATE OF FUTENMA MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, ABOUT A MILE FROM THE RALLY SITE. ONE GROUP CONSISTED OF NO MORE THAN TWO DOZEN PEOPLE. THE OTHER COMPOSED MOSTLY OF "ANTI-WAR" BASE LANDOWNERS TOTALED PERHAPS 200 PARTICIPANTS. EACH GROUP MARCHED UP TO THE CLOSED GATE, CHANTED SLOGANS AND MADE SPEECHES FOR 15 MINUTES OR SO, AND MARCHED AWAY. POLICE WERE CAREFUL TO KEEP THE TWO GROUPS APART, AS THERE ARE SAID TO BE BITTER RIVALRIES BETWEEN RADICAL FACTIONS. LOCAL PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT ONE GROUP BURNED A U.S. FLAG NEAR THE GATE, BUT POLMILOFF DID NOT SEE ANY FLAMES OR SMOKE FROM HIS VANTAGE POINT. BOTH MARCHES ENDED WITHOUT INCIDENT, AND U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL DRIVING PAST ON THE NEARBY HIGHWAY DID NOT APPEAR TO BE DRAWING MUCH ATTENTION FROM THE MARCHERS.

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13. (U) IN A SAD BUT ILLUSTRATIVE SIDELIGHT, A 22 YEAR OLD OKINAWAN PLEADED GUILTY THE DAY BEFORE THE RALLY TO ABDUCTING AND RAPING A NINTH GRADE GIRL. THE RAPE OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 9, THE DAY AFTER THE CASE INVOLVING THE THREE U.S. SERVICEMEN BECAME PUBLIC. THIS CASE RECEIVED LITTLE OR NO PRESS COVERAGE AT THE TIME IT OCCURRED, AND THE

GUILTY PLEA GOT MINIMAL COVERAGE THE DAY BEFORE THE MASS RALLY, IN THAT CASE, THE PROSECUTOR HAS ASKED FOR A SIX YEAR SENTENCE.

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14. (SBU) COMMENT: THE FRUSTRATIONS OF MANY SEGMENTS OF OKINAWAN SOCIETY OVER VARIOUS BASE ISSUES ARE WELL KNOWN. HOWEVER, PROBABLY NOTHING BUT THE GANG RAPE OF A CHILD COULD HAVE CATALYZED A SUCH A BROADLY BASED RALLY AS THIS ONE. THE VERY NATURE OF THE CRIME HAS HANDED THE ANTI-BASE FORCES AN IMPORTANT WEAPON IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN OKINAWA. THEY CONTINUE TO WRING EVERY POSSIBLE BIT OF POLITICAL LEVERAGE FROM IT. WHILE THIS RALLY SHOULD MARK THE FORMAL END OF PROTESTS OVER THE RAPE CASE, THE FALLOUT FROM THE CRIME WILL OBVIOUSLY BE WITH US FO A GOOD WHILE. GOVERNOR OA STILL GIVES NO HINT OF WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE ON THE LAND LEASE ISSUE. AFTER THIS RALLY IT IS APPARENT THAT HE IS ON STRONGER POLITICAL GROUND THAN THE GOJ.

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CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY WELCOMES DEFENSE SECRETARY
PERRY'S REMARKS ON BASE REDUCTION
(SANKEI - PAGE 1 EVENING EDITION OCT. 23)

CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KOKEN NOSAKA IN A NEWS CONFERENCE
ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 23 REFERRED TO UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM PERRY, WHO IN AN INTERVIEW
ON NBC REVEALED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER REDUCING U.S.
BASES ON OKINAWA. NOSAKA STATED, "WE WELCOME HIS REMARKS
BECAUSE HE HAS UNDERSTOOD WELL THE SITUATION IN OKINAWA.
WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER THE MATTER FULLY AND
DISCUSS IT." HE THEN INDICATED THAT IN HIS VIEW WHEN
SECRETARY PERRY COMES TO JAPAN LATE THIS MONTH, JAPAN
WOULD PRESENT A PLAN TO REDUCE (U.S. MILITARY) BASES."

ON A SPECIFIC PLAN FOR REDUCTION (OF BASES), NOSAKA DID
NOT GO FURTHER THAN TO STATE, "IT WILL LIKELY COVER 23
PENDING ISSUES (WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED ON BETWEEN JAPAN
AND THE U.S.) AND THE THREE PENDING ISSUES OR MORE. WE
WILL MAKE A PROPOSAL THAT WILL MIX THE IDEAL AND THE
REALITIES."

MEANWHILE, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) STATED
REGARDING SECRETARY PERRY'S REMARKS, "THERE IS NO CHANGE
IN THE SECURITY POLICY, BUT (HIS REMARKS PRESUMABLY MEAN
THAT UNDER SUCH A POLICY, THE U.S.) WILL HOLD
CONSULTATIONS IN A FLEXIBLE MANNER" (MOFA SOURCE). MOFA
THEN HAS TAKEN THAT (PERRY'S REMARKS) INDICATE AN ACTIVE
STANCE BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TOWARD SETTLING THE BASES
ISSUE, THOUGH (THE U.S.) WILL MAINTAIN ITS TROOP STRENGTH
ON OKINAWA. IN ADDITION, A MOFA SOURCE SAID, "SECRETARY
PERRY MIGHT VISIT OKINAWA," AND REVEALED THAT WHEN THE
SECRETARY COMES TO JAPAN, HE WILL MEET WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER YOHEI KONO, JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) DIRECTOR
GENERAL SEISHIRO ETO AND OTHERS, AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS
ARE NOW UNDERWAY TO REALIZE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO

OKINAWA.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FOREIGN MINISTER KONO, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NOSAKA AND JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL ETO THAT MORNING AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENTIAL OFFICE DISCUSSED THE FUTURE RESPONSE BY THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE MILITARY BASES ISSUE AND THE U.S.-JAPAN STATUS OF UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 07 TOKYO 011764

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FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA). IN THE DISCUSSION, JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL ETO EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO VISIT OKINAWA BEFORE SECRETARY PERRY COMES TO JAPAN IN AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD TALKS WITH (OKINAWAN) GOVERNOR MASAhide OTA.

OKINAWAN GOVERNOR OTA CRITICIZES GOVERNMENT'S STANCE TOWARD U.S.; WELCOMES TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER (SANKEI - PAGE 4 EVENING EDITION OCT. 23)

OKINAWAN GOVERNOR MASAhide OTA IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 23 REFERRED TO THE REMARKS BY UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM PERRY, WHO SAID HE WAS READY TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF CONSOLIDATING AND INTEGRATING U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA, AND STATED, "I HAVE VISITED THE U.S. FOUR TIMES, AND DURING MY VISIT THERE, I ASKED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE CONGRESS TO (CONSOLIDATE OR DOWNSIZE BASES), BUT I WAS TOLD, 'IT IS IRRELEVANT FOR YOU TO ASK THE U.S., BECAUSE THERE IS NO REQUEST FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.'" OTA THEN CRITICIZED THE CONVENTIONAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE.

ADDITIONALLY, REFERRING TO PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA, WHO ANNOUNCED HE WAS READY TO MEET GOVENOR OTA, OTA SAID, "SO FAR I HAVE REPEATEDLY EXPLAINED TO HIM ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION IN OKINAWA, SO I THINK HE HAS UNDERSTOOD US. IF I CAN LISTEN TO HIS VIEWS (BEFORE THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT), I WOULD BE PLEASED TO DO SO."

BUT OTA MADE IT CLEAR THAT IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, HE WOULD NOT TOUCH ON THE ISSUE OF REFUSING TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR THE FORCED USE OF LAND BY U.S. MILITARY BASES.

U.S. EMBASSY DENIS PERRYQS STATEMENT (SANKEI - PAGE 1)

THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN TOKYO ON OCTOBER 23 RELEASED A STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM PERRY'S REMARKS GIVEN IN A TV PROGRAM OVER THE ISSUE OF CONSOLIDATING AND INTEGRATING U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA. REGARDING HIS REMARK THAT "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER ANY PROPOSAL," THE EMBASSY IN ITS STATEMENT INDICATED THAT "(THE SECRETARY) DID NOT REFER TO REDUCTION OF TROOP STRENGTH."

THIS IS BECAUSE SOME MEDIA HAD REPORTED, "(THE U.S.) IS READY TO CONSIDER REDUCING BASES," WHICH WAS LINKED TO CUTTING TROOPS.

FOREIGN MINISTRY SAYS U.S. BASIC DEFENSE POLICY UNCHANGED (SANKEI - PAGE 3)

IN REFERENCE TO THE REMARK BY UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM PERRY ABOUT THE ISSUE OF U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA, NAMELY, "(THE U.S.) WILL CONSIDER ANY PROPOSAL FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT," ADMINISTRATIVE VICE-MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SADAYUKI HAYASHI POINTED OUT, "SECRETARY PERRY STATED 'COORDINATION,' BUT DID NOT USE THE WORD 'REDUCTION.'" "WE THINK THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE U.S. BASIC POLICIES THAT THERE IS THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT LEVEL OR SO OF ARMED FORCE UNDER THE CURRENT SECURITY ENVIRONMENT," ADDED HAYASHI, SHOWING HIS PERCEPTION THAT (PERRY'S STATEMENT) IS PREMISED ON THE MAINTENANCE OF TROOP STRENGTH OF U.S. FORCES ON OKINAWA.

VICE-MINISTER HAYASHI ALSO SPOKE OF A JOINT STATEMENT ON THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT TO BE ISSUED AT THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT TALKS IN NOVEMBER, "OKINAWA WILL LIKELY BE REFLECTED (IN SUCH A STATEMENT)." HIS PERSPECTIVE WAS THAT (THE STATEMENT) WILL INCORPORATE WORDING THAT REFLECTS THE CURRENT OKINAWA ISSUE.

LDPQS YAMASAKI: THERE IS A LIMIT TO REDUCING OKINAWA BASES (SANKEI - PAGE 3)

TAKU YAMASAKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP), REFERRED UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 TOKYO 011764

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TO THE PROBLEM OF CURTAILING THE U.S. MILITARY BASES IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE AT A NEWS CONFERENCE HELD YESTERDAY. HE INDICATED THAT IN HIS VIEW THERE ARE LIMITS TO ARGUMENTS CALLING FOR A REDUCTION IN U.S. MILITARY BASES IN OKINAWA ALONE, NOTING, "FROM A BROADER PERSPECTIVE,

(IN CASE USFJ BASES IN OKINAWA ARE PARED DOWN,) IT IS NECESSARY TO STUDY U.S. RESPONSES REGARDING THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE."

YAMASAKI ALSO CLARIFIED HIS INTENTION THAT PRIOR TO THE "JOINT COORDINATION COUNCIL ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE REGARDING THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA)" SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON THE 24TH, HE WILL DECIDE ON A FUTURE APPROACH TO THE OKINAWA PROBLEM AT SIX-PARTY NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WILL BE HELD AMONG THE CHAIRS OF THE SAID COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE LDP, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY, AND THREE POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN OF THOSE THREE PARTIES.

COALITION LEADERS TO MEET TODAY; NEW REVERSION REQUESTS OF U.S. LIKELY (SANKEI - PAGE 1)

A MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY AMONG THREE RULING PARTY HEADS -- PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER/MITI MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO, AND FINANCE MINISTER MASAYOSHI TAKEMURA -- TO FIND A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE DEADLOCKED OKINAWA MILITARY BASE PROBLEM. PRIOR TO THIS, ON THE 23RD, A JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) LEADER REVEALED THAT A JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE SUMMIT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 1 BETWEEN JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL SEISHIRO ETO AND U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERRY.

IN THE MEETING OF THE THREE PARTY LEADERS, PRIME MINISTER MURAYAMA IS EXPECTED TO REVEAL HIS DETERMINATION TO RESOLVE THE OKINAWA BASE PROBLEM BEFORE THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT MEETING IN NOVEMBER. FOLLOWING THIS, THE THREE LEADERS WILL CONFIRM THEIR STANCE TO GRAPPLE WITH THIS ISSUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RULING COALITION ACTING AS ONE. IN ADDITION, WITH PERRY'S JAPAN VISIT APPROACHING, THEY WILL DISCUSS FUTURE STEPS, WITH A NEW REQUEST SEEKING RETURN OF MILITARY FACILITIES OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY AGREED UPON BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. AS ONE OPTION.

ALSO ON THE 24TH, SECRETARY GENERAL WATARU KUBO OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ), WHO ATTENDED THE OKINAWA PROTEST RALLY, WILL REPORT THE RESULTS TO THE PRIME MINISTER. IN ADDITION, A JOINT MEETING WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ON THE 24TH AMONG THE POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN, POLICY DELIBERATION COUNCIL CHAIRMEN, AND FOREIGN AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS CHIEFS OF THE THREE RULING PARTIES.

FOREIGN MINISTER YOHEI KONO IS ALSO SLATED TO INVITE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN MONDALE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS FOCUSING ON THE BASE ISSUE.

PRIOR TO THIS, ON THE 23RD, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KOKEN NOSAKA MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KONO AND JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL ETO, AND REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THE PERCEPTION THAT ETO NEEDS TO VISIT OKINAWA BEFORE DEFENSE SECRETARY

PERRY'S JAPAN VISIT.

IN HIS PRESS MEETING LATE YESTERDAY, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NOSAKA REMARKED: "THE JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL NEEDS TO KNOW THE REALITY OF THE U.S. MILITARY BASES IN ORDER TO LOOK INTO FACILITIES OTHER THAN THE 26 CASES (ALREADY AGREED UPON BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S.)" THE RULING COALITION ALSO DECIDED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO OKINAWA SOON.

GAP BETWEEN LDP AND SOCIALISTS ON REDUCTION OF BASES IN JAPAN (TOKYO SHIMBUN - TOP PLAY)

THE CONTENTS OF AN LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) PLAN DIRECTED AT CONSOLIDATING AND DOWNSIZING U.S. BASES ON UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 TOKYO 011764

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OKINAWA AND REVIEWING THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT WERE REVEALED YESTERDAY. THE LDP PROPOSAL CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING: THE GOVERNMENT (1) SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO SETTLE AT AN EARLY DATE THE 13 ISSUES WHICH WERE ALREADY AGREED UPON BUT ARE STILL LEFT UNSETTLED BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S., INCLUDING RELOCATION OF NAHA PORT; AND (2) GRAPPLE WITH THE CONSOLIDATION AND DOWNSIZING OF BASES "FROM A MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE." THE LDP WILL FORMALLY SUBMIT THIS AT THE RULING PARTIES' "JOINT COORDINATION CONFERENCE BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS ON THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT" TO BE HELD THIS EVENING. IT WOULD LIKE TO FINALIZE A PLAN OF THE RULING PARTIES THIS WEEK, BUT THE GAP BETWEEN IT AND THE ALREADY-SUBMITTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ) PLAN REMAINS WIDE. STORMY NEGOTIATIONS ARE PREDICTED.

SETTLEMENT PLANS OF LDP AND SDPJ ON OKINAWA BASE ISSUE (TOKYO SHIMBUN - TOP PLAY)

JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY

LDP PLAN

1. TO GOVERNMENT CONFIRM THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY FOR JAPAN BUT ALSO FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

SDPJ PLAN

1. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DEFINE THAT REFORMATION OF JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY AT THE NOVEMBER JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT

WILL NOT LEAD TO STRENGTHENING AND SOLIDIFYING THE
FUNCTIONS OF BASES ON OKINAWA.

STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT

LDP PLAN

1. THE U.S. SHOULD WORK OUT PERFECT PREVENTIVE MEASURES,
REFLECTING THE SCHOOLGIRL-RAPE INCIDENT IN OKINAWA.
2. EFFORTS BE MADE TO ACHIEVE SPECIFIC RESULTS ON A
REVIEW OF CRIMINAL JURISDICTION PROCEDURES. OTHER
MATTERS SHOULD BE CONTINUED TO BE LOOKED INTO.

SDPJ PLAN

1. OVERALL STUDIES SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. A POSITIVE
APPROACH BE TAKEN IN TERMS OF INTERPRETATION AND
OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT SO THAT JAPANQS POSITION AS A
SOVEREIGNTY STATE WILL NOT BE IMPAIRED. THE AGREEMENT BE
REVIEWED AS A WHOLE TO CONVINCE THE PEOPLE, IN ADDITION
TO A PROVISION ON HANDING OVER OF SUSPECTS.
2. GOVERNMENT TO HOLD AND IMPROVE OPERATION OF THE QJOINT
COMMITTEEQ UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF THE AGREEMENT. THE
PROCEEDINGS AT ITS MEETINGS BE MADE PUBLIC.

BASE ISSUE

LDP PLAN

1. VOICES OF THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE SEEKING CONSOLIDATION
AND REDUCTION OF U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA IN VIEW OF
HISTORICAL CIRCUMSTNCES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.
2. THE GOVERNMENT ADDRESS 20 ITEMS NOW UNDER NEGOTIATIONS
FOR RETURN AND 3 ITEMS ALREADY AGREED UPON FOR
CONSOLIDATION AND INTEGRATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S.,
AIMING AT AN EARLY SETTLEMENT. TO STUDY OTHER SUBJECTS
FROM A MEDIUM TO LONG-TERM VIEWPOINT.

SDPJ PLAN

1. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO RESPOND TO THE OKINAWA SIDEQS
EXPECTATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING EVEN IF THE WORK OF
CONSOLIDATION/DOWNSIZING AND RETURN OF BASES IS PROCEEDED
ALONG THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PLAN AGREED ON BETWEEN JAPAN
AND THE U.S. OR ON ITS EXTENSION LINE.
2. THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD REVEAL THEIR
DETERMINATION TO STUDY A NEW PLAN SO THAT FURTHER BURDENS
WILL NOT BE IMPOSED ON OKINAWA.

OTHERS

LDP PLAN

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1. TO STUDY EXPANDED REVITALIZATION PACKAGE FOR OKINAWA.

SDPJ PLAN

1. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN THE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION OF THE OKINAWAN AND NATION-WIDE PEOPLE AS LONG AS THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS IDLE IN LOOKING INTO THE MATTER QSEIOUSLY AND EARNESTLYQ AND IN REVEALING ITS SPECIFIC VIEWS. THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A SOPHISITICATED POLITICAL JUDGEMENT.

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO DISCUSS 14 UNRESOLVED BASE-REVERSION ISSUES WITH U.S. (YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

ON THE PROBLEM OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE GOVERNOR MASAhide OTA'S HAVING REFUSED TO PROXY SIGN FOR THE FORCED USE OF LANDED PROPERTIES OFFERED TO THE U.S. FORCES, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED ON OCTOBER 23 TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. ON 14 OTHER PENDING CASES, INCLUDING THE "OKUMA REST CENTER" AND THE "MAKI PORT SUPPLY AREA," FOR INCLUSION AMONG THE MILITARY BASES AND FACILITIES SLATED FOR REVERSION. THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO HOLD BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TO SELECT CANDIDATE SITES FOR RETURN FROM AMONG THOSE 14 CASES. THOSE CASES HAVE BEEN LEFT OVER FOR "CONTINUED STUDY" SINCE THE JAPAN-U.S. JOINT COMMITTEE (ON THE STATUS-OF-FORCES AGREEMENT) COULD NOT AGREE AT ITS MEETING IN 1990 TO PROMOTE COORDINATION ON THEIR REVERSION. JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL SEISHIRO ETO WILL MEET WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERRY ON THE 1ST OF NEXT MONTH, WHEN THE JAPANESE SIDE WILL MAKE A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. SIDE FOR STARTING THE WORK.

IF (THE U.S. SIDE'S) AGREEMENT IS OBTAINED, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY AT INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES' FOREIGN AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS TO LOOK INTO THOSE CASES, AND THEN WOULD LIKE TO ENTER INTO CONCRETE WORK IN THE DIRECTION OF HAVING THOSE BASE SITES RETURNED.

THE JAPAN-U.S. JOINT COMMITTEE, AT ITS MEETING IN 1990, DECIDED ON A LISTING OF 18 CASES TO BE CONSIDERED CONTINUOUSLY, IN ADDITION TO THE SO-CALLED "23 CASES" ON WHICH JAPAN AND THE U.S. HAVE DECIDED TO UNDERGO COORDINATION FOR REVERSION.

IN THOSE CASES, FOUR SITES -- BROKEN DOWN INTO A PORTION OF THE FUTENMA AIRFIELD, THE NAHA SERVICE CENTER (TWO CASES), AND THE MAKI PORT SUPPLY AREA -- HAVE ALREADY BEEN RETURNED OR AGREED UPON FOR RETURN. THE 14 REMAINING CASES HAVE BEEN LEFT OVER AS PENDING ISSUES WITHOUT CONSULTATIONS.

HOWEVER, THE 14 CASES INCLUDE THE OVERALL RETURN OF THE FUTENMA AIRFIELD AND THE PARTIAL RETURN OF CAMP ZUKERAN,

AND THE U.S. SIDE HAS ALREADY DISAGREED TO RETURN THEM UNCONDITIONALLY. ACCORDINGLY, THE SITUATION IS MURKY ABOUT TO WHAT EXTENT THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN WORK OUT A PLAN IN CONCRETE TERMS.

THE 14 CASES TO BE CONSIDERED ARE AS FOLLOWS: OKUMA REST CENTER (3 CASES); IE JIMA SUB-AIRFIELD (2 CASES); PART OF YOMITAN SUB-AIRFIELD; PART OF KADENA AMMUNITION DEPOT AREA; AWASE RADIO STATION FACILITIES; PART OF CAMP ZUKERAN; FUTENMA AIRFIELD; MAKI PORT SUPPLY AREA; NAHA PORT FACILITIES (3 CASES).

GAP BETWEEN PRIME MWN KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

REGARDING U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERRY'S STATEMENT ON A U.S. TELEVISION PROGRAM EXPRESSING FLEXIBILITY TOWARD REDUCING U.S. FORCES ON OKINAWA, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) HAS TAKEN IT AS "PREMISED FIRMLY ON MAINTAINING THE FUNCTIONS OF U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN" (SENIOR OFFICIAL). THERE IS CONCERN THAT IN CASE THE SCALE OF U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN IS REDUCED, CRACKS MIGHT APPEAR IN THE CENTRAL COMPONENT OF THE BILATERAL SECURITY UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 TOKYO 011764

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ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS "STABLE PRESENCE OF U.S. FORCES," AND THE BASE OF THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE WEAKENED. THERE IS STRONG ALARM ABOUT THE "INDEPENDENCE" OF PERRY'S STATEMENT, AND AT THE MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER KONO UPON HIS VISIT TO JAPAN ON THE 31ST, THERE IS THOUGHT BEING GIVEN THAT IT WOULD BE DESIROUS TO CONFIRM "MAINTAINING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN."

GOVERNOR OTA INVITED TO PARTY FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON (MAINICHI - PAGE 1)

THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED AS OF OCTOBER 23 TO INVITE OKINAWAN GOVERNOR MASAHIRO OTA TO THE LUNCHEON PARTY FOR UNITED STATES PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO ON NOVEMBER 21 UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA. IT CONVEYED SUCH AN INVITATION TO THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT. BUT IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE, SOME INDICATE THAT "THE GOVERNOR COULD NOT ATTEND THE LUNCHEON PARTY WHICH IS TO BE HELD RIGHT AFTER THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT IS RECONFIRMED" (SENIOR PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL). SO THE POSSIBILITY IS SLIM THAT

THE GOVERNOR WILL JOIN THE PARTY.

AT THE PLANNED JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT, "RECONFIRMING" OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY SYSTEM AFTER THE COLD WAR WILL COME UP AS MAJOR AGENDA, AND THE TWO TOP LEADERS WILL ANNOUNCE A JOINT STATEMENT AFTER THE SUMMIT. THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING INCORPORATING THE POLICY OF CONSOLIDATING AND INTEGRATING (U.S.) BASES ON OKINAWA IN THE JOINT STATEMENT.

BUT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) TAKES THE STAND THAT "THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE FRAMEWORK, NAMELY THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGMENT WILL BE UNDERScoreD, BECAUSE UNSTABLE FACTORS EXIST IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION." THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT IS WARY OF SUCH A STAND, ARGUING, "THE JOINT STATEMENT MIGHT LEAD TO FIXING AND REINFORCING BASES ON OKINAWA."

REPORT OF SURVEY TEAM TO GOLAN HEIGHTS: CONDITIONS STABLE ENOUGH FOR PKO (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT FACT-FINDING MISSION TO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS (LED BY YASUNARI ITO, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION HEADQUARTERS) YESTERDAY SUBMITTED A REPORT TO CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KOKEN NOSAKA. THE MISSION WAS SENT TO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING SELF-DEFENSE FORCES PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE IN UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (PKO) THERE.

THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT "THE SITUATION IN THE REGION WHERE PKO FORCES ARE BEING DEPLOYED IS STABLE." IT ALSO SPELS OUT THAT THE UN DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE (UNDOF) REQUESTED THAT SDF TROOPS TAKE PART IN THE WORK OF REPAIRING ROADS, HEADQUARTERS OPERATION, AND TRANSPORTATION DUTY. IT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT CANADIAN TROOPS, WHOSE DUTY JAPAN WILL TAKE OVER, HAVE NOT CARRIED WEAPONS WITH THEM DURING OPERATIONS.

THE REPORT STRESSED THAT "AS THE SITUATION THERE HAS STABILIZED, THE CANADIAN UNIT CARRIES NO WEAPONS WHILE CARRYING OUT TRANSPORTATION DUTY." HOWEVER, IT POINTS OUT: 1) THE CANADIAN TROOPS EQUIP THEMSELVES WITH SMALL ARMS, HANDGUNS, AND MACHINE GUNS, AS STANDARD WEAPONS; AND 2) SDF TROOPS WILL BE NEEDED TO BE EQUIPPED AND TRAINED. BUT THE MISSION HAS YET ISSUE ITS FINAL CONCLUSION.

PROPOSALS READY EARLY NOVEMBER FOR PLAN TO JOIN SAKIGAKE AND SOCIALISTS INTO NEW PARTY (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 1)

THE SAKIGAKE PARTY ON THE 23RD REACHED A POLICY DIRECTION TO LAUNCH A NEW PARTY WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ) AND PRESENT CONDITIONS FOR THE PLAN TO THE UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 TOKYO 011764

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SDPJ SHORTLY. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE SAKIGAKE WILL
PRESENT CONDITIONS TO THE SDPJ BY NOVEMBER 2, THE SDPJ'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY. SDPJ SECRETARY GENERAL WATARU KUBO
APPROVED THIS PLAN. HE REVEALED THAT HIS PARTY WOULD
COOPERATE WITH SAKIGAKE, NOT STICKING TO THE ORIGINAL
PLAN TO "HOLD A NEW-PARTY INAUGURATION MEETING IN EARLY
NOVEMBER." THUS, THE MOVE TO LAUNCH A NEW THIRD PARTY TO
COUNTER THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) AND THE NEW
FRONTIER PARTY (NFP) WILL ENTER A NEW PHASE.

JFTV STUDY GROUP ON NTT PROBLEM: DEREGULATION PREFERABLE
TO BREAKING UP COMPANY (ASAHI - PAGE 1)

THE DATA-COMMUNICATION SECTOR COMPETITION POLICY STUDY
GROUP (CHAIRER BY HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY KENJI SANAKATA)
UNDER THE FAIR TRADE COMMISSION (FTC), WHICH HAS BEEN
DELIBERATING ON THE ISSUE OF BREAKING UP NTT (NIPPON
TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANY), HAS COMPILED A DRAFT
REPORT. IT CONCLUDES, "IT IS A PREREQUISITE TO
SIGNIFICANTLY EASE REGULATIONS SET BY THE MINISTRY OF
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS (MPT), INSTEAD OF SPLITTING
THE COMPANY. THE DRAFT NOTES THAT IN ORDER TO HAVE
VARIOUS TYPES OF BUSINESSES TAKE PART IN THE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR IN AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH
COMMUNICATION MEANS OTHER THAN CONVENTIONAL TELEPHONES
ARE EXPECTED TO RAPIDLY BE DEVELOPED DUE TO TECHNOLOGICAL
PROGRESS, IT IS NECESSARY TO ENABLE OTHER CARRIERS TO
SHARE NTT'S REGIONAL TELEPHONE NETWORKS. THE PANEL
ADDITIONALLY PROPOSES THAT THE BUSINESS DIVISION OF
TELEPHONE COMPANIES, SUCH AS "LONG-DISTANCE AND LOCAL"
AND "INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC," BE ABOLISHED IN ORDER
TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE BOTH NTT AND OTHER
TELEPHONE COMPANIES CAN ENGAGE IN FREE COMPETITION.

THE STUDY GROUP IS COMPOSED OF NINE ACADEMICS WHO ARE
EXPERTS IN ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW, INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE
THEORY, AND THE LIKE. THE DRAFT WILL LIKELY BE FINALIZED
AT A PANEL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 26TH, AND IT THEN
WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE.

THE DRAFT REPORT HAS BY AND LARGE FOLLOWED THE ARGUMENT
PRESENTED IN NTT'S PAPER, "OPPOSITION TO BREAK-UP."

THE DRAFT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NTT HAS AN "ALMOST MONOPOLY
POSITION," BUT ANALYZES THAT SINCE ITS PREVIOUS COMPANY
WAS A PUBLIC CORPORATION, WHICH HAD A 100-PERCENT
MONOPOLY, AND NOW IT IS CONTROLLED BY REGULATIONS SET BY
MPT, THERE ARE NO ILL EFFECTS SEEN ACCRUING FROM SUCH A

MONOPOLY. THE PANEL THEREFORE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NO VIOLATIONS OF THE ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW MERITING A BREAK-UP HAS OCCURRED.

THE REPORT THEN TOUCHES ON RAPID CHANGES IN AND FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKET. IT ASSERTS THAT DUE TO THE SPREAD OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION AND THE EMERGENCE OF CATV TELEPHONES AND THE INTERNET, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO PRESERVE NTT AS ONE ENTITY AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR OTHER CARRIERS TO USE ITS REGIONAL CIRCUITS BY OPENING ACCESS TO THEM. THIS WAS PREFERABLE TO BREAKING NTT UP INTO A LONG-DISTANCE CARRIER AND REGIONAL COMPANIES OR SPLITTING IT INTO ONE COMPANY FOR EACH REGION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE DRAFT REPORT PROPOSES (1) CLARIFICATION OF LINK-UP RULES; AND (2) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC ORGAN FOR MONITORING NEGOTIATIONS AND HANDING DOWN RULINGS, TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE TROUBLE OVER ACCESS TO NTT CIRCUITS. BLACKBURN

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SECRETARY PERRY ARRIVES TODAY; FINAL COORDINATION ON BASE CONSOLIDATION (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM PERRY WILL COME TO JAPAN TODAY. CENTERING ON THE OKINAWA BASES ISSUE AND THE PROBLEM OF RECONFIRMING THE BILATERAL SECURITY ALLIANCE ARRANGEMENT, HE WILL MAKE FINAL COORDINATION ON NOVEMBER 1 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER YOHEI KONO, JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) DIRECTOR GENERAL SEISHIRO ETO, AND OTHERS AND PAVE THE WAY FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING IN NOVEMBER. THE JAPANESE SIDE WILL ASK SECRETARY PERRY TO CONSIDER CONSOLIDATING AND INTEGRATING ANEW OF U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA, AND ALSO WOULD LIKE TO DIRECTLY CONFIRM THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT AMONG FOREIGN AND DEFENSE LEADERS.

(ISSUE OF U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA)

OVER HOW TO BRING TO A SETTLEMENT THE ISSUE OF OKINAWAN GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA'S REFUSAL TO SIGN AS A PROXY THE LEASE CONTRACTS ON THE FORCED USE OF LAND BY U.S. FORCES, THE JAPANESE SIDE'S SCENARIO IS: (1) FOR BOTH JAPAN AND THE U.S. TO AGREE AT THE BILATERAL SUMMIT MEETING TO FACILITATE CONSOLIDATION AND INTEGRATION OF U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA; AND (2) BY SO DOING, TO OPEN THE WAY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF TO DECIDE TO SIGN THOSE LEASE CONTRACTS AS A PROXY. IN ADDITION TO THE 26 ITEMS ALREADY AGREED ON BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S., SUCH AS THE REMOVAL OF NAHA PORT-RELATED FACILITIES INTO ANOTHER PLACE, (JAPAN) WOULD LIKE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT IN ESSENCE TO REVIEW OVER THE MEDIUM AND LONG RUN THE ISSUE OF REVERSION OF SEVEN PENDING FACILITIES AND 10 PENDING ITEMS, SUCH AS FUTENMA AIRPORT AND OKUMA REST CENTER. THE IDEA IS THUS TO PAVE THE WAY IN SPECIFIC TERMS TO SETTLE THE OKINAWA ISSUE PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT TALKS.

ADDITIONALLY, REGARDING A NEW JAPAN-U.S. CONSULTATIVE

PANEL WHICH WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO FACILITATE THE CONSOLIDATION AND INTEGRATION OF U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA, AS AGREED ON BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER KONO AND U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN WALTER MONDALE, (JAPAN) INTENDS TO DISCUSS WHO WILL BECOME THE MEMBERS OF SUCH A PANEL AND HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE REVIEW WORK THERE, AND THEN TO WORK OUT A PLAN TO HOLD THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PANEL
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WITHIN THE YEAR.

ON THE ISSUE OF REDEPLOYMENT OF U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN (USFJ), HOWEVER, JAPAN AND THE U.S. ARE NOT NECESSARILY IN AGREEMENT, SO A SENIOR MOFA OFFICIAL HAS REMARKED, "ON THE OCCASION OF THE TALKS THIS TIME, WE WOULD LIKE TO ADJUST THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINIONS."

(JOINT STATEMENT OF JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT)

ON A JAPAN-U.S. JOINT STATEMENT OF THE BILATERAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENT TO BE ADOPTED AT THE SUMMIT TALKS WHICH WILL OCCUR ON THE OCCASION OF U.S. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S JAPAN VISIT, (BOTH JAPAN AND THE U.S.) WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE FOLLOWING WILL BE SPECIFIED: "THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT IS INDISPENSABLE FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AFTER THE COLD WAR."

EARLIER, SECRETARY PERRY IN A U.S. TV PROGRAM HINTED AT A FLEXIBLE POSTURE TOWARD DOWNSIZING U.S. FORCES STATIONED ON OKINAWA. HIS COMMENT LATER CREATED A STIR. ON THIS POINT, THE SECRETARY HIMSELF IS EXPECTED TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION: "THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S BASIC POLICY OF MAINTAINING THE FORWARD DEPLOYED FORCE IN EAST ASIA ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE CURRENT ONE."

THE JAPANESE SIDE WILL TRANSMIT THAT "THE CABINET POLICY OF FIRMLY UPHOLDING THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT IS UNCHANGED" (PRIME MINISTER). THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO STATE THAT THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT: "IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROMOTE CONSOLIDATION AND INTEGRATION OF U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA WITHIN THE SCOPE OF NOT HINDERING THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOALS OF THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY."

THE JOINT STATEMENT IS EXPECTED TO HIGHLY VALUE THE AGREEMENT EARLIER REACHED AT THE JAPAN-U.S. JOINT

COMMITTEE ON THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OPERATION OF THE U.S.-JAPAN STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA), BUT THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL SIDE IS STILL SEEKING AN "OVERALL REVIEW OF THE SOFA ITSELF." COORDINATION THUS MAY COME TO A STANDSTILL.

SECRETARY PERRY TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER

THE SCHEDULE WAS DECIDED THAT U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM PERRY WOULD MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA. PRIOR TO THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER, THE TWO WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ABOUT THE ISSUE OF DOWNSIZING U.S. MILITARY BASES.

RULING COALITION'S DELEGATION ASKS U.S. FORCES TO CONCLUDE NOISE PREVENTION AGREEMENT

THE RULING COALITION'S DELEGATION, WHICH IS NOW IN OKINAWA, YESTERDAY HAD A MEETING WITH THIRD MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE'S DEPUTY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BRUCE BYRAM AT THE CAMP BUTLER, A FACILITY IN CENTRAL OKINAWA WHERE MARINES ARE STATIONED. THE DELEGATION SIDE CONVEYED VOICES OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN GINOWAN CITY HAVING FUTENMA AIRPORT AND KADENA CITY HAVING THE KADENA BASE, NAMELY, "IT IS UNFAIR THERE IS NO NOISE PREVENTION AGREEMENT CONCLUDED HERE IN OKINAWA, THOUGH SUCH WAS CONCLUDED AT YOKOTA BASE AND OTHER PLACES." AND IT ASKED THE U.S. TO (1) CONCLUDE A NOISE PREVENTION AGREEMENT AT AN EARLY TIME TO RESTRICT THE TAKING OFF AND LANDING OF AIRCRAFT AT NIGHT AND (2) TRANSFER THE (U.S.) NAVY'S APRON LOCATED IN THE KADENA AIR BASE, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO PRIVATE HOUSES.

COALITION MISSION TO OKINAWA: NO BREAKTHROUGHS
(YOMIURI -PAGE 3)

THE DELEGATION SENT JOINTLY BY THE THREE RULING PARTIES VISITED OKINAWA ON OCTOBER 30 TO FIND A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE OKINAWA ISSUE. IN THE SESSION WITH THE DELEGATION, OKINAWA GOVERNOR MASAhide OTA DID NOT CHANGE HIS STANCE
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TO REJECT SIGNING LAND LEASES FOR U.S. MILITARY BASES THERE. THE DELEGATION'S OKINAWA VISIT ENDED ONLY SHEDDING LIGHT ON OKINAWA'S ANGER WITH THE BASE PROBLEM AND THE "UNFAIRNESS" OF THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA). SEEING THE GOVERNOR'S "HARD-LINE

STANCE," THE PRIME MINISTER HAS GENERALLY MADE UP HIS MIND THAT HE HAS TO SIGHT THE LEASES HIMSELF IN THE END. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, FULL-SCALE COORDINATION IS LIKELY TO OCCUR BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RULING COALITION AIMED AT SETTling THE BASE ISSUE.

AFTER ARRIVING AT OKINAWA'S NAHA AIRPORT, THE DELEGATION FIRST HEADED FOR GINOWAN CITY OFFICE. THERE, THE MEMBERS RECEIVED A BRIEFING FROM MAYOR SEIKEN TOBARU REGARDING THE BASE PROBLEM.

THE MAYOR POINTED OUT THAT SITUATED IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY, U.S. FUTENMA AIRFIELD IS BLOCKING THE CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE MAYOR CALLED FOR AN EARLY RETURN OF THE SITE TO OKINAWA, REASONING, "NOISE POLLUTION IS TERRIBLE AND THERE ARE SO MANY ACCIDENTS. IT IS A DEFECTIVE AIRFIELD." THE MAYOR CYNICALLY CONTINUED, "IT BECOMES QUIET WHEN DIET MEMBERS OR PROMINENT U.S. FIGURES VISIT THE CITY. I WISH (THE DELEGATION) WOULD STAY IN GINOWAN CITY FOREVER." THE GROUP WAS LISTENING TO THIS COMMENT WRYLY.

IN ADDITION, CITING SPECIAL TREATMENT TO U.S. SERVICEMEN, SUCH AS EXEMPTION OF HIGHWAY TOLLS ALLOWED UNDER SOFA, THE MAYOR SAID, "IT IS AN OUTRAGEOUS AGREEMENT." THE MAYOR CONTINUED IN A STRONG TONE, "IT WAS NOT OKINAWA THAT STARTED WAR THAT ENDED IN FAILURE. IT WAS THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. WHY DOES OKNAWA ALONE HAVE TO BE FORCED TO BECOME THE VICTIM? THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ALLIANCE IS NOT GOOD FOR OKINAWA." THE DELEGATION HAD NO WORDS.

IN KADENA TOWN, WHERE AS MUCH AS 83 PERCENT OF ITS LAND SPACE IS OCCUPIED BY U.S. KADENA AIR BASE, THE GROUP MET WITH DEPUTY MAYOR EIZABURO YAMAGUCHI. THE DEPUTY MAYOR REQUESTED CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT REGARDING NOISE POLLUTION RESULTING FROM U.S. AIRCRAFT. IN RETURN, REPRESENTING THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ), FORMER SDPJ VICE CHAIRMAN SHIGERU ITO ONLY REPLIED, "U.S. PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL VISIT JAPAN NEXT MONTH. WE WILL DO OUT BEST TO FIND A BREAKTHROUGH."

REGARDING SENDING A DELEGATION TO OKINAWA, THERE WERE SOME IN THE COALITION CAMP SUSPECTING, "IS THERE ANY MEANING TO SEND A MISSION BEFORE THE TALKS BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE OKINAWA GOVERNOR?" FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER TARO NAKAYAMA, LEADER OF THE MISSION, INDICATED THAT JUST HEARING REQUESTS DIRECTLY FROM THE GOVERNOR WAS MEANINGFUL, REMARKING, I WILL JUST LISTEN TO HIS VIEWS. I'M NOT IN THE POSITION TO SAY THIS OR THAT." THE OKINAWA VISIT ENDED, HOWEVER, WITHOUT FINDING ANY CLUE TO RESOLVING THE PROXY SIGNING ISSUE.

QUASI-TWO-PLUS-TWO MEETING TOMORROW MORNING
(YOMIURI - PAGE)

AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE 30TH BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE U.S. TO HOLD A MEETING OF

THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 1 IN TOKYO, ATTENDED BY FOREIGN MINISTER YOHEI KONO, JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) DIRECTOR GENERAL SEISHIRO ETO, U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM PERRY, AND U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN WALTER MONDALE. THE TWO COUNTRIES ALSO REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH AT THIS SESSION A NEW JAPAN-U.S. COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE OF POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF U.S. MILITARY BASES IN OKINAWA.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW COMMITTEE WAS PROPOSED BY JAPAN ON OCTOBER 24 TO FACILITATE THE PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE AND/OR DOWNSIZE U.S. BASES. THE U.S. HAS GIVEN ITS CONSENT IN PRINCIPLE. WORKING-LEVEL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD UNDER THE NEW COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BE AN UPGRADED UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 08 TOKYO 012025

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VERSION OF THE EXISTING "JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY OPERATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE."

IN THE FOUR-MAN MEETING TOMORROW, JAPAN WILL REQUEST AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THREE PENDING CASES, INCLUDING CAMP ZUKKERAN, IN ADDITION TO 23 OTHER CASES.

COALITION PARTIES TO SEEK REDUCTION OF OKINAWA BASES (YOMIURI - PAGE 3)

IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT THE RULING PARTIES' PROPOSAL TO BE FINALIZED TODAY BY THE THREE PARTIES TO DEAL WITH THE OKINAWA ISSUE WOULD CLEARLY STATE THAT THE PARTIES UPHOLD THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY BUT IT WOULD ALSO FOCUS ON: (1) CONSOLIDATION AND REDUCTION OF U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA; AND (2) REVIEW OF THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA). THIS WAS REVEALED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE RULING CAMP YESTERDAY. THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) AS WELL HAS BEGUN TO JUDGE THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO "DOWNSIZE" U.S. BASES. THE PROPOSAL WILL NOT REFER TO SUCH A REVISION OF THE SOFA AS IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE OKINAWAN SIDE BUT WILL INCLUDE THE WILLINGNESS TO WORK OUT NEW IMPROVEMENT MEASURES RELATED TO THE AIR AND WATER AREAS, IN ADDITION TO IMPROVED APPLICATION REGARDING "PRE-INDICTMENT TRANSFER OF SUSPECTS."

NEW FRONTIER PARTY READYING OWN POLICY PAPER ON THE ALLIANCE (YOMIURI - PAGE 3)

THE NEW FRONTIER PARTY (NFP) DECIDED AT THE PARTY LEADERSHIP MEETING YESTERDAY THAT IT WOULD COMPILE PROMPTLY ITS UNIFIED VIEWS ON THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY AS WELL AS THE STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA).

THE DECISION WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO CALLS FOR REVIEWING THE SOFA GROWING IN THE WAKE OF THE SCHOOLGIRL RAPE INCIDENT IN OKINAWA. AFTER THE MEETING, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL TAKEO NISHIOKA GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AND POINTED OUT, "THE U.S., DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE UPCOMING BILATERAL SUMMIT TALKS, MAY REFER TO FUTURE OPTIONS FOR THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY." HE DISCLOSED THE POLICY THAT THE NFP WOULD COMPILE ITS VISION FOCUSING ON DISPERSION OF U.S. BASES IN JAPAN AS WELL AS THE FUTURE COURSE OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, BEFORE THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT TALKS TO BE HELD AFTER THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) FORUM AT THE LATEST.

AMBASSADOR KURIYAMA: APPREHENSIVE ABOUT TALK OF U.S. FORCE WITHDRAWAL (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE3)

THE "JAPAN-U.S. RELATIONSHIP" -- BUILT OVER THE 50 POSTWAR YEARS -- IS NOW SUFFERING GREAT SHOCKS FROM A HOST OF PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF U.S. MILITARY BASES IGNITED BY THE OKINAWA INCIDENT. THE NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN ASKED JAPANESE, U.S., AND ASIAN OFFICIALS ABOUT HOW TO TIDE OVER THIS PRECARIOUSNESS.

U.S. SHOWING SERIOUS RESPONSE

-- SINCE THE RECENT RAPE INCIDENT OF A SCHOOLGIRL IN OKINAWA, JAPAN-U.S. RELATIONS HAVE BEEN UNSETTLED. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE TWO COUNTRIES' APPROACHES TO DEALING WITH THIS CASE?

"THE U.S. IS TAKING A SERIOUS VIEW OF THIS PROBLEM, WHILE THINKING TO ITSELF THAT IF IT IS NOT ADDRESSED IN A SERIOUS MANNER, CRACKS MAY APPEAR IN THE JAPAN-U.S. ALLIANCE. I THINK THE U.S. IS NOW DOING ALL IT CAN DO ABOUT THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA) AND THE PROBLEM OF MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA, BEGINNING WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF OFFICIAL DISCIPLINE. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND THE WHITE HOUSE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PROBLEM."

-- DO YOU THINK THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S WAY OF DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM?
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"THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. THERE IS A LIMIT TO WHAT THE U.S. CAN DO, AND THIS IS A PROBLEM ROOTED IN THE PEOPLE'S FEELINGS. SO, THIS CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY REASON ALONE. THE PROBLEM HAS DIFFICULTIES IN THAT SENSE. MORE FUNDAMENTALLY, THERE IS THE REALITY THAT AN ESTIMATED 20 PERCENT OF THE LAND OF OKINAWA IS BEING USED FOR MILITARY BASES. BOTH JAPAN AND THE U.S. SHOULD MAKE STILL GREATER EFFORTS TO TACKLE BASE CONSOLIDATION AND INTEGRATION."

-- SOME IN THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAVE VOICED THEIR DISSATISFACTION TOWARD THE JAPANESE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP
...

"THE PEOPLE OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE FEEL THAT THEY HAVE BEEN OVERBURDENED FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE. BOTH JAPAN AND THE U.S. WILL HAVE TO ANSWER TO THEIR FEELINGS. THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM ONLY THE U.S. SHOULD RESOLVE. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ALSO MUST CONSIDER IT SERIOUSLY. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN NEEDS TO HAVE THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT 'WE WILL HAVE TO FIRMLY MAINTAIN THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ALLIANCE SETUP FOR JAPAN'S OWN SECURITY IN THE POST-COLD WAR ERA AS WELL, AND WE, FOR THAT PURPOSE, WILL HAVE TO TAKE ON AN APPROPRIATE BURDEN.' THE SAME CAN BE SAID OF THE U.S. I CAN SAY BOTH THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO HAVE THE TWO COUNTRIES' RESPECTIVE PEOPLES UNDERSTAND IT. ON THE OCCASION OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO JAPAN, THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE GOING TO ISSUE A DOCUMENT TO CONFIRM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SECURITY TREATY. THIS IS WHAT IS GOING TO ANSWER THAT."

-- WILL THE PROBLEM OF BASES ON OKINAWA ALSO BE INCORPORATED IN THE JAPAN-U.S. JOINT DECLARATION ON SECURITY?

"SUCH A SERIOUS INCIDENT MUST BE TOUCHED ON IN THE DOCUMENT. BASE REALIGNMENT IS A PROBLEM JAPAN AND THE U.S. WILL HAVE TO TACKLE IN A CONSIDERABLY SERIOUS WAY. I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE RESOLVED IN A CONCRETE WAY BEFORE PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO JAPAN. BUT, IT IS NECESSARY TO SHOW PROCEDURES OR STEPS TO THAT IN A WAY IS CONVINCING TO THE PEOPLE."

ISOLATIONISM GROWING STRONG

-- SOME PEOPLE FEAR THAT IF THE PROBLEM GETS ENTANGLED, THERE MAY BE A RISE OF ARGUMENTS IN THE U.S. CALLING FOR DENOUNCING THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT ...

"JAPAN MUST PAY ATTENTION FOR THERE IS AN UNDERCURRENT OF ISOLATIONISM OF A SORT IN THE U.S. THE U.S. IS NOW DEPLOYING 100,000 TROOPS IN EAST ASIA. THIS IS FOR THE SECURITY OF JAPAN AND ASIA -- AND FOR THAT OF AMERICA ITSELF. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL FEELING AMONG MOST

AMERICANS IS THAT THE U.S. TROOPS ARE STATIONED THERE FOR JAPAN. THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MAY SAY, 'IF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT U.S. FORCES, WE WILL THEN WITHDRAW THEM AT ANY TIME.' JAPAN HAS BEEN SHARING THE BURDEN OF EXPENSES FOR THE STATIONING OF U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN. BUT, THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE U.S. IS A BELIEF THAT IF U.S. FORCES (IN JAPAN) ARE WITHDRAWN, THE U.S. WILL NOT HAVE TO SPEND THE EXTRA MONEY. THE U.S. HAS WITHDRAWN FROM ITS NAVAL BASE AT SUBIC IN THE PHILIPPINES. BUT, AMERICA'S ISOLAT8rc4T THAT TIME. SUCH A MINDSET IS SEEN ALSO IN THE U.S. CONGRESS' BEING OPPOSED THAT MUCH TO DISPATCHING TROOPS TO BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA."

POLITICS ON TRIAL

-- IF THE AMERICAN ISOLATIONISM AND THE JAPANESE NATIONALISM GROW STRONGER, IT WOULD BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM ...

"TURNING INWARD-LOOKING IS A PROBLEM FOR BOTH THE JAPANESE AND U.S. SIDES. NOWADAYS, NO PROBLEM IN THE WORLD CAN BE RESOLVED WITHOUT MUTUAL COOPERATION.
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NEVERTHELESS, PEOPLE ARE TURNING INWARD-LOOKING. THIS IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN THE WORLD TODAY. POLITICS IS NOW REQUIRED TO EXPLAIN THAT POINT TO THE PEOPLE."
(INTERVIEW BY HIDEO KAWAI, WASHINGTON)

TALK OF U.S. PRESIDENT CANCELING APEC TRIP: BUDGET URGENCY OR WASTED EFFORT TO GO? (SANKEI - PAGE 1)

(WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 30, YOSHIHISA KOMORI) REGARDING U.S. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SCHEDULED TRIP TO JAPAN TO ATTEND THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) FORUM AND HAVE A FORMAL STATE VISIT, "TALK OF CANCELING THE TRIP" HAS EMERGED IN A HIGHLY DELICATE WAY INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. SUCH TALK STEMS FROM FACTORS: JUST AT THAT TIME THE SHOWDOWN WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CENTERING ON DISPOSING OF THE BUDGET DRAFT PROPOSAL WILL HAVE REACHED A CLIMAX; AND WITH JAPAN AS CHAIR OF THE APEC CONFERENCE IN OSAKA TAKING A NEGATIVE POSITION, NOTICEABLE RESULTS THERE CANNOT BE EXPECTED. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ANNOUNCED THE JAPAN TRIP AS SCHEDULED AND IS STEADILY GOING AHEAD WITH THE ADVANCE WORK, AND ALTHOUGH THE OUTLOOK IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT

"CANCELLATION TALK" WILL REMAIN CONFINED TO A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE, THE FACT THAT SUCH OPINIONS HAVE ARISEN IN ITSELF CAN BE SAID TO REFLECT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S SENSE OF DISTANCING ITSELF FROM JAPAN UNDER THE MURAYAMA GOVERNMENT.

COALITION PARTIES DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR DISPOSAL OF HOUSING LOAN CORPORATIONSQ DEBT (NIHON KEIZAI - TOP PLAY)

IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT DRAFT INTERIM REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND SECURITIES PROJECT TEAM OF THE THREE RULING PARTIES WILL BE FINISHED TODAY. ON THE HOUSING LOAN CORPORATIONS (JUSEN), THE REPORT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONS DRAWING UP OF THE RULING PARTIES' OWN LOAN DISPOSAL PLAN, WHICH WILL FOR THE FIRST TIME INCLUDES THE INJECTION OF PUBLIC MONEY. IT ALSO CAME UP WITH THE POLICY APPROACH OF MAKING A POLITICAL DECISION ON THE PROBLEM IN LINE WITH THAT PLAN IN CASE COORDINATION AMONG PARTIES CONCERNED IS DELAYED.. THE JUDGMENT IS THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM LOAN ISSUE EARLY TO PUT THE ECONOMY ON A FULL-FLEDGED RECOVERY TRACK. IT STRONGLY CALLS ON PRIVATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO CARRY OUT SWEEPING STREAMLINING MEASURES, SUCH AS A REVIEW OF THEIR BRANCH NETWORKS AND COST REDUCTIONS, INCLUDING PERSONNEL EXPENSES.

THE PROJECT TEAM WILL FINALIZE THE DRAFT TODAY AND SUBMIT IT AS AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE RULING PARTIES POLICY COORDINATION COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THIS AFTERNOON. THE INTERIM REPORT WILL LIKELY INCLUDE THE PROJECT TEAM'S PLAN TO DRAFT A FINAL REPORT BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER. IT WILL ALSO CARRY THE PANEL'S INTENTION TO PRESENT A PLAN FOR DEALING WITH THE HOUSING LOAN COMPANIES.

REGARDING THE ISSUE OF DISPOSING OF THE JUSEN PROBLEM, THE DRAFT INTERIM REPORT CONCLUDES, "PARTIES CONCERNED SHOULD DECIDE ON MEASURES TO DISPOSE OF THE PROBLEM, TAKING PAST CIRCUMSTANCES INTO ACCOUNT," BUT IT, AT THE SAME TIME, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONS, "THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS PART WILL LOOK INTO A SCHEME WHICH CAN BE COMMONLY APPLIED TO EACH OF THE JUSEN, INCLUDING THE PROPRIETY OR THE NON-PROPRIETY OF INJECTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS," THE INTERIM REPORT ISSUED BY THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM RESEARCH COUNCIL IN LATE SEPTEMBER DOES NOT REFER TO THE PROPRIETY OR NON-PROPRIETY OF THE USE OF PUBLIC MONEY IN DISPOSING OF JUSEN. THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT THAT REFERS TO THE INJECTION OF PUBLIC MONEY FOR JUSEN.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ESTABLISHED JUSEN (SO-CALLED MOTHERSHIP BANKS) AND FARM-RELATED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE LARGEST LENDER TO JUSEN -- ARE DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM, BUT THEY ARE IN A HEAD-ON CONFRONTATION OVER WHICH SIDE SHOULD SHOULDER THE BURDEN. IT IS CERTAIN THAT IF PUBLIC MONEY IS NOT USED IN DISPOSING OF JUSEN LOSSES, THEIR MANAGEMENT WILL TURN FOR THE WORSE, BUT UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 08 TOKYO 012025

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BOTH MOTHERSHIP BANKS AND AGRICULTURE-RELATED FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS HAVE OFFICIALLY REFUSED TO INTRODUCE SUCH
FUNDS.

AS IT STANDS, THE RULING PARTIES HAVE COME TO THE
JUDGMENT THAT IF THE MATTER IS LEFT UNATTENDED TO BE
COORDINATED BY PARTIES CONCERNED ALONE, THE HANDLING OF
NON-PERFORMING LOANS HELD BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS
DISPLAYED BY THE JUSEN PROBLEM WILL BE DELAYED, WHICH
WILL WORK AS A NEGATIVE FACTOR FOR THE ECONOMY. THE
DRAFT REPORT, THEREFORE, HAS EXPRESSED THE INTENTION TO
MAKE A POLITICAL JUDGMENT ON THE ISSUE, INCLUDING THE
POSSIBILITY OF INJECTING PUBLIC FUNDS.

THE DRAFT POINTS OUT THAT IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE
PROBLEM OF NON-PERFORMING LOANS, WHICH ARE ESTIMATED TO
TOP 40 TRILLION YEN, "THERE IS THE ASPECT OF FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS' BEHAVIOR HAVING ACCELERATED THE EXPANSION
OF THE ASSET-INFLATED BUBBLE ECONOMY." IT STRONGLY CALLS
FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO MAKE EFFORTS TO STREAMLINE,
INCLUDING A REVIEW OF THEIR BRANCH NETWORKS AND A CUT IN
PERSONNEL EXPENSES. THIS WAY, THE RULING PARTIES HAVE
MADE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS' EFFORTS FOR STREAMLINING A
PREMISE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF NON-PERFORMING LOANS PLAGUING
THEM. THE NEXT FOCUS WILL MOST LIKELY SHIFT TO WHAT
RESPONSE THE PRIVATE-SECTOR SIDE WILL MAKE. CHANCES ARE
THE MATTER WILL GROW INTO A POLITICAL PROBLEM.

THE REPORT, FIRST REFERRING TO FINANCIAL OFFICIALS OF THE
FINANCE MINISTRY AND THE BANK OF JAPAN, CRITICIZES
REGULATOR'S RESPONSE, NOTING, "MANAGEMENT CHECKING (BY
FINANCIAL REGULATORS) HAS NOT FUNCTIONED" AND THEN CALLS
FOR THE LIQUIDITY OF NON-PERFORMING LOANS, BY, FOR
INSTANCE, REVIEWING THE AUCTION SYSTEM.

JEXIMBANK NEGOTIATING WITH RUSSIA ON \$500 MILLION
FINANCING FOR BIG PROJECTS (ASAHI - PAGE 3)

A CONTRACT WILL BE CONCLUDED AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK
BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF JAPAN
(JEXIM) THAT WILL RAISE FINANCING TO 400 MILLION DOLLARS
IN TOTAL FOR THREE LARGE PROJECTS IN RUSSIA. LENGTHY
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE QUESTION OF EXTENDING FINANCING TO
THE KAMAZU (?) AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING PLANT IN THE
REPUBLIC OF TATARSTAN ARE EXPECTED TO END ON THE 31ST.
JEXIM BANK ORIGINALLY DECIDED TO PROVIDE 500 MILLION
DOLLARS TO RUSSIA FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, BUT IT HAS

NOW SHIFTED ITS STANCE TO APPLY THE FINANCING TO LARGE PROJECTS. IT WILL START NEGOTIATIONS ON SPECIFICS. ALTHOUGH JAPAN-RUSSIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS HAVE BEEN AT A STANDSTILL, JAPANESE TRADING FIRMS ARE HURRIEDLY STARTING TO PURSUE NEW ORDERS, FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT THIS TIME.

THE JAPAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN APRIL 1993 A LOAN AMOUNTING TO 400 MILLION DOLLARS AS A MEASURE TO SUPPORT RUSSIA. WHEN FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER SOSKOVETS VISITED JAPAN LAST NOVEMBER, AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN PRINCIPLE TO SIGN THE LOAN CONTRACT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. BUT THE ISSUANCE OF THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND ENTERPRISES WERE DELAYED.

THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REACHED AGREEMENTS ON FINANCING A PROJECT (50 MILLION DOLLARS) TO SHIFT A MILITARY MUNITIONS FACTORY IN ST PETERBURG TO PRIVATE USE IN MAY, AND IN OCTOBER ON A PROJECT (200 MILLION DOLLARS) TO IMPROVE A REFINERY IN YAROSLAVL. THE ISSUE OF THE KAMAZU AUTO MANUFACTURING PLANT PROJECT (150 MILLION DOLLARS) WAS UNSETTLED.

JAPAN'S EXPORTS IN 1994 TO RUSSIA TOTALED 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS, THE LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1974. THIS IS BECAUSE THE TRADING FIRMS WERE UNABLE TO EXPAND ECONOMIC TIES WITH RUSSIA UNLESS JEXIM BANK'S FUNDS AND TRADE INSURANCE BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) ARE PROVIDED, DUE TO PAYMENTS OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND NOW RUSSIA BEING IN ARREARS.

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ANNUAL AUTO EXPORTS TO DROP TO BELOW 2 MILLION
(ASAHI - PAGE 3)

ACCORDING TO A REPORTS OF THE ACTUAL RESULTS OF AUTOMOBILE EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF FY1995 COMPILED BY THE JAPAN AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION YESTERDAY, THE NUMBER OF EXPORTED AUTOMOBILES, INCLUDING TRUCKS, BUSES AND LIGHT CARS, TOTALED 1,829,967 UNITS, DOWN 15.8 PERCENT FROM THE YEAR AGO PERIOD. THE NUMBER DROPPED BELOW 2 MILLION UNITS IN A HALF-YEARLY CLOSING ACCOUNT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 19 YEARS SINCE 1976. THE DROP IS ATTRIBUTED TO CONTINUING MOVES FOR SHIFTING AWAY FROM EXPORTS TO LOCAL PRODUCTION, OWING TO YEN APPRECIATION, WITH A FOCUS ON AUTOMOBILES TO BE SOLD IN

THE U.S. THIS WAS THE NINTH STRAIGHT FIRST-HALF YEARLY DROP. IT SET A RECORD LOW SINCE 1952 (92.0 PERCENT DOWN), WHEN DEMAND FOR MILITARY CARS USED IN THE KOREAN WAR SHARPLY DECREASED.

CLASCIIFIED BY COUNTRY, EXPORTS TO THE U.S., WHICH ACCOUNT FOR ONE THIRD OF ALL EXPORTS, REGISTERED THE LARGEST DIP OF 26.8 PERCENT TO 610,000 UNITS. THE CAUSE IS THAT NISSAN MOTOR AND OTHER COMPANIES HAVE SET UP THEIR ARRANGEMENTS TO PROMOTE PRODUCTION IN THE U.S. EXPORTS TO THE U.S. HAVE ALSO BEEN ACCELERATED BY THE MOVE BY TOYOTA, THE LEADING EXPORT MANUFACTURER, TO SHIFT PRODUCTION TO THE U.S., NOW BEING IN FULL SWING. THE DOWNTURN IN THE U.S. MARKET AS A WHOLE ALSO AFFECTED THE RESULTS. MITSUBISHI MOTOR SUFFERED A LARGE-SCALE DROP IN EXPORTS TO U.S. CHRYSLER, WITH WHICH THE COMPANY HAS A BUSINESS TIE UP.

EXPORTS TO EUROPE FELL 7.9 PERCENT ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR BASIS TO 410,000 UNITS, AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE SLUGGISH DEMANDS THERE. THIS WAS THE FIFTH STRAIGHT DROP. EXPORTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST DECLINED MORE THAN 30 PERCENT FROM THE SAME PERIOD OF A YEAR AGO. IN THESE AREAS, SALES OF ROK-MANUFACTURED AUTOMOBILES ARE PICKING UP. BLACKBURN

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Japan-U.S.: Media Positively Assess New Bilateral Agreement,
Call for More Changes

Although editorials in Japan's major newspapers have generally
praised the recently concluded U.S.-Japan agreement on the way
criminal suspects are to be handled under the Status of Forces
Agreement (SOFA), the agreement has not put an end to media calls
for a broader review of the SOFA and a scaling back of U.S. bases
in Japan.

Positive Media Assessments

All major newspapers that editorialized on the new bilateral
agreement have praised it for addressing Japan's immediate concern
regarding the handling of crimes by U.S. servicemen in Japan.

The 27 October edition of Yomiuri Shimbun, Japan's most widely
read newspaper, described the agreement on transfer of custody of
criminal suspects as "a realistic measure of improvement."

The same day, Asahi Shimbun, the country's second-most widely
read daily, termed the agreement "an achievement" whose rapid
conclusion reflected a "sense of crisis" on the part of both Tokyo
and Washington over the growing outcry against the SOFA and U.S.
bases in Japan.

Both Mainichi Shimbun and Sankei Shimbun, two other large
dailies, praised the agreement as "a step forward" in dealing with
the base issue.

Calls for Further Changes

At the same time, however, most of the papers indicated that
further measures, including broader revisions of the SOFA and

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steps to scale back the U.S. bases on Okinawa, would be necessary to deal with the outcry against the U.S. bases in Japan.

Asahi Shimbun on 27 October argued that improvements in the current SOFA are no longer sufficient to deal with the outcry against the bases in Okinawa because "the situation has changed too much."

It called on the Japanese Government to take steps to "improve the situation in Okinawa" by "meeting the demands of local residents" and added Futenma Airfield to the list of facilities to be returned to Japan.

The paper also suggested that a further review of the SOFA might be in order, noting that the questions surrounding the SOFA "are not limited to the question of judicial procedures."

In addition, it urged the government to "seek a public consensus" on why increasing Japanese financial support for U.S. troops in Japan--a situation the paper described as "unusual" and "in excess of the framework envisioned by the SOFA" --is necessary.

The same day's Mainichi Shimbun called for continued efforts to review the SOFA, noting that 14 Japanese prefectures that host U.S. bases have called for a "complete revision" of the agreement.

Sankei Shimbun, a paper that normally supports strong U.S.-Japan relations, commented that it is "too optimistic" to think that the recent agreement on handling of criminal suspects under the SOFA will "lead to a smooth solution" of the current difficulties in Okinawa.

It argued that the only way to deal with Okinawa's outcry against the bases is to undertake a "radical reduction" of the bases there and to locate "substitute" facilities elsewhere.

It also suggested that Tokyo and Washington need to take a number of "mid- and long-term" steps to address "retrenchment and consolidation" of U.S. bases in Japan.

Even Yomiuri Shimbun, which has been more cautious than other papers in calling for further steps to deal with the bases issue, called for a "mid- or long-term" study of the revision of the SOFA. It qualified this demand, however, by noting that "ample time" should be devoted to such a study, because revision of the SOFA "may directly affect the bilateral security treaty."

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1. THIS MEDIA REACTION COVERS COMMENT AND REPORTING ON:

-- PERRY'S TALKS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS --

LEAD STORIES: THE YOMIURI GAVE TOP COVERAGE THURSDAY
MORNING TO SECDEF PERRY'S TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER
MURAYAMA. THE TOKYO SHIMBUN GAVE TOP PLAY TO PERRY'S
PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE JAPAN NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

-- PERRY'S TALKS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS --

-- EDITORIALS --

2. "MANY DIFFICULTIES LIE AHEAD OVER OKINAWA BASE ISSUE" THE CONSERVATIVE SANKEI EDITORIALIZED (NOVEMBER 2), "A CLUE TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE OKINAWA BASE ISSUE APPEARS TO HAVE EMERGED FROM SECDEF PERRY'S TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KONO AND JDA CHIEF ETO. THE U.S. AND JAPAN AGREED ON BASE CONSOLIDATION AND REALIGNMENT ON OKINAWA AS WELL AS ON ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO TACKLE OTHER BASE-RELATED ISSUES. THE U.S.-JAPAN ACCORD, HOWEVER, IS ONLY A FIRST STEP FORWARD TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE OKINAWA PROBLEM. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO PERSUADE OKINAWANS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE ISLAND PREFECTURE.

"AS A YARDSTICK TO MEASURE THE PROGRESS OF BASE CONSOLIDATION AND REDUCTION, THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR THE EARLY RETURN OF THE FUTENMA USMC AIR STATION. NAMELY, THE U.S., MAINLAND JAPAN AND OKINAWA HAVE DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS AND VIEWS OVER U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA. MANY DIFFICULTIES LIE AHEAD TO SOLVE THE BASE ISSUE. AT THIS TIME, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PRUDENT ENOUGH NOT TO/GIVE OKINAWANS THE ILLUSION THAT A FULL-SCALE SETTLEMENT OF THE BASE ISSUE IS CLOSE AT HAND. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAP OUT A NEW AID PLAN FOR OKINAWA, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CONVINCING THE LOCAL PEOPLE OF THE NEED FOR U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA."

3. "TALKS SHOULD MARK START OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON BASE REDUCTION" THE LIBERAL TOKYO SHIMBUN OBSERVED (NOVEMBER 2), "FOLLOWING SECDEF PERRY'S TALKS WITH SENIOR GOJ OFFICIALS, IT SEEMS THAT BOTH WASHINGTON AND TOKYO ARE BEGINNING TO DISCUSS BASE CONSOLIDATION AND REALIGNMENT ON OKINAWA IN A MORE POSITIVE AND SINCERE MANNER. GREATER EFFORTS ARE NEEDED TO PRODUCE A SUBSTANTIAL SCALE-DOWN OF U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA. SECRETARY PERRY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE USG POLICY TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT LEVEL OF 100,000 TROOPS IN THE ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION, AND 47,000 TROOPS BASED IN JAPAN.

"SECRETARY PERRY'S REMARKS INDICATED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL TRY TO CONSOLIDATE AND REALIGN ITS BASES IN JAPAN, WHILE KEEPING ITS TROOP STRENGTH INTACT. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND A POINT OF COMPROMISE BETWEEN U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND THE 'SAFETY AND SECURITY' OF JAPANESE RESIDENTS LIVING NEAR U.S. BASES. WITH TALKS BETWEEN PM MURAYAMA AND OKINAWA GOV. OTA OVER LAND-LEASE FOR THE U.S. MILITARY, SCHEDULED FOR LATER IN THE WEEK, THE CENTRAL

GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE STEADY EFFORTS WHICH CO
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[FBIS Translated Text] The government is shocked by U.S.
President Bill Clinton's cancellation of his visit to Japan. It is
dismayed and distressed by the fact that the decision to cancel the
visit came only two days after a previous decision to shorten his
stay.

Although the government is now rushing through efforts to
reschedule the President's visit at the earliest time possible, the
adverse effect of the cancellation on the reconfirmation of the
Japan-U.S. security alliance and on problems related to the U.S.
military bases on Okinawa seems inevitable. It is certain that
Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama will face difficulties in managing
the bilateral relationship and in dealing with the Okinawa issue.
Prospects for Japan-U.S. relations, which are currently strained due
to the Okinawa problem, the Daiwa Bank scandal, and other problems,
have become even gloomier.

The government believes that Clinton's canceling his Japan visit "is due to domestic circumstances in the United States. It is extremely regrettable, but there is nothing we can do" (according to the prime minister's aides).

Foreign Minister Yohei Kono also emphasized that "The U.S. position of placing great importance on the Japan-U.S. relationship remains unchanged. Bilateral relations can be substantially covered in discussions with Vice President Al Gore."

Ryutaro Hashimoto, deputy prime minister and minister of international trade and industry, added that Japan will "minimize" the impact of the cancellation.

However, the joint statement on security is being deferred until the U.S. President's next visit to Japan. The government's plan "for the two leaders to reaffirm the importance of the Japan-U.S. security arrangement in the 50th year after the end of the war" has fallen apart.

Regarding the problem of the U.S. military bases on Okinawa, the scenario for "the prime minister and the U.S. President to directly agree to efforts to reorganize, consolidate, and reduce the U.S. military bases" has also fallen apart. It is now feared that this may seriously affect the proxy signing of documents for the forced use of land for U.S. military bases, and also the second round of talks between the prime minister and Okinawa Governor Masahide Ota on 24 November.

Furthermore, it is believed that the bottom line to the cancellation of the U.S. President's visit to Japan is "the Clinton administration's contempt [keishi] of the Murayama government" (according to a senior Liberal Democratic Party official). "Additional factors of uncertainty" have undoubtedly been introduced into the Japan-U.S. relationship.

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[Editorial from MAINICHI SHIMBUN 17 November Morning Edition:
"Cancellation of the Japan Visit: Let Us Move Ahead Instead of
Feeling Sorry"]

[FBIS Translated Text] The U.S. President, who was forced to
postpone his visit to Japan due to his confrontation with Congress,
criticized Congress for being "absurd."

We are talking about the past. This was an item carried by the
newspapers exactly four years ago. The president then was a
Republican, George Bush, and the Congress was dominated by the
Democrats. This affair was also described as an indication of an
"inward-looking United States" and a "maneuver with the presidential
election in mind." Indeed, "history repeats itself."

Four years later, Democratic President Bill Clinton is in a
confrontation with the Republican-led Congress over the budget. He
made the decision to postpone his visit to Japan two days before it
was to take place. Due to the budget gap resulting from this
confrontation, some government offices have closed down and around
800,000 civil servants have been forced to take a temporary
furlough. The situation is really serious.

The immediate cause of the conflict is the fiscal adjustment bill submitted by the Republican Party in relation to the FY96 budget. The bill aims at completely eliminating the budget deficit in seven years, but the Democratic Party opposes it as forsaking the weak. While the war of words went on in Congress, the provisional budget expired. However, is this simply a maneuver with an eye toward next year's election? Some observers think that the root of the problem lies in the very tight fiscal situation.

Right now, public opinion supports the President and criticizes the "willfulness" of Congress. However, if the fiscal vacuum drags on, the situation may become unfavorable for the President. The next couple of days may be critical.

Coming back to Japan, the postponement of the U.S. President's visit has diverse ramifications.

First, let us look at the effect on the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. The APEC forum just started in Osaka on 16 November. Setting aside the APEC meeting itself, a summit meeting without the U.S. President's attending will surely have less impact. There are not many opportunities for the top leaders of the Pacific countries to gather. Therefore, "regrettable" best describes the situation.

However, a different way to look at this is that the rituals and ceremonies will be reduced, and the APEC meeting will be what it ought to be. Since Japan, the host country, has been torn between the United States and Asian countries over the question of market liberalization, some officials among the Japanese staff are breathing a sigh of relief.

In terms of Japan-U.S. relations, the most serious problem is that the "redefinition" of the Japan-U.S. security alliance, which was to be confirmed at the Japan-U.S. summit meeting, will be deferred. As a result, solving the problem of the U.S. military bases on Okinawa, which was to be given direction at the summit meeting, will be more difficult.

The main points in the "redefinition" are: 1. The scope of the security alliance will be expanded to a global scale. 2. The level of U.S. troops in Japan will be maintained. 3. Efforts will be made to reorganize, consolidate, and reduce U.S. bases on Okinawa. There are still objections to this in the ruling parties, and some sections still need to be coordinated.

There is, of course, the option of negotiating with Vice President Al Gore when he comes to Japan in place of the President. However, Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama has told the United States that he prefers to "issue [the joint statement on security] when the President comes to Japan," and the U.S. side agreed to this. Some observers believe he is taking advantage of this opportunity to defer some difficult problems that remain unresolved.

Foreign affairs officials seem disappointed, because they "have done so much work on this," but any imprudence should definitely be avoided in this matter. It will be at least two or three months before President Clinton's next visit to Japan. How about explaining the whole process of negotiating the "redefinition" of the security alliance to the people, and seeking their opinions?

It is high time for the Japanese people to unite as one and think seriously about Japan's future, the security alliance, and the base issues.

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[Question-and-Answer Session at News Conference by Prime Minister
Murayama With Domestic and Foreign Reporters in Osaka -- live]

[FBIS Translated Text] [Unidentified moderator] Now, we would like to begin a question-and-answer session. If you want to ask questions, please raise your hand, and I will let you ask questions. Be sure to give your name and your company name before asking questions, and use the nearest microphone. Since time is limited, please ask one concise question in either Japanese or English, so that we can have questions as many as possible.

[Reporter] I am Yasukawa with the KYODO NEWS AGENCY. I would like to ask about the Action Agenda. How do you plan to anchor the liberalization of trade in the Asia-Pacific after coordinating divided opinions among the members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, and what sort of concrete measures does the Japanese Government plan to take toward that end?

[Murayama] As I said earlier in the statement, we will move into the action stage. In each trade area, the development stage of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation [APEC] members varies, and members have their own domestic issues. Although APEC members have coordinated views through discussions, I think, discussion was not always easy. However, given such a situation, Japan has made efforts to seek consensus among member nations. I think it was Japan's great leadership in compiling the Action Agenda, and this has been highly evaluated by the other APEC member nations. I think, the Action Agenda and the Osaka Declaration are well balanced, and I firmly believe that the agenda has positive contents.

[Moderator] Next, the lady, please.

[Reporter] [speaking in English with voice-over Japanese translation] I am Ms Totowa [name as heard] from THE BANGKOK POST. Japan received high praise for its leadership in compiling a comprehensive plan, etc. From now on, Japan intends to continue to take a leadership role. Does Japan plan to announce its particular position to the Japanese people on the rice and agriculture issue, and does Japan really intend to open its market?

[Murayama] Well, we have to attach importance to a political commitment announced in the Bogor Declaration. The member nations have confirmed that liberalization will be promoted by 2010 based on principles of comprehensiveness. However, the agreement does not concretely address tariffs for an individual trade area or investment limits, and agriculture is in the same framework. Now, let me add that Japan is the biggest importer of the agricultural products in the world.

[Moderator] Who's next? You, the lady over there please.

[NHK Reporter] I am Hayashi with NHK. Regrettably, President Clinton was not able to come to Japan. Mr. Prime Minister, how do you view the fact that President Clinton could not attend the APEC forum and that the Japan-U.S. summit talks, where the two leaders were supposed to issue a joint statement, did not materialize? When do you hope to realize the summit talks?

[Murayama] As you said, I deeply regret that President Clinton could not visit Japan. At the summit talks, President Clinton and I were supposed to issue a joint statement on the Japan-U.S. Security Alliance. However, this has also been canceled in line with the cancellation of the summit talks. Because this is one of the most urgent tasks, I have asked President Clinton to realize his Japan visit as soon as possible, and the two nations are now rescheduling his Japan trip.

[Moderator] Next question please. The lady over there please.

[Reporter] [speaking in English with voice-over Japanese translation] I am Sagwar [name as heard] from THE WASHINGTON POST. Mr. Prime Minister, what was your reaction to Commander Macke's comments, and what is your view on the issue facing Okinawa in relation to Japan's relations with the United States?

[Murayama] I personally think the remark by Commander Macke of the U.S. Pacific Command was inappropriate in some respects, and, in my understanding, it was inevitable that he take responsibility for what he said by resigning. As for the Okinawa issue, as I said earlier, I intended to have frank talks with President Clinton and fully discuss the matter to find a satisfactory conclusion on the issue of trimming, consolidating, and reducing the military bases on Okinawa while calling for a correct understanding of the Okinawa issues. I would like to deal with the issues with such intentions.

[Moderator] Next please.

[Reporter] I am Yabe of TBS. I would like to ask about the action plan. In the Action Agenda, it specifies that the action plan will be reviewed every year and renewed after reflecting the review feedback, and says that flexibility will be considered in that process. However, I am afraid that, if such a review is made, APEC negotiations, as far as Asian nations are concerned, would become difficult ones like the Japan-U.S. economic talks. What is your view?

[Murayama] As I said earlier, member nations vary in their economic development, and they have their own unique problems. I think that member nations will come up with their own plans in line

with their domestic situations and will take action toward the target years of 2010 and 2020. In this sense, the Action Agenda sets up one of the goals. I think that the agenda is to let the member nations make efforts and cooperate in meeting the target while reviewing the plans every year.

[Moderator] Next please.

[Reporter] [speaking in English with voice-over Japanese translation] I am Burunburg [as heard]. The Action Agenda says APEC will move from vision to action. For example, have the deadlines of 2010 and 2020 been decided? In other words, will tariffs all be abolished or reduced to zero? What if it will not be so?

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[FBIS Translated Text] [Murayama] As I said earlier in the statement, and as stated in the Bogor Declaration, the APEC nations agreed to carry out trade and investment liberalization by 2010 and 2020. Keeping the premise of the agreement firmly in mind, APEC will emphasize principles of comprehensiveness. For that end, each nation will promote liberalization in a realistic and flexible manner. During the process of promoting liberalization, each nation will try to change its own plan to a realistic one while reviewing the plan. Through the accumulation of such efforts, each nation will strive to meet the target dates of 2010 and 2020. This is what member nations have agreed upon.

[Moderator] [speaking in English with voice-over Japanese translation] I am from the Boston Club. Mr. Prime Minister, are there any significant differences in the Japanese and the U.S. positions with regard to China's participation in the World Trade Organization [WTO]?

[Murayama] There are no differences in our positions. The two countries have agreed to make joint efforts for China's participation in the WTO. I do not think there is a wide difference in positions.

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[FBIS Translated Text] [Moderator] Next question, please.

[Negishi] I am Negishi from Nippon Television Network Cooperation. I would like to know how confidently and enthusiastically the Murayama government will deal with the political situation following the APEC meetings.

[Murayama] As I said earlier, APEC members have given high points to Japan's leadership in the APEC meetings. At the meetings, APEC economies agreed to establish a system of promoting trade liberalization in a democratic and realistic manner and that the system should reflect each country's liberalization programs. We had serious discussions concerning this. If the agreement were made as a matter of form, the contents of the accord would have been unreliable. APEC members agreed that they should trust each other and cooperate in making the Asia-Pacific region an open region. The Osaka meetings were of great significance in that member countries agreed that APEC should move from concept to action. Based on Japan's position taken at the APEC meetings, I think I should deal with the domestic political situation with confidence.

[Moderator] Next question, please.

[Reporter] I am from the INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE. The prime minister, the leaders' declaration stresses an open region. APEC plans to promote trade and investment liberalization and fulfill various Uruguay Round commitments. I think APEC will play a major role in the WTO in the future. APEC adopted trade liberalization in the recent meetings, and my question is whether APEC will allow nonmember countries to participate in the liberalization process and whether it will promote relations with the EU.

[Murayama] If the world economy is considered, there should not be regional barriers for trade and investment. APEC should not promote the liberalization process only in the Asia-Pacific region. Therefore, the trade and investment liberalization and economic and technical cooperation agreed upon among APEC members should be

promoted inside and outside the region.

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[NHK Reporter] I am Hayashi with NHK. Regrettably, President Clinton was not able to come to Japan. Mr. Prime Minister, how do you view the fact that President Clinton could not attend the APEC forum and that the Japan-U.S. summit talks, where the two leaders were supposed to issue a joint statement, did not materialize? When do you hope to realize the summit talks?

[Murayama] As you said, I deeply regret that President Clinton could not visit Japan. At the summit talks, President Clinton and I were supposed to issue a joint statement on the Japan-U.S. Security Alliance. However, this has also been canceled in line with the cancellation of the summit talks. Because this is one of the most urgent tasks, I have asked President Clinton to realize his Japan visit as soon as possible, and the two nations are now rescheduling his Japan trip.

[Reporter] I am from LE FIGARO of France. In a recent interview with NHK, U.S. President Bill Clinton proposed that a security organization, like a kind of little NATO, be established in the APEC region. What is the Japanese Government's opinion on this proposal?

[Murayama] As you know, APEC has been established to promote economic cooperation in the region. Thus, I think APEC activities should center on economic cooperation. However, I do not see any problem about APEC discussing security or other issues in future meetings. If necessary, APEC members should discuss such matters for peace and stability in the region. However, I do not believe APEC will immediately move toward establishing a collective security system.

[Kurikawa] I am Kurikawa from SANKEI SHIMBUN. I would like to ask you about remarks made by Minister Takami Eto. The prime minister, you said during recent talks with President Kim Yong-sam that what you said in a 15 August statement represents the feelings of most Japanese people. My question is whether we Japanese have to continually apologize Japan's past acts forever. South Koreans have said Eto's remarks hurt their national pride. Do you not think repeated apologies by the Japanese Government hurts Japanese national pride?

[Murayama] You should not say Japan would continue to apologize and that the government's apology hurts national pride. I think countries concerned need to squarely acknowledge past historical facts, and that they should have common understanding and recognition regarding past historical facts. It is important for these countries to establish friendly and cooperative relations while acknowledging past facts. I and President Kim had frank talks on this. I issued a statement and sent a letter to the president on 15 August, thinking I should make a clean slate of Japan's past history this year marking the 50th anniversary of the war's end so that the two countries could promote mutual cooperation toward the 21st century. Again, it is important for concerned countries to squarely acknowledge historical facts and cooperate each other for peace and prosperity in the future. I and President Kim agreed on this point.

[Moderator] Because of the limited time, the prime minister will take only a couple of more questions.

[Reporter] I am from DES NEWS AGENCY [name as heard] of Russia. The prime minister, 10 countries, including Russia, have expressed their hope to join APEC. Is APEC preparing for negotiations with these countries?

[Murayama] I am aware that many countries have expressed their hope to participate in APEC. There is an agreement among APEC members that the forum should not accept new members for three years. But this agreement expires this year. From now on APEC needs to fully discuss whether to accept new members next year and after. Some APEC members have noted that the forum should allow other countries to join APEC, while others have claimed that increasing APEC membership any further would cause many problems. Thus, full discussions are necessary to coordinate opinions.

[Moderator] Yours will be the last question.

[Reporter] I am from BUSINESS INDONESIA. For the first time, Japan officially announced yesterday that it would donate 10 billion yen to help establish a mechanism called PFP, or Partners for Progress. Were there any U.S. comments concerning this?

[Murayama] No, no countries have commented on this. Anyway, APEC needs capital to promote economic and technical cooperation and tackle such issues as those concerning population, food, energy, and environment. APEC should use our contributions for such purposes and to establish a framework in which APEC members can achieve development while cooperating each other. APEC economies have agreed on this idea. I hope more and more countries will make financial contributions. I have asked other APEC members to make contributions.

[Moderator] Thank you very much. We now close the news conference.

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