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U.S.-JAPAN BASE ISSUES -- PROCEDURE TO SIGN PROXY ON OKINAWA LAND LEASES STARTS (SANKEI - PAGE 1)

FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA'S OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS INTENTION TO SIGN AS PROXY LAND-LEASE CONTRACTS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY IN OKINAWA, A LETTER ADVISING HIM TO SIGN WILL BE SENT TO OKINAWA GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA. CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KOKEN NOSAKA AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON REVEALED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO REQUEST THE U.S. RETURN FUTENMA AIRFIELD AS A WHOLE IN AN EFFORT TO REALIGN AND DOWNSIZE BASES.

DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION AGENCY (DFAA) FACILITIES DEPARTMENT CHIEF OZAWA VISITED THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENTIAL OFFICE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND PRESENTED A WRITTEN STATEMENT CALLING FOR SENDING A LETTER URGING GOVERNOR OTA TO SIGN. THE LETTER IS DESIGNATED TO REQUEST UNDER THE NAME OF THE PRIME MINISTER THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN, ASKING HIM TO MAKE A REPLY WITHIN A FEW DAYS. A TOTAL OF 35 PLACES WILL BE COVERED, INCLUDING (1) SOHEN COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY, FOR WHICH THE CONTRACT IS DUE TO RUN OUT AT THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR; AND (2) SOHEN AMMUNITION DEPOT, FOR WHICH THE CONTRACT WILL EXPIRE IN MAY 1997.

GOVERNOR OTA INTENDS TO REFUSE THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADVICE OR INSTRUCTION, PREPARING TO INSIST ON THE STANCE OF THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE DURING ORAL PROCEEDINGS AT THE NAHA BRANCH OF FUKUOKA COURT. IT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE FIVE MONTHS OR SO UNTIL THE PRIME MINISTER ACTUALLY SIGNS AS PROXY.

GOVERNMENT WORRIED THAT OKINAWA BASES ISSUE COULD BECOME TIED UP IN COURTS (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT IS BEGINNING TO TAKE LEGAL PROCEDURES FOR THE FORCED USE OF LAND BY UNITED STATES FORCES ON OKINAWA. FOR NOW, THE FOCUS OF THE OKINAWA U.S. BASES ISSUE HAS SHIFTED TO WHETHER OR NOT THE GOVERNMENT CAN COMPLETE ALL LEGAL PROCEDURES IN AN AMICABLE MANNER BY

THE END OF MARCH, WHEN CONTRACTS ON A PORTION OF SUCH LAND MUST BE RENEWED. PERSONS CLOSE TO PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA PREDICT THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND OKINAWA WILL BRING THE DISPUTE OVER THE PROXY SIGNING ISSUE FOR THE FORCED USE OF LAND TO A HIGH COURT IN DECEMBER. OKINAWA PREFECTURE TAKES THE STANCE OF OFFERING A DO-OR-DIE RESISTANCE IF NO DEFINITE PATH IS UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 TOKYO 012648

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LAID FOR REDUCTION OF MILITARY BASES. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL HAVE TO MANAGE TO ADJUST DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS IN BETWEEN OKINAWA PREFECTURE AND THE U.S., KEEPING IN MIND A SCHEDULE FOR U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S JAPAN VISIT.

"(THE PRIME MINISTER) MUST AVOID BEING BOUND BY THE PROXY SIGNING ISSUE IN HIS SECOND MEETING WITH OKINAWAN GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA ON NOVEMBER 24. HE MUST WORK OUT A PICTURE FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND OKINAWA TO WORK UNITEDLY TO TRIM MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA." ALONG WITH THIS JUDGMENT BY HIS AIDES, THE PRIME MINISTER REVEALED HIS INTENTION TO SIGN AS A PROXY THE LAND-LEASE CONTRACTS HIMSELF AHEAD OF THE PLANNED MEETING. BUT THE REALITY IS THAT HE REMAINS UNABLE TO SHOW ANY DEFINITE PROSPECTS FOR REDUCTION OF BASES. HE WILL MOST LIKELY FACE DIFFICULTIES IN PROCEEDING WITH LEGAL PROCEDURES IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

THE ANXIETY BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S AIDES OVER THE SERIES OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS IN WHAT WAY TO FILE AN ACTION UNDER THE NAME OF THE PRIME MINISTER -- EXPECTED TO OCCUR IN DECEMBER -- TO THE FUKUOKA HIGH COURT'S NAHA BRANCH FOR AN ORDER OF EXECUTION. IN LIGHT OF THE PROCEDURES UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW, THE PRIME MINISTER CANNOT SIGN (THE LAND-LEASE CONTRACTS) AS A PROXY UNTIL THE HIGH COURT ORDERS THE GOVERNOR TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES BUT THE GOVERNOR REFUSES TO DO SO. "SUCH AN ACTION IS NECESSARY FOR FORMALITIES, BUT IT IS UNAVOIDABLE THAT THE IMAGE OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION WILL GO DOWN BECAUSE THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO ALSO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ), SUES A REFORMIST GOVERNOR AND ENTERS INTO A SHOWDOWN WITH THE GOVERNOR" (SENIOR SDPJ MEMBER). SO THE PARTY IS NOW PERPLEXED.

FOR THIS REASON, PEOPLE CLOSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER ARE NOW SEARCHING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON TO COME TO JAPAN IN JANUARY, BECAUSE "WE WOULD LIKE TO DRIVE AWAY THE WORSENERD IMAGE CAUSED BY COURT TRIALS BY

SPECIFYING CUTBACKS IN BASES IN A JOINT STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE ISSUED AFTER THE SUMMIT MEETING." THE SUMMIT MEETING WOULD AIM AT RECONFIRMING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, SO POTENTIALLY IT MIGHT INCUR A NEGATIVE REACTION FROM OKINAWA PREFECTURE.

IN REALITY, IT IS A DELICATE ISSUE WHETHER OR NOT THE U.S. WILL SWIFTLY AGREE TO CURTAIL IN A SPECIFIC WAY ITS BASES, BECAUSE SUCH CURTAILMENT WILL LEAD TO A DECLINE IN THE FUNCTIONS OF OKINAWA BASES. IT IS ALSO NOT EASY TO REALIZE REVERSION OF FUTENMA AIRFIELD, WHICH OKINAWA PREFECTURE IS STRONGLY CALLING FOR. GOVERNMENT LEADERS ALSO POINT OUT: "OKINAWA'S MAJOR REQUEST IS TO RECOVER FUTENMA, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF GINOWAN CITY, BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO REALIZE THAT." ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PLANS TO TRANSFER FUTENMA AIRFIELD TO IEJIMA AIRFIELD ON OKINAWA OR TO CONSTRUCT A SEA AIRPORT OFF OKINAWA ISLANDS, GOVERNMENT LEADERS' JUDGMENT IS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DO SO IN EFFECT, BECAUSE OF THE TECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

FOREIGN MINISTER TO DIET: UNDERSTANDING FOR CURRENT SCALE OF U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN (YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

IN A SESSION OF THE LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY, FOREIGN MINISTER YOHEI KONO REFERRED TO THE ISSUE OF REAFFIRMING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, AND SAID: "WE HAVE HAD EXHAUSTIVE DISCUSSION AND STUDY" ON THE U.S. PROPOSAL THAT CALLS FOR MAINTAINING A FORCE 47,000 STRONG IN THE U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN. HE MADE IT CLEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT UPON THE JAPANESE SIDE'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, THE U.S. SIDE HAS DECIDED THE FIGURES OF MILITARY STRENGTH. HE REPLIED TO A QUESTION BY HIROSHI YAMADA (MEMBER OF THE NEW FRONTIER PARTY (NFP)).

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAD COMMENTED ON THE STRENGTH OF THE USFJ THAT "THE FIGURES WERE DECIDED BY THE U.S. SIDE IN ORDER TO FULFILL ITS SECURITY DUTIES SUCH AS DEFENSE OF JAPAN, AND STABILITY OF THE FAR EAST. OUR COUNTRY
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MUST RESPECT THAT" (FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL MASAKI ORITA).

WAKKANAI FACILITY TO REVERT TO JAPAN NEXT MARCH
(YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

IT WAS REVEALED ON THE 21ST THAT THE COMMUNICATION FACILITY IN WAKKANAI, HOKKAIDO, WHICH HAD SERVED AS A FACILITY TO COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE U.S. MILITARY DURING THE U.S.-SOVIET COLD WAR PERIOD, WOULD BE RETURNED TO JAPAN AIMING AT NEXT MARCH. IT REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE FACILITY MONITORED THE COMMUNICATIONS OF THE KAL PLANE WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1983. (ONLY THE YOMIURI HAD THIS STORY.)

LIVE SHELL PRACTICE TO RESTART ON OKINAWA; LOCAL REACTION EXPECTED (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 26)

ACCORDING TO A REPORT MADE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE ON NOVEMBER 21, THE U.S. MARINES IN OKINAWA HAVE DECIDED TO CARRY OUT A PRACTICE OF LIVE-SHELL FIRING OVER PREFECTURE HIGHWAY ROUTE 104 AT CAMP HANSEN, WHICH IS LOCATED IN KIN TOWN, KUNIGAMI COUNTY, OKINAWA PREFECTURE, FOR THE PERIOD OF FOUR DAYS FROM NOVEMBER 28 TO THE 1ST OF NEXT MONTH.

IT WILL BE THE FIRST PRACTICE AFTER THE RAPE INCIDENT OF A SCHOOLGIRL IN SEPTEMBER. THE PRACTICE IS GOING TO BE CARRIED OUT IN A WHIRL OF CALLS FROM AMONG THE PREFECTURAL PEOPLE FOR DOWNSCALING AND REMOVING THE U.S. MILITARY BASES THERE. SO, THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE AN UPSURGE OF NEGATIVE REACTIONS FROM AMONG PEACE GROUPS AND LOCALS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE USED TO CALL FOR SUSPENSION EACH TIME SUCH PRACTICE WAS PLANNED. THIS TIME AS WELL, THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY MAKE A SIMILAR REQUEST TO THE COORDINATION OFFICE OF U.S. ARMED FORCES IN OKINAWA AND ALSO TO THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL IN OKINAWA.

THE FIRING PRACTICE IS ONE OF THE THREE BASE REALIGNMENT AND REDUCTION ISSUES WHICH THE (JAPANESE) GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PLANNING TO RESOLVE. IT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT FOR ABOUT 35 DAYS A YEAR, AND 155-MM HOWITZERS WERE FIRED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE HILLS OVER THE CLOSED PREFECTURAL HIGHWAY. BOTH THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT AND THE TOWN OFFICE HAVE REQUESTED DISCONTINUATION FOR REASONS OF NATURE DESTRUCTION AND THE LOCAL RESIDENTS' SAFETY.

THE DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION AGENCY INTENDS TO SETTLE THE ISSUE BY MOVING THE PRACTICE SEPARATELY TO THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES' FIRING RANGES ON THE MAIN ISLANDS (OF JAPAN). BUT, THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES SADDLED WITH THOSE SDF FIRING RANGES ARE VOICING THEIR OPPOSITION.

THE FIRING PRACTICE PLANNED THIS TIME WILL BE THE FIRST ONE AFTER THE LAST PRACTICE THAT WAS CARRIED OUT ON AUGUST 22 AND 23, AND IT WILL BE THE TENTH PRACTICE THIS YEAR OR THE 163RD ONE IN TOTAL. SUCH PRACTICE WAS PLANNED ALSO FOR SEPTEMBER 18 TO 21, RIGHT AFTER THE RAPE INCIDENT. HOWEVER, THE U.S. FORCES' OKINAWA REGIONAL COORDINATION OFFICER ROLLINGS (TN: PHONETIC) MADE AN

APOLOGY AND THE U.S. MARINES CALLED OFF THAT PLANNED EXERCISE IN RESPONSE TO THE PREFECTURAL PEOPLE'S PROTEST AGAINST THE INCIDENT.

YOICHI IBA, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF A LOCAL COUNCIL OF LABOR UNIONS IN THE MIDDLE OF OKINAWA, SAYS, "THEY ARE GOING TO START THE PRACTICE AGAIN AS IF THEY HAD FORGOTTEN THEIR WORDS OF APOLOGY THEY GAVE THE OTHER DAY. THAT'S IMPERMISSIBLE, AND WE ARE INFLAMED WITH ANGER. WHY WILL THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT NOT TRY TO HAVE THEM STOP SUCH PRACTICE THAT MAY INJURE THE LOCAL RESIDENTS?" (COVERAGE IN OTHER DAILIES ALSO.)

JOINT U.S.-JAPAN COMMUNIQUE USES QSECURITY ARRANGEMENT, Q
AVOIDS WORD QTREATYQ (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 2)
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AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AS OF THE 21ST BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES TO USE IN PRINCIPLE THE PHRASE "JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT (NICHIBEI ANPO TAISEI)," INSTEAD OF THE "U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY" IN THE JAPAN-U.S. JOINT STATEMENT (JOINT DECLARATION) TO BE ISSUED TO REAFFIRM THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BILATERAL SECURITY ALLIANCE.

THE JOINT STATEMENT WILL BE COMPILED BASED ON THE PERCEPTION COMMON TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ALLIANCE IS CONTRIBUTING NOT ONLY TO THE SECURITY OF JAPAN BUT TO THE STABILITY OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC AND THE WORLD AS WELL. THE STATEMENT WOULD ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ALLIANCE FOR ASIAN AND GLOBAL SECURITY.

IN CONTRAST, THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY LIMITS THE AREA OF ITS COVERAGE TO JAPAN AND THE FAR EAST, STIPULATING THAT JAPAN IS REQUIRED TO SUPPLY SITES FOR U.S. MILITARY BASES FOR THE "MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN JAPAN AND THE FAR EAST." USING THE U.S.-SECURITY TREATY IN THE JOINT STATEMENT MIGHT CAUSE A "GAP" BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHARE THE COMMON PERCEPTION THAT THE BILATERAL SECURITY ALLIANCE IS PLAYING A SIGNIFICANT ROLE FOR ASIAN AND WORLD SECURITY.

AS FOR THE "FAR EAST" MENTIONED IN THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY, JAPAN'S INTERPRETATION IS THAT IT IS THE "AREA AROUND JAPAN NORTH OF THE PHILIPPINES." THE SOCIAL

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ), HOWEVER, HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE AREA COVERED BY THE TREATY MIGHT BE EXPANDED TO ENTIRE ASIA AND THE WORLD IN EFFECT. FOR ONE THING, JAPAN AND THE U.S. APPEARED TO HAVE COME UP WITH THE UNIFIED PHRASE OF "JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT" IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SDPJ.

THE JOINT STATEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AT THE TIME OF U.S. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S JAPAN TRIP IN EARLY JANUARY.

EPAQS NEW ECONOMIC PLAN SETS 3 PERCENT AVERAGE GROWTH TARGET TO YEAR 2000 (SANKEI - PAGE 1)

IN COMPILING A NEW ECONOMIC PROGRAM WHICH WILL SERVE AS A GUIDELINE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2000, THE GOVERNMENT HAS FINALIZED AN ECONOMIC FORECAST WHICH SETS THE AVERAGE REAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE AT 3.0 PERCENT. IT UNPRECEDENTEDLY ATTACHES THE "PROVISO" THAT "IF ECONOMIC STRUCTURAL REFORM SLOWS DOWN, THE GROWTH RATE WILL BE AT 1.8 PERCENT." THE NUMERICAL FIGURE ACTUALLY PUT IN THE NEW PROGRAM WILL BE "APPROXIMATELY 3 PERCENT" AND "1.75 PERCENT (IN THE PROVISO)." THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL (AN ADVISORY PANEL TO THE RIME MINISTER, CHAIRED BY GAISHI HIRAIWA) WILL PRESENT IT TO PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA ON THE 29TH, AND THE PROGRAM WILL BE ADOPTED AT A CABINET MEETING ON DECEMBER 1.

LARGE-STORE-LAW ISSUE HEATING UP; TOYS R US COMPLAINT PROMPTS MITI INVESTIGATION#F INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) HAS LAUNCHED AN EMERGENCY INVESTIGATION INTO "AKACHAN-HONPO" (OSAKA, PRESIDENT SHOJI OBARA), A LEADING CASH-BASED WHOLESALE, WHICH IS ESTABLISHING WHOLESALE CLUBS (MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT STORE) EXTENSIVELY ACROSS THE NATION, ON SUSPICION OF A POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF THE LARGE-SCALE RETAIL STORE LAW (DAITENHO). THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO TOYS "R" US' -- A U.S. TOY CHAIN STORE, WHICH HAS ADVANCED INTO JAPAN -- FILING A COMPLAINT WITH MITI, CLAIMING, "AKACHAN-HONPO IS A LARGE-SCALE RETAIL STORE, AND YET, IT IS DODGING REGULATIONS UNDER THE DAITENHO UNDER THE GUISE OF A WHOLESALE. IT OPENS ITS STORES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR." WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TAKING STRONG INTEREST IN THE ISSUE, MITI HAS JUDGED THAT IT MIGHT TURN INTO ANOTHER POWDER KEG BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. IT WILL CONVEY THE OUTCOME OF THE SURVEY TO THE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 TOKYO 012648

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U.S., INCLUDING COUNTERMEASURES, BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER.

THE WHOLESALE CLUB, A NEW FORM OF STORE DEVISED IN THE U.S., ADOPTS A MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM AND SELL GOODS AT DISCOUNT PRICES TO SPECIFIC RETAILERS. IT IS POINTED OUT IN JAPAN THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE STORES AND DISCOUNT STORES FOR CONSUMERS IN GENERAL. THIS KIND OF NEW STORE FORM IS NOT HYPOTHEZIZED UNDER THE PRESENT DAITENHO.

AKACHAN-HONPO IS A LARGE-SCALE DISCOUNT STORE THAT DEAL WITH CLOTHING AND TOYS FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS. IT HAS ABOUT 70 OUTLETS THROUGHOUT THE NATION, INCLUDING THE METROPOLITAN ZONE. EACH OF ITS STORES CARRY A NOTICE AT THE ENTRANCE SPECIFYING THAT IT IS A MEMBERSHIP STORE. HOWEVER, ANYBODY CAN BECOME A MEMBER IF HE OR SHE PAYS 2,000 YEN, AND SO, THOSE STORES ARE USED BY CONSUMERS IN GENERAL AS WELL.

UNDER THE DAITENHO, BUSINESS ENTITIES THAT INTEND TO OPEN LARGE-SCALE RETAIL STORES LARGER THAN A CERTAIN FIXED SCALE ARE OBLIGATED TO MAKE NOTIFICATION TO MITI. THOSE STORES COME UNDER REGULATIONS UNDER THE LAW, SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF OPENING DAY. IN SOME CASES, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO REDUCE THE FLOOR SPACE OF THE STORES, DEPENDING ON COORDINATION BY THE LARGE-SCALE RETAIL STORE ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAITENSHIN). HOWEVER, STORES OF WHOLESALERS WHO SELL GOODS TO RETAILERS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW.

TOYS "R" US IS CLAIMING TO MITI THAT AKACHAN-HONPO'S STORES ARE IN EFFECT RETAIL STORES, AND SO THEY ARE SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS UNDER THE DAITENHO. WHILE STORES RUN BY TOYS "R" US' JAPAN CORPORATION ARE OBLIGATED TO BE CLOSED ABOUT 20 DAYS A YEAR, AKACHAN-HONPO'S STORES ARE OPEN EVERYDAY OF THE YEAR. TOYS "R" US HAS CLAIMED THAT THAT POINT IS ESPECIALLY UNFAIR.

IF MITI RECOGNIZES THE STORES RUN BY AKACHAN-HONPO AS LARGE-SCALE RETAIL STORES, THE FIRM WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE NOTIFICATION REGARDING ITS STORES LARGER THAN A CERTAIN SCALE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DAITENHO. DURING THE PERIOD OF DELIBERATIONS BY THE DAITENSHIN, THOSE STORES WILL HAVE TO SUSPEND BUSINESS. IN SOME CASES DELIBERATIONS TAKE NEARLY A YEAR.

WHOLESALE CLUBS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF AKACHAN-HONPO ARE SEEN ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. IF MITI RECOGNIZES AKACHAN-HONPO'S STORES AS BEING SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS UNDER THE DAITENHO, OTHER SIMILAR STORES WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED BY THE DECISION.

ASKING CUSTOMERS AS TO WHETHER THEY HAVE INTENTION TO RESELL GOODS THEY HAVE BOUGHT

STATEMENT BY SHOJI OBARA, PRESIDENT OF AKACHAN-HONPO: WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY EXPLANATIONS FROM MITI. WE SELL

GOODS, AFTER CHECKING CUSTOMERS AS TO WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY INTENTION TO RESELL GOODS THEY HAVE PURCHASED." IF CUSTOMERS HAVE SUCH AN INTENTION, THEN IT IS OBVIOUS THAT OUR FIRM IS NOT A RETAILER BUT A WHOLESALER. ONLY G.L.O., A FIRM RELATED WITH US, ENGAGES IN RETAILING, BUT IT FOLLOWS PROCEDURES REQUIRED UNDER THE DAITENHO WHEN OPENING STORES. BLACKBURN
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AMBASSADOR MONDALE: NORTH KOREAN THREAT IMPLICIT IN SECURITY TREATY REDEFINITION (ASAHI - PAGE 1 NOV. 25 EDITION)

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN (WALTER) MONDALE IN AN INTERVIEW ON THE 24TH BY AN ASAHI SHIMBUN CORRESPONDENT (AMERICAN BUREAU CHIEF YOICHI FUNABASHI), AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE REDEFINING OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, WHICH WILL BE FEATURED DURING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO JAPAN, BROUGHT UP THE "SECURITY RISK" POSED BY THE "WAR POSTURE" OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA). THE AMBASSADOR SAID, "NEITHER (THE U.S. NOR THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT) CONSIDER THIS WILL BECOME AN ISSUE; WE HAVE THE SAME POINT OF VIEW." REGARDING THE BASIS FOR STATIONING 47,000 AMERICAN TROOPS IN JAPAN, HE CLEARLY ACKNOWLEDGED IT WAS FOR "THE THREAT FROM THE NORTH."

SINCE THERE IS CONCERN WITHIN PARTS OF THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS THAT EMPHASIZING THE THREAT FROM NORTH KOREA AT THE TIME OF REDEFINING THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT WOULD HANDICAP JAPAN IN RESTARTING NORMALIZATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NORTH, THE NEED WILL LIKELY ARISE FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES TO FURTHER BOIL DOWN THIS PROBLEM. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AMBASSADOR CLEARLY REJECTED THE CHINA-THREAT ARGUMENT, USING THE EXPRESSION, "THERE IS NO COMPARISON BETWEEN CHINA AND NORTH KOREA." HE SAID THAT CHINA RECENTLY HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING THE POLICY OF "ENGAGEMENT," WHICH WAS USHERING CHINA IN AS A MEMBER.

AMBASSADOR MONDALE REVEALED THAT THE U.S. AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS WERE WORKING CLOSELY TO BRING ABOUT A VISIT BY PRESIDENT CLINTON TO JAPAN IN EARLY JANUARY NEXT YEAR. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TOP PRIORITIES FOR STRENGTHENING THE BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE TO BRING ABOUT AN EARLY PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO JAPAN AND THERE ANNOUNCE A REDEFINITION OF THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, AND TO MANAGE THE OKINAWA BASES ISSUE.

IN ADDITION, REGARDING THE ARGUMENT CALLING FOR REVISION OF THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA),

WHICH HAS BECOME A POLITICAL ISSUE FOLLOWING THE OKINAWA INCIDENT, HE USED THE EXPRESSION, "WE WILL FIX THE PROBLEMS, NOT DOCUMENTS," SUGGESTING THAT IN HIS OPINION IT WAS MORE DESIRABLE TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT SOFA AND WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK TAKE A PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO RESOLVING SUCH INDIVIDUAL ISSUES AS CRIMINAL PROCEDURES, BASE NOISES, AND BASE CONSOLIDATION.
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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS WORRIED THAT THE ISSUES OF BASES IN JAPAN WILL FURTHER SPREAD AND THAT SUCH COULD ERODE THE FOUNDATION OF THE BILATERAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENT. FOR THAT REASON, IT HAS ASSUMED A POSTURE OF RESPONDING BOTH FIRMLY AND FLEXIBLY, "BEING FIRM ON THE OVERALL ARGUMENT BUT FLEXIBLE ON INDIVIDUAL ONES," SO AS TO AVOID REVISING THE SOFA ITSELF, AND MAKE IT EASIER TO HANDLE AND CORRECT SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WITHIN THE SOFA FRAMEWORK. SUCH A POSITION COULD BE GATHERED THAT DAY FROM THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS.

THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT NEXT YEAR WILL BE "AN ELECTION YEAR" IN BOTH THE U.S. AND JAPAN, AND SAID, "BECAUSE OF THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO SET ABOUT FAVORABLE CONDITIONS IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP." THE AMBASSADOR REVEALED THAT FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS NEXT SPRING OR FALL HE WILL TRAVEL AROUND THE UNITED STATES AND EXPLAIN HOW IMPORTANT THE JAPAN-U.S. RELATIONSHIP WAS FOR THE U.S., FOCUSING HIS ATTENTION ON MAJOR CITIES IN THE COUNTRY.

TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. EXPECTED OVER REVERSIONS
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2 NOV. 26 EDITION)

A MEETING OF SECRETARIES OF THE TASK FORCE ON U.S. BASES IN OKINAWA, A CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL COMPOSED OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OKINAWA PREFECTURE, WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 28TH TO MAP OUT SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR DOWNSIZING U.S. BASES. OKINAWA PREFECTURE'S PLAN IS TO VITALIZE ACTIVITIES IN THE PREFECTURE BY SYNCHRONIZING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WITH THE BASE REVERSION PLAN. TO THAT END, OKINAWA IS GOING TO STRONGLY SEEK REVERSION OF BASE SITES STARTING WITH FUTENMA AIR STATION. THE GOVERNMENT IS FORWARD-LOOKING ABOUT CONCLUDING A NOISE PREVENTION AGREEMENT THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A CERTAIN LEVEL OF RESTRICTION ON U.S. AIRCRAFT'S NIGHT LANDING PRACTICES. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH

THE U.S. ON BASE REDUCTION, THE GOVERNMENT LACKS CONFIDENCE. AS IT STANDS, PRODUCING RESULTS IN THE TASK FORCE ONE YEAR FROM NOW, ITS TARGET DATE, IS UNCERTAIN AT THIS POINT.

AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE THAT TOOK PLACE ON THE 25TH, THE OKINAWA SIDE PRESENTED A FIVE-POINT PROPOSAL THAT INCLUDED: 1) VISIBLE BASE REDUCTION; 2) REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA); AND 3) EARLY CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. THAT WOULD REGULATE NOISE. SECRETARIES OF THE TASK FORCE ARE EXPECTED TO MEET ONCE A MONTH OVER THE NEXT YEAR TO WORK OUT MEASURES.

IN HIS PRESS MEETING AFTER THE TASK FORCE'S FIRST MEETING, OKINAWA GOVERNOR MASAHIRO OTA, AFTER POINTING OUT THAT WATERS AROUND U.S. BASES NEEDED SOME IMPROVEMENT, REMARKED REGARDING SOFA, "IT IS POSSIBLE TO TAKE SETTLEMENT MEASURES THAT CAN KEEP HARMONY BETWEEN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND OKINAWA WITHOUT REVIEWING THE MOFA." OTA ALSO REVEALED THAT IF ANY EFFECTIVE MEANS WERE AVAILABLE, HE WOULD NOT STICK TO REVISION OF THE MOFA, WHICH APPEARED AN UNREALISTIC OPTION FOR THE U.S. SIDE. OTA'S STANCE RELIEVED THE GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT IS FORWARD-LOOKING ABOUT CONCLUDING A NOISE PREVENTION AGREEMENT, IN ADDITION TO IMPROVING OPERATION OF THE SOFA WITHIN ITS ORIGINAL FRAMEWORK, REASONING, "CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING KADENA AIR BASE IS NOT DIFFICULT" (GOVERNMENT SOURCE).

BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS STRESSING THE DIFFICULTY ABOUT REVERSION OF FUTENMA AIR STATION, WHICH OKINAWA IS MOST EAGER TO RETRIEVE. THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE THAT THE U.S. IS UNLIKELY TO GIVE IN TO ANY CONDITION THAT WOULD LEAD TO REDUCTION OF ITS MILITARY STRENGTH IN OKINAWA.

"WE NEED A STRONG ARRANGEMENT. FOR THAT, THE CABINET DOES NOT MIND TO ACT AS A PROXY." PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA SO NOTED IN EARLY THIS MONTH AND INSTRUCTED HIS AIDES TO MAKE A CABINET DECISION TO UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 TOKYO 012700

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ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH THE BASE PROBLEM. AT THAT POINT, IT WAS ALREADY CLEAR THAT PRODUCING A CONCLUSION WOULD TAKE ONE YEAR BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. AS A RESULT, A CABINET DECISION WAS MADE TO CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE BASE PROBLEM EVEN UNDER A "POST-MURAYAMA"

ADMINISTRATION. RECENTLY, THE PRIME MINISTER SEEMS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT REMAINING IN THE POST. MORE UPS AND DOWNS ARE EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT ONE YEAR UNTIL THE CONCLUSION IS REACHED BEYOND THE MURAYAMA ADMINISTRATION.

SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP TO START IN MID-DECEMBER (SANKEI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT ON NOVEMBER 26 DECIDED ON ITS POLICY DIRECTION OF HOLDING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE "SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES IN OKINAWA" (SACO) BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES BY MID-DECEMBER, AT THE LATEST, AND TO ENTER INTO SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. IT WILL START FULL-FLEDGED PREPARATIONS, KEEPING IN MIND THE REQUESTS MADE BY OKINAWA AT THE NOVEMBER 25 MEETING OF THE "OKINAWA U.S. BASES PROBLEMS COUNCIL."

AT THE SACO'S FIRST MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN WALTER MONDALE STRESSED, "MASS MEDIA CRITICIZE THAT ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE IS ONLY TO BUY TIME, BUT THIS COMMITTEE IS TRULY A COMMITTEE THAT WILL TAKE ACTION." HE SAID A CONCLUSION WOULD BE REACHED WITHIN A YEAR. THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS A PANEL UNDER THE SACO TO CARRY OUT SPECIFIC STUDIES. THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS ARE NOW CHOOSING THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP.

HOWEVER, THE U.S.' STANDPOINT IS NOT TO AGREE TO TRIM ITS TROOPS, AND IN REALITY, U.S. VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE IN HIS NEWS CONFERENCE IN OSAKA CITY ON NOVEMBER 19 ANNOUNCED, "WE DO NOT INTEND TO REDUCE THE PRESENT 47,000 TROOPS DEPLOYED IN JAPAN."

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE-MINISTER SADAYUKI HAYASHI OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (MOFA) ALSO STATED, "FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTAINING THE GOALS IN THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY, IT IS SAID THAT 47,000 TROOPS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. JAPAN WILL NOT RAISE ANY OBJECTION IN PARTICULAR," AND ADDED (JAPAN) WOULD NOT ASK FOR REDUCTION OF U.S. FORCES AT THE SACO MEETINGS.

THEREFORE, IF REDUCTION OF BASES IS NOT ENOUGH FOR REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF U.S. FORCES, IT WILL BECOME NECESSARY TO TRANSFER U.S. BASES (ON OKINAWA) TO MAINLAND JAPAN, BUT STRONG OPPOSITION WILL INEVITABLY COME FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (SDF) FACILITIES THAT ARE NOW CONSIDERED TO BE CANDIDATE PLACES FOR SUCH TRANSFERS. UNAVOIDABLY, COORDINATION WILL BE DIFFICULT.

ADDITIONALLY, REGARDING A REVIEW OF THE U.S.-JAPAN STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA), AS OKINAWA HAS CALLED FOR, A SENIOR MOFA OFFICIAL POINTED OUT, "A REQUEST FOR A REVIEW OF THE PROVISIONS IN THE SOFA IS THE SAME AS DEMANDING U.S. FORCES GET OUT OF JAPAN," AND HE INDICATED A POLICY LINE OF NOT GOING FURTHER THAN TO REFERRING TO IMPROVING THE OPERATIONS (OF THE SOFA).

FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER NAKAYAMA SAYS QREDUCTION
POSSIBLEQ IN SCALE OF USFJ (SANKEI - PAGE 2)

LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESEARCH
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TARO NAKAYAMA, FORMER FOREIGN
MINISTER, IN AN NHK TELEVISION PROGRAM ON THE MORNING OF
NOVEMBER 26 REFERRED TO THE CURRENT SCALE OF THE 47,000
U.S. TROOPS IN JAPAN, AND STATED, "DEPENDING ON CHANGES
IN THE MILITARY ENVIRONMENT IN OUR NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES, IT
WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CUT THEM. SINCE THE MILITARY
SITUATION CHANGES EVERY MOMENT, IT IS NATURAL FOR JAPAN
AND THE U.S. TO DISCUSS HOW TO COPE WITH IT AS OCCASIONS
ARISE." HE THEN INDICATED HIS VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE
POSSIBLE TO DOWNSIZE SUCH TROOPS.
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NEW NDPO TO BE ADOPTED BY CABINET TOMORROW
(ASAHI - PAGE 1)

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ADOPT A NEW "NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM
OUTLINE," A DEFENSE POLICY GUIDELINEFOR THE POST-COLD WAR
PERIOD, AT A CABINET MEETING ON NOVEMBER 28. THE
DECISION MARKS THE FIRST TIME IN 19 YEARS THAT THE
NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM OUTLINE, WHICH WAS SET IN 1976,
HAS BEEN REVISED. THE NEW OUTLINE CARRIES OVER FROM THE
CURRENT PROGRAM THE "FUNDAMENTAL DEFENSE-POWER CONCEPT,"
NAMELY, MAINTAINING A MINIMUM NECESSARY DEFENSE FORCE,
AND IT UNDERLINES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF UPHOLDING AND
STRENGTHENING THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT. IT
ALSO MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES WILL NOT
ONLY COPE WITH LARGE-SCALE DISASTERS AND TERRORIST
ACTIVITIES BUT ACTIVELY PURSUE SUCH INTERNATIONAL
ACTIVITIES AS INTERNATIONAL PEACE KEEPING
RESPONSIBILITIES AND SECURITY DIALOGUES. THE "ATTACHED
LIST," WHICH STIPULATES THE FUTURE LEVELS OF DEFENSE
STRENGTH, WILL ALSO BE SET BY THE CABINET. IT WILL
INCLUDE A CUT IN THE STRENGTH OF THE SDF PERSONNEL AND
OTHER ITEMS.

SOCIALISTS UNABLE TO PUT IMPRINT ON NEW NDPO
(ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE COALITION OF RULING PARTIES, WHICH HAS BEEN HOLDING
CONSULTATIONS OVER THE "NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM
OUTLINE," WILL HOLD A DEFENSE COORDINATION MEETING ON

NOVEMBER 27, WHERE THE RULING PARTIES WILL ENTER INTO FINAL-STAGE DISCUSSIONS ON SUCH PENDING ISSUES AS THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO HANDLE THE THREE PRINCIPLES ON WEAPONS EXPORTS, WHICH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN HAS BEEN INSISTING ON SPELLING OUT. THE SDPJ HAS SHOWN ENTHUSIASM WHILE SAYING THAT IT "WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR THE (PARTY'S) INCLINATION TO DISARMAMENT" (SHIGERU ITO, CHAIRMAN OF THE SDPJ SECURITY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL). MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, THE SDPJ, IN ADDITION TO ITS POSITION OF GIVING FIRST CONSIDERATION TO RETAINING THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT, HAS NOT YET FULLY ACCUMULATED SECURITY DEBATES BASED ON THE POST-COLD WAR INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. BECAUSE OF SUCH AN "ELEVENTH-HOUR STYLE" (ACCORDING TO AN SDPJ OFFICIAL ON SECURITY AFFAIRS), THE SDPJ STILL REMAINS UNABLE TO SET FORTH ITS OWN COLORING AS A MATTER OF FACT.

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IN RESPONSE TO THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY'S DRAFT OF A NEW NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM OUTLINE, THE SDPJ, ON THE 7TH OF THIS MONTH, PRESENTED AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD "DISARMAMENT PLAN" IN CONCRETE TERMS, COVERING ALL THE GROUND, MARITIME, AND AIR SELF-DEFENSE FORCES. ABOUT JAPAN'S DEFENSE CAPABILITY, THE COALITION GOVERNMENT AGREED ON NOVEMBER 24 TO INCORPORATE THE SDPJ'S ASSERTION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES SHOULD BE TURNED INTO A "RATIONAL, EFFICIENT, AND COMPACT" ORGANIZATION. CONCERNING (THE ISSUE OF STIPULATING) THE THREE PRINCIPLES ON WEAPONS EXPORTS, HOWEVER, THE COALITION HAS NOT YET COME TO FIND OUT A POINT OF AGREEMENT DUE TO OBJECTIONS RAISED BY THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

THE THREE PRINCIPLES ON WEAPONS EXPORTS -- AS WELL AS THE THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES -- HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZED BY THE SDPJ AS POLICIES TO MATERIALIZE A PEACE NATION. WITHIN THE RULING COALITION'S COORDINATION TOO, THE SDPJ HAS EMPHASIZED THAT "LOCALIZED DISPUTES ARE CAUSED BY WEAPONS EXPORTS FROM ADVANCED COUNTRIES." BUT, THE LDP SIDE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID SHACKLING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM OUTLINE BECAUSE IT WILL BE INTERTWINED WITH THE JAPAN-U.S. JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOLLOW-ON FIGHTER SUPPORT PLANE (FSX) MODEL AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

A FORMER CABINET MINISTER FROM THE SDPJ POINTS OUT THAT "THE U.S. WANTS JAPANESE HIGH TECHNOLOGY, AND THE JAPANESE SIDE WANTS TO SELL IT." MOREOVER, IT IS NOW HARD TO MAKE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY AND CIVILIAN TECHNOLOGY. IN SUCH A SITUATION, PRINCIPLES

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ALONE CAN NO LONGER BE CONVINCING.

ON THE OTHER HAND, JDA'S DRAFT OF "TABLES," WHICH ARE ATTACHED TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM OUTLINE AND INDICATE A LEVEL OF DEFENSE POWER BROKEN DOWN INTO SUCH ELEMENTS AS SDF ORGANIZATION AND FRONTLINE EQUIPMENT, PROPOSES REDUCTIONS ON A SMALLER SCALE THAN IN THE SDPJ'S "DISARMAMENT PLAN." BUT, THE SDPJ INTENDS TO ACCEPT IT AS IS. AN SDPJ OFFICIAL ON SECURITY AFFAIRS EXPLAINS, "WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME ENOUGH TO DISCUSS THAT FAR AT THE STAGE OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM OUTLINE, NOR COULD WE AFFORD TO MAKE TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS."

THE SDPJ, WHICH HAS PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA, HAS ALWAYS BEEN TROUBLED WITH THE QUESTION OF HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT IT HAS SO FAR ASSERTED WITHIN THE RULING COALITION'S COORDINATION. ABOVE ALL, THE SDPJ, CONCERNING THE DEFENSE PROBLEM, USED TO SET FORTH A CLEAR ASSERTION WHEN IT WAS AN OPPOSITION PARTY. ALL THE MORE FOR THIS REASON, AN SDPJ OFFICIAL ON SECURITY AFFAIRS REMARKS, "IN THE PARTY, THERE ARE PEOPLE SAYING THEY DON'T NEED A DEFENSE PROGRAM OUTLINE, IF IT'S LIKE THIS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE ALSO PEOPLE SAYING IT WOULD BE BETTER TO FORMULATE IT, IF IT INCORPORATES THE PARTY'S ASSERTION TO SOME EXTENT. THERE ARE SUCH FEELINGS AGAINST EACH OTHER."

PRIME MINISTER'S NEXT CHALLENGES ARE THE BUDGET AND FORMING NEW PARTY (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 2)

PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA, HAVING RESOLVED TO REST THE FATE OF HIS ADMINISTRATION ON THE OKINAWA ISSUE, HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO SETTLE IT BY ESTABLISHING A CONSULTATIVE ORGAN BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS ONE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND OKINAWA PREFECTURE. THE PRIME MINISTER IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE HIS ADMINISTRATION IN OFFICE NOW THAT HE DEALT WITH THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) OSAKA FORUM SUCCESSFULLY. BUT HE WILL NOT HAVE EVEN A MOMENT'S RESPITE FOR HE NOW FACES SUCH REMAINING CHALLENGES AS THE COMPILATION OF THE FISCAL 1996 BUDGET AND THE FORMATION OF A NEW PARTY BY HIS PARTY, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ).

REGARDING THE OKINAWA ISSUE, HE HAS DECIDED TO SIGN AS A PROXY THE LAND-LEASE PAPERS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY. AS FOR CURTAILMENT OF U.S. MILITARY BASES IN RESPONSE TO STRONG REQUESTS BY OKINAWANS AS WELL, HE HAS SET SOME DIRECTION BY LAUNCHING THE U.S. JAPAN SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE AS AN ARENA TO CONFER ON SPECIFIC MEASURES AND THE "OKINAWA U.S. BASE ISSUES COMMITTEE" TO REFLECT OKINAWANS' REQUESTS.

WHAT IS TO BE ENCOUNTERED NEXT IS THE WORK OF COMPILING THE FY1996 BUDGET. THE RULING COALITION HAS PLANS TO

UNOFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE A FINANCE MINISTRY DRAFT ON DECEMBER 20, BUT SINCE TOUGH COORDINATION IN THE RULING COALITION IS EXPECTED OVER DEFENSE SPENDING AND THE LAND-VALUE TAX, PUTTING THE PRIME MINISTER'S LEADERSHIP AGAIN TO THE TEST.

THE NEW NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM, WHICH WILL SERVE AS A GUIDELINE OF DEFENSE POLICY IN THE POST-COLD WAR PERIOD, WILL BE ADOPTED AT A CABINET MEETING TOMORROW. THE SDPJ, WHICH HAS REGARDED THE FY1996 AS THE "INITIAL YEAR OF ARMS CONTROL," HAS CALLED FOR SHRINKING FURTHER THE 2.9 PERCENT YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASE IN DEFENSE SPENDING SET IN THE ROUGH-ESTIMATE BUDGET REQUEST. THE SDPJ AND THE LDP WILL UNAVOIDABLY LOCK HORNS OVER THIS ISSUE.

AS FOR THE LAND-VALUE TAX AS WELL, WRANGLING HAS CONTINUED BETWEEN THE LDP, WHICH HAS INSISTED ON ITS "FREEZING" BY SETTING THE TAX RATE AT ZERO FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD, AND THE SDPJ AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY, WHICH HAVE OPPOSED IT.

ANOTHER MATTER WHICH WEIGHS HEAVILY ON THE PRIME MINISTER IS THE SDPJ'S FORMATION OF A NEW PARTY.
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E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: JAPANESE MORNING PRESS HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 27

THE PRIME MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO JOIN HANDS WITH SAKIGAKE, AIMING AT "BRINGING WIDE-RANGING FORCES TOGETHER," BUT SOME MEMBERS OF SAKIGAKE HAVE TAKEN A NEGATIVE STANCE. THE SDPJ IS LIKELY TO GO AHEAD AND COMPLETE PROCEDURES TO TURN IT INTO A NEW PARTY. IN ADDITION, THERE IS DEEP-SEATED DISTRUST WITHIN THE SDPJ BETWEEN PROPONENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A NEW PARTY AND THOSE CAUTIOUS ABOUT THE PLAN. UNDER SUCH A SITUATION, NOTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED YET ON THE TIMING FOR MAKING A NEW PARTY OR TAKING LEGAL PROCEDURES.

BECAUSE OF THE DELAY IN FORMING A NEW PARTY, THE SDPJ HAS LARGELY LAGGED BEHIND THE LDP AND THE NEW FRONTIER PARTY (NFP) IN RUNNING CANDIDATES. THE PRIME MINISTER, BEING PRESSED TO FORM A NEW PARTY, IS NOW FIGHTING FOR TIME.

FIGHT THIS WEEK IN DIET OVER LDPQS SUMMONING OF RELIGIOUS LEADER FOR TESTIMONY (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

SUBSTANTIVE DELIBERATIONS ON A BILL TO AMEND THE RELIGIOUS CORPORATION LAW, THE LARGEST ISSUE IN THE

CURRENT DIET SESSION, WILL COMMENCE IN THE SPECIAL UPPER-HOUSE RELIGIOUS CORPORATION COMMITTEE FROM TODAY. THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) INTENDS TO CONTINUE ITS USUAL POLICY APPROACH OF RATTLING THE NEW FRONTIER PARTY (NFP), BY BRINGING UP THE ISSUE OF SUPPORT FOR ELECTION CAMPAIGNS BY SOKAGAKKAI, THE NFP'S INFLUENTIAL POWER BASE. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION OF RELIGION AND POLITICS UNDER THE NATION'S CONSTITUTION AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WILL BECOME THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION. "HEISEIKAI," A GROUP CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION PARTIES, SUCH AS THE NFP, PLANS TO ABSTAIN FROM DELIBERATIONS TO BE HELD ON THE 27TH, REASONING, "THE WAY THE START OF DELIBERATIONS WAS DECIDED WAS UNILATERAL." IT IS, HOWEVER, DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUE BY SUCH A TACTIC. IN ADDITION, THE LIKELIHOOD IS THAT THE ISSUE OF INVITING SOKAGAKKAI-RELATED PERSONS AS WITNESSES WILL BE BROUGHT UP DURING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES TO BE STARTED EARLY IN THE WEEK. NFP IS LIKELY TO BE PRESSED TO TAKE THE DEFENSIVE.

HATA EXPRESSES DESIRE TO RUN FOR NFP LEADERSHIP
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

MOVES IN THE NEW FRONTIER PARTY (NFP) ARE BECOMING ACTIVE TOWARD ITS DECEMBER 28 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, SLATED TO BE FORMALLY ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 16. VICE PRESIDENT TSUTOMU HATA INDICATED STRONG ENTHUSIASM ABOUT RUNNING IN THE RACE ON THE 25TH. FORMER KOMEITO MEMBERS, THE PREDOMINANT NFP GROUP BACKED BY THE SOKA GAKKAI RELIGIOUS SECT, HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO CAST THEIR VOTES INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT SUPPORTING ANY SPECIAL CANDIDATE AS A GROUP. IN ADDITION, FORMER PRIME MINISTER MORIHIRO HOSOKAWA HAS REVEALED HIS DETERMINATION NOT TO SUPPORT ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE AS HEAD OF THE FORMER JAPAN NEW PARTY.

NFP VICE PRESIDENT TSUTOMU HATA IN THE QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION AFTER HIS SPEECH AT TOKYO'S KOMAZAWA UNIVERSITY ON THE 25TH REVEALED HIS STRONG ENTHUSIASM TOWARD THE NFP PRESIDENCY, REMARKING, "IF I'M ASKED TO BECOME A CANDIDATE, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF AVERTING MY RESPONSIBILITY."

REFERRING TO THE MOVE CALLING FOR SECRETARY GENERAL ICHIRO OZAWA'S CANDIDACY, HATA INDICATED, "HE IS A RARE POLITICIAN WHO CAN SHOW A CLEAR POLITICAL DIRECTION. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HIS CANDIDACY IF HE SO DECIDES." BUT HE REVEALED A CRITICAL OPINION ABOUT THE WAY OZAWA MANAGES THE PARTY, SAYING, "HE NEEDS TO PRESENT HIMSELF MORE OPENLY IN THE PUBLIC. SUCH AN ATTITUDE IS A MINUS FACTOR FOR THE GROWTH OF THE PARTY."

FINANCE MINISTRY TO LIMIT ODA BUDGET GROWTH TO AROUND 3 PERCENT (YOMIURI - TOP PLAY)
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E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: JAPANESE MORNING PRESS HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 27

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) YESTERDAY DECIDED TO PLACE
A CONSTRAINT ON THE GROWTH RATE OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE (ODA) AT AROUND 3 PERCENT OVER THE PRECEDING
YEAR -- A RECORD LOW. THE DECISION WILL BE REFLECTED IN
ITS DRAFT BUDGET. ODA HAS SO FAR SECURED EXCEPTIONALLY
HIGH GROWTH RATES FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF INDICATING
JAPAN'S POSITIVE APPROACH TOWARD INTERNATIONAL
CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT MOF HAS JUDGED THAT IN LIGHT OF THE
PRESENT FINANCIAL SITUATION, WHICH IS THE WORST AMONG
INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO
REGARD IT AS A "SACROSANCT AREA." THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE
REACTING NEGATIVELY TO THE DECISION, CLAIMING THAT IT IS
ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THE GROWTH RATE OF ODA TO EXCEED
4.0 PERCENT -- ITS GROWTH RATE FOR FISCAL 1995, BECAUSE
THE AMOUNT OF ODA IN TERMS OF THE DOLLAR IS DECREASING AS
A RESULT OF A LOWER-YEN AND HIGHER-DOLLAR TREND IN THE
FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET. TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS TO "REGAIN"
THE UPPER 3 PERCENT RANGE WILL LIKELY CONTINUE UNTIL THE
FINAL GOVERNMENT DRAFT BUDGET IS DECIDED. BLACKBURN
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OKINAWA FOR AREA FIELD OFFICE

E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: USIS JAPAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT -- NOVEMBER
27, 1995

1. THIS MEDIA REACTION COVERS COMMENT AND REPORTING ON:

-- U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY AND OKINAWA --

LEAD STORIES: THE YOMIURI'S TOP STORY MONDAY MORNING
WAS A FINANCE MINISTRY PLAN TO MAINTAIN THE INCREASE IN
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE (ODA) AT ABOUT 3 PERCENT FOR 1996.
THE TOKYO SHIMBUN GAVE TOP PLAY TO GOJ PLANS TO DONATE

20 MILLION DOLLARS IN WINTER RELIEF TO BOSNIA AND TO
DISPATCH RELIEF OFFICIALS AND ELECTION MONITORS THERE.

-- U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY AND OKINAWA --

-- EDITORIAL --

2. "GOJ SHOULD COME UP WITH 'VISIBLE' BASE CUTBACK
PLANS" THE LIBERAL MAINICHI EDITORIALIZED (NOVEMBER
25), "WITH TALKS BETWEEN PM MURAYAMA AND OKINAWA GOV.
OTA FRIDAY EVENING AND THE FIRST JOINT MEETING BETWEEN
GOJ AND OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON
SATURDAY, U.S. BASE CONSOLIDATION AND REALIGNMENT ON
OKINAWA HAS ENTERED A NEW PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT. WE
BELIEVE FUTURE TALKS SHOULD PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS
ACCEPTABLE TO THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE.

"THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WILL BRING PROBLEMS DISCUSSED
WITH PREFECTURAL OFFICIALS TO THE BILATERAL SPECIAL
ACTION COMMITTEE WHICH HOPES TO SETTLE THE BASE ISSUE
WITHIN A YEAR. WE HOPE THE SETTLEMENT WILL INCLUDE A
'VISIBLE' SCALE-DOWN OF U.S. BASES, INCLUDING THE RETURN
OF FUTENMA MARINE CORPS AIR STATION. THE BASE ISSUE
SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS A DOMESTIC ISSUE WHICH PITS THE
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE. WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR THE RELOCATION OF SOME
BASES TO MAINLAND JAPAN, THE U.S. MAINTAINS THE OKINAWA
BASE PROBLEM HAS BECOME A DOMESTIC ISSUE AMONG THE
JAPANESE. THE U.S. POSITION IS 'PUTTING THE CART BEFORE
THE HORSE.'" BLACKBURN

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[News conference by Chief Cabinet Secretary Koken Nosaka with unidentified reporters at the press room in the Prime Minister's Official Residence on 5 December]

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] [passage omitted] [Reporter] Do you think he [Castro] will meet VIP's?

[Nosaka] I think we have to accept a request, if he makes one, for meetings with VIP's.

[Reporter] What level of VIP's?

[Nosaka] Well, reportedly, he wants to stop by. We are saying please stop by if you want to do so. We do not know how long he is going to stay or what his schedule is.

[Reporter] Did the United States say anything about it?

[Nosaka] Nothing.

[Reporter] Japan is giving economic aid to Cuba while taking into consideration the relations between the United States and Cuba. However, is there anything the government wants to say in particular?

[Nosaka] Well, probably this is what it means. He will not make a special trip to Japan. Since he wants to stop by for refueling and other purposes, we are not preparing for a meeting. The only thing we can say is please stop by if you want to do so for refueling or other purposes.

Another thing I would like to report to you is that we received a letter from Okinawa Prefecture at 1130 this morning [0230 GMT]. It says that the prefectural government cannot accept the central government's order.

[Reporter] I think the deadline is this evening. However, will the central government take legal proceedings against the prefectural government as early as tomorrow?

[Nosaka] Yes. I think the Defense Facilities Administration Agency will talk to the prime minister. I think we will start taking legal proceedings after that. [passage omitted]

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RECENT RAPE

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RECENT RAPE

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1. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT - SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED -
PROTECT ACCORDINGLY.

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2. AFTER A SLOW START INTO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE RAPE
REPORTED IN REFTTEL, OKINAWAN POLICE HAVE EXPANDED THE SCOPE
OF THEIR INVESTIGATION. AS REFTTEL REPORTED, THE POLICE
INITIALLY REJECTED U.S. MILITARY OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE BUT
REVERSED THEMSELVES SEVERAL DAYS LATER. WHILE THERE IS
STILL NO FIRM EVIDENCE THAT THE RAPIST IS A U.S.
SERVICEMAN, THE INVESTIGATION IS FOCUSING ON THAT
POSSIBILITY. THE OKINAWAN POLICE HAVE THE LEAD IN THE

INVESTIGATION BECAUSE THE CRIME OCCURRED OFF BASE. IN SUPPORT OF THE POLICE, THE NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE (NCIS) HAS PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED A COMPOSITE DRAWING OF THE SUSPECT. ALL SERVICES HAVE COMPILED A LIST

OF SERVICEMEN WHO FIT THE GENERAL PROFILE BASED ON BLOOD TYPE, AGE, SEX AND RACE. AT THE REQUEST OF THE POLICE, NCIS HAS FOCUSED ITS EFFORTS ON THE MARINES BASED AT FUTENMA AIR STATION WHICH IS CLOSEST TO THE BAR WHERE THE RAPE OCCURRED.

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3. OKINAWAN POLICE HAVE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE INCLUDING SEMEN SAMPLES AND FINGERPRINTS FROM THE BAR. BASED ON INFORMATION FROM THE VICTIM, THE POLICE HAVE STATED THAT IT WAS PROBABLY THE RAPIST'S FIRST VISIT TO THE CLUB.

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4. COMMENT: INITIALLY, THE OKINAWAN POLICE WERE NOT GOING TO INVESTIGATE THIS CRIME BECAUSE THE VICTIM HAD INDICATED THAT SHE DID NOT WISH TO PRESS CHARGES. HOWEVER, THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF INTENSE MEDIA SCRUTINY WHEN THE CRIME BECAME KNOWN, AND SAY THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION. THE WOMAN HAS SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE THE SUSPECT IS IDENTIFIED TO PRESS CHARGES. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE WOMAN IS MORE WILLING TO PRESS CHARGES THROUGH THE MILITARY JUDICIAL SYSTEM THAN

IN OKINAWAN COURTS BECAUSE SHE HAS RECEIVED MUCH BETTER TREATMENT FROM THE NCIS AND THE MILITARY POLICE THAN FROM THE JAPANESE POLICE. END COMMENT.

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COALITION SETS MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AT OVER 25 TRILLION YEN, ALLOWING 2.1 PERCENT GROWTH (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 1)

THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY EVENING HELD A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING (CHAIRLED BY PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA) AND DECIDED ON THE NEW MEDIUM-TERM DEFENSE POWER CONSOLIDATION PLAN (CHUKIBO, FY1996 - FY2000). THE TOTAL SPENDING PACKAGE IN THE NEW CHUKIBO SAW AN INCREASE OF 2.98 TRILLION YEN OVER THE PRESENT PLAN, WHICH TOTALS 22.17 TRILLION YEN AND FOLLOWS THE POLICY LINE: "THE PLAN SHOULD BASICALLY TOTAL 25.15 TRILLION YEN (AVERAGE GROWTH RATE OF 2.1 PERCENT)." THE AMOUNT OF THE PROCUREMENT OF FRONT-LINE WEAPONS (CONTRACT BASIS) WAS SETTLED AT 4.28 TRILLION YEN. A DECISION WAS ALSO REACHED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT FRAMEWORK OF A REVENUE SOURCE AMOUNTING TO 110 BILLION YEN SO THAT IT CAN BE USED IN THE EVENT OF THE OCCURRENCE OF A MAJOR-SCALE DISASTER WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CONSENT. THE COUNCIL ALSO SET THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NEXT-GENERATION SUPPORT FIGHTERS (F2'S, OR THE RENAMED FSX) TO BE MASS PRODUCED AT 130 UNITS, OR 47 UNITS DURING THE TERM COVERED BY THE NEW PLAN. A DECISION ON THE INTRODUCTION OF LARGE-SCALE LONG-RANGE CARGO PLANES WITH AIR-REFUELING CAPABILITY WAS PUT OFF.

GIST OF NEW CHUKIBO

1. PROMOTE A STREAMLINED, EFFICIENT AND COMPACT PLAN AND IMPROVE ITS QUALITY, BASED ON THE DEFENSE POWER LEVEL AS SET FORTH IN THE NEW GENERAL OUTLINE
2. STRENGTHEN THE RELIABILITY OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT AND PROMOTE POLICY MEASURES THAT WILL FACILITATE THE STATIONING OF THE U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN
3. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE PLAN DURING THE TERM IS 25.15 TRILLION YEN WITH THE ANNUAL AVERAGE GROWTH RATE OF

2.1 PERCENT. THE AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS FOR FRONT-LINE EQUIPMENT IS 4.28 TRILLION YEN.

4. THE AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF GSDF PERSONNEL DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE PLAN IS ABOUT 172,000; THAT OF REGULARS IS ABOUT 167,000; GSDF RESERVES ON STAND BY ARE ABOUT 5,000. THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF SDF REGULARS IS ABOUT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 TOKYO 013397

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147,000.

5. THE PROCUREMENT OF FOLLOW-ON FIGHTER SUPPORT PLANES SHOULD BE 130 UNITS, OF WHICH 47 UNITS SHOULD BE PROCURED DURING THE TERM

6. A CONCLUSION SHOULD BE REACHED ON THE (PROCUREMENT OF) AIR TANKERS AFTER LOOKING INTO THEIR PERFORMANCE AND OPERATIONAL CONCEPT.

7. A CONCLUSION ON THE THEATER MISSILE DEFENSE (TMD) INITIATIVE SHOULD BE REACHED AFTER GIVING CONSIDERATION TO THE VALUE AND COST PERFORMANCE OF SUCH FROM AN OVERALL VIEWPOINT.

8. A REVISION SHOULD BE MADE IN THREE YEARS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT SET FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES.

JDAQS SUCCESSFUL RESULTS DUE TO CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO SOCIALIST PARTY (MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

(COMMENTARY)

THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY EVENING DECIDED ON THE NEXT-TERM MEDIUM-TERM DEFENSE POWER CONSOLIDATION PLAN (CHUKIBO) FOR THE NATION'S DEFENSE COVERING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE PLAN TOTALS ABOUT 25 TRILLION YEN, WHICH WILL BE SHOULDERED BY TAXPAYERS. THE ANNUALIZED AVERAGE GROWTH RATE OF 2.1 PERCENT IS AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THAT OF THE CURRENT CHUKIBO, WHICH WAS REVISED IN DECEMBER 1992 AFTER THE END OF THE COLD WAR. THIS IS THE OUTCOME OF A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY, WHICH WANT TO APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC BY "TANGIBLE DISARMAMENT," AND THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP), WHICH HAS INSISTED ON REALIZING A 2.8 PERCENT INCREASE AS PROPOSED BY JDA, CALLING FOR "QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT."

AS A RESULT OF COORDINATION ON JIKIBO WITHIN THE RULING

PARTIES, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FOLLOW-ON FSX FIGHTER SUPPORT PLANES (F2S) TO BE MASS PRODUCED WAS REDUCED FROM THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED 141 TO 130. THE TARGET OF THE REDUCTION WAS CENTERED ON THOSE TO BE USED FOR COMBAT RESEARCH (BLUE IMPULSE STUNT-FLYING TEAM). JDA HAD SEWN THAT INTO ITS QUILT. IT INSTEAD HAD PLACED HIGHEST HOPES ON AIR-REFUELING PLANES, WHICH IT HAS BEEN ANXIOUS TO PROCURE FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS.

IT HAS SPELLED OUT REASONS FOR ITS DESIRE TO PURCHASE SUCH, HOPING TO SECURE THE PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING. THOSE REASONS INCLUDED A REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF LANDINGS AND TAKE-OFFS OF FIGHTER PLANES, FUEL COSTS AND NOISE, BUT IT HAD TO GIVE UP ITS INTRODUCTION, BEING FIERCELY OPPOSED BY THE SDPJ, WHICH CLAIMS, "AN EXTENDED FLYING RADIUS OF FIGHTER PLANES WILL POSE A THREAT TO NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES. IT IS A PROBLEM IN TERMS OF PHILOSOPHY OF DEFENSE, NAMELY EXCLUSIVELY DEFENSE-ORIENTED POLICY" (SHUN OIDE, SDPJ SECURITY DIVISION CHIEF).

HOWEVER, THE DECISION MADE BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL INCLUDED 110 BILLION YEN IN A SEPARATE FRAMEWORK AS EXPENSES FOR "CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANY UNFORESEEABLE EVENTS AND THE BUILDING OF A SECURITY ENVIRONMENT." JDA INTENDS TO FIRMLY SECURE EXPENSES FOR INTRODUCING AIR TANKERS, WHICH WILL ALSO SERVE AS A -LARGE-SIZE LONG-RANGE CARGO PLANE TO BE USED FOR UN PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS (PKO). JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL SEISHIRO ETO EFFECTIVELY ACKNOWLEDGED SUCH AN INTENTION, REMARKING, "THE USE OF SUCH PLANES IS NOT RESTRICTED, PROVIDED THAT APPROVAL IS OBTAINED FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL." IT IS APPARENTLY A CLEVER MEASURE, WHICH GIVES CONSIDERATION ALSO TO THE FACE OF THE SDPJ, WHICH CANNOT PUBLICLY APPROVE THE PROCUREMENT OF SUCH A PLANE." (POLITICAL NEWS SECTION, REPORTER NATSUKI MOTOYA)

MAYOR OF OKINAWAN TOWN TO REJECT NEW FORCED LAND LEASING (YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

MAYOR MOMOHARA OF GINOWAN IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE REVEALED UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 TOKYO 013397

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YESTERDAY THAT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE BEGAN TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF REJECTING A RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT TO ALLOW THE U.S. MILITARY TO USE GINOWAN-OWNED LAND OF ABOUT 47,000 SQUARE METERS AFTER THE CURRENT CONTRACT EXPIRES AT THE END OF MARCH IN 1997. SHOULD THE

CITY REFUSE RENEWAL, THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE THE SAME PROCEDURES AS IN THE CASE OF A LANDOWNER'S REFUSAL OF RENEWING THE CONTRACT HAVING DEVELOPED INTO A LAWSUIT ON AN ORDER OF PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY.

THE LAND IS POINTED TO A SITE OF APPROXIMATELY 43,000 SQUARE METERS IN THE FUTENMA BASE (ABOUT 4,800,000 SQUARE METERS) AND ONE OF ABOUT 4,000 SQUARE METERS IN CAMP ZUKERAN (ABOUT 6,500,000 SQUARE METERS). THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EXCHANGED NOTES IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR TO AGREE TO RENEW THE LAND-LEASE CONTRACT FOR THE 20 YEARS TO COME STARTING ON APRIL 1, 1997. MAYOR MOMOHARA STATED, "(ALTHOUGH WE AGREED TO RENEW THE CONTRACT,) IF POSSIBLE, WE WANT TO DECLINE THE RENEWAL. INVESTIGATION ON LEGAL BINDING POWER OF THE NOTE OF AGREEMENT AND OTHER DETAILS ARE NOW UNDER WAY. AS SOON AS THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED, WE WILL MAKE A DECISION."

MURAYAMA CONFIDES: QI WOULD LIKE TO QUIT BUT CANQT.Q
(ASAHI - PAGE 7)

"MR. MURAYAMA ALWAYS TELLS ME THAT 'I'M EXHAUSTED. I WANT TO QUIT SOON, BUT I CAN'T."

SHIZUKA KAMEI, THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY ORGANIZATION PUBLIC RELATIONS HEADQUARTERS CHIEF, IN A LECTURE WHICH HE GAVE TO TOYO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN ASAKA CITY, SAITAMA PREFECTURE, ON THE 14TH, INTRODUCED PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA'S "STATE OF MIND" TO THE STUDENTS.

KAMEI COMMENTED: "HE IS AN UNUSUAL PRIME MINISTER WHO CANNOT BE DRIVEN INTO RESIGNING, EVEN THOUGH HE WOULD LIKE TO STEP DOWN FROM THE POST." HE THEN EXPLAINED THE PRIME MINISTER'S FEELING THAT "IT WAS TRUE THAT HE WAS THINKING ABOUT HANDING OVER THE (REINS OF GOVERNMENT). BUT HE IS RESOVED NOT TO TRANSFER THE REINS OF POWER TO THE NEW FRONTIER PARTY." KAMEI PRAISED MURAYAMA AS FOLLOWS: "THE LDP WILL DO ITS BEST TO SUPPORT MR. MURAYAMA UNLESS HE REALLY WANTS TO RESIGN AS PRIME MINISTER," AND CONTINUED "MR. MURAYAMA IS THE MOST CAPABLE PRIME MINISTER SINCE SHIGERU YOSHIDA."

SOCIALISTS CRITICAL OF PRIME MINISTERQS APPLYING
SUBVERSIVES LAW TO AUM CULT (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO APPLY THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE LAW TO THE AUM CULT, SECRETARY GENERAL KOICHI KATO OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) ON THE 14TH RELEASED A STATEMENT, "IT IS A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE IN VIEW OF THE GROUP'S TEACHINGS AND ITS CRUEL CONDUCTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE NAME OF 'RELIGION.'" HE ALSO INDICATED THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY DIRECTION TO STEP FURTHER INTO THE QUESTION OF THE RELIGIOUS CORPORATION LAW, WITH THE APPLICATION OF THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE LAW AS THE JUMPING BOARD, STATING, "THE PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN THE RELIGIOUS CORPORATION LAW IS EXPECTED TO GROW STRONGER. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO CARRY OUT IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS ON

RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY IN THE DIET." IN ADDITION, SECRETARY GENERAL YUKIO HATOYAMA OF THE SAKIGAKE PARTY INDICATED HE WOULD "SUPPORT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION."

MEANWHILE, POLICY BOARD CHAIRMAN NOBUYUKI SEKIYAMA OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ), WHICH HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS ABOUT APPLYING THE LAW, STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE DECISION, "THE JUSTICE MINISTER'S DECISION CAME OUT BEFORE SEEING THE RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE CULT'S DISBANDMENT REQUEST THAT WAS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELIGIOUS CORPORATION LAW. SUCH IS TRULY REGRETTABLE." AT THE SAME TIME, SEKIYAMA CALLED FOR ABROGATING THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE LAW, WITH THE AUM CASE AS ITS LAST CASE, "THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONSIDER NEW UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 TOKYO 013397

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LEGISLATION THAT CAN COPE WITH ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE NEW AGE."

SOCIALISTS AGAIN POSTPONE DECISION TO LAUNCH NEW PARTY (SANKAI - PAGE 2)

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (SDPJ), FOR ITS JANUARY 19 PARTY CONVENTION, CARRIED OUT ON THE 14TH SUCH EVENTS AS A CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, A DISCUSSION AMONG TOP THREE OFFICERS, AND TALKS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA AND SECRETARY GENERAL WATARU KUBO. COORDINATION FOR THE PARTY CONVENTION AND SHIFTING TO A NEW PARTY CONTINUED UNTIL EARLY HOURS OF THE 15TH.

IN THOSE SESSIONS, LEADERS TRIED TO IRON OUT PARTY VIEWS CENTERED ON THE FOLLOWING PLANS: 1) SINCE PRIME MINISTER MURAYAMA IS AGAINST MAKING THE PARTY CONVENTION INTO AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE FORMATION OF A NEW PARTY, THE JANUARY 19 CONVENTION SHOULD BE HELD AS A REGULAR PARTY CONVENTION JUST TO CARRY OUT REVISION OF PARTY RULES AND THE LIKE; AND 2) LATER ON, HOLD SEPARATELY THE "1ST PARTY CONVENTION FOR THE NEW PARTY." BUT THE TIME FOR THE 1ST NEW CONVENTION HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S SIDE ASKED THAT NO TIMETABLE BE SET FOR HOLDING THE 1ST PARTY CONVENTION. IN CONTRAST, NEW-PARTY PROPONENTS ARGUED THAT "ONE MONTH FROM NOW WAS THE LIMIT."

PRIME MINISTER MURAYAMA'S TENURE AS SDPJ CHAIRMAN WILL EXPIRE BEFORE THE JANUARY 19 PARTY CONVENTION. AS A RESULT, THE PARTY NEEDS TO CARRY OUT AN ELECTION TO DETERMINE A NEW LEADER BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

PRIME MINISTER MURAYAMA'S REELECTION IS CERTAIN. BUT THE FATE OF THE PRESENT PARTY LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING SECRETARY GENERAL KUBO, IS UP TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PARTY FROM NOW ON.

PRIME MINISTER MURAYAMA, AS A LEADER AIMING AT RALLYING TOGETHER FORCES WIDELY, HAS BEEN PERSISTENTLY AGAINST SECRETARY GENERAL KUBO'S PLAN TO FORM A NEW PARTY INDEPENDENTLY. CONSEQUENTLY, HE HAS BEEN CALLING FOR NOT MAKING THE JANUARY 19 SESSION INTO AN EVENT TO FORM A NEW PARTY.

HOLDING A NEW-PARTY CONVENTION AFTER REVISING PARTY RULES THAT WILL ALLOW CHANGING THE PARTY NAME WOULD NOT RUN COUNTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISH "NOT TO MAKE THE UPCOMING CONVENTION TO CELEBRATE THE FORMATION OF A NEW PARTY." BUT SUCH WOULD BREED STRONG DISSATISFACTION AMONG NEW-PARTY PROPONENTS.

SLIPPAGE IN THE PLAN TO FORM A NEW PARTY IS NOW DEFINITE.

HATOYAMA TAKES SELF OUT OF RACE FOR NEW NFP HEAD
(SANKI - PAGE 2)

A GROUP OF NEW FRONTIER PARTY (NFP) JUNIOR MEMBERS, INCLUDING LOWER-HOUSE MEMBER HIROSHI YAMADA (FORMER NEW JAPAN PARTY) LAST NIGHT GAVE UP ON HAVING FORMER LABOR MINISTER KUNIO HATOYAMA COME FORWARD AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PARTY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BECAUSE IT WAS UNABLE TO SECURE 20 DIETMEMBERS SUPPORTS NEEDED FOR RUNNING IN THE RACE. SINCE A "THIRD CANDIDACY" WAS NOT REALIZED, A HEAD-ON CONFLICT BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT TSUTOMU HATA AND SECRETARY GENERAL ICHIRO OZAWA HAS BECOME DEFINITE.

AFTER HATOYAMA EXPRESSED HIS OPINION ON THE 13TH THAT "HE WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER HIS CANDIDACY IN FORWARD-LOOKING MANNER," YAMADA AND OTHER MEMBERS STARTED COLLECTING NAMES OF SUPPORTERS ON THE MORNING OF THE 14TH. BUT THEY COULD ONLY MUSTER 16 OR 17 SUPPORTERS SINCE THE HATA AND OZAWA CAMPS HAD DEVELOPED STRATEGIES FOR SECURING A MAJORITY. SO, YAMADA LAST NIGHT TOLD HATOYAMA THAT HIS CANDIDACY WAS IMPOSSIBLE. REGARDING THE FUTURE RESPONSE, YAMADA SAID: "WE ARE NOT THINKING ABOUT KEEPING IN UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 TOKYO 013397

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STEP." WITH THIS, HE REVEALED THAT THE GROUP WOULD NOT SEEK A "THIRD CANDIDATE."

HATOYAMA, IN A PRESS MEETING, REMARKED: "THEIR PASSION WILL BECOME THEIR STRENGTH IN PRESSING FOR REFORMS IN ORDER TO CHANGE JAPAN IN THE FUTURE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR EFFORTS."

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM CHAIRMAN PRESENTS OPINION PAPER TO MURAYAMA (SANKEI - PAGE 2)

THE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM COMMITTEE (CHAIRMAN YOTARO IIDA) ENGAGING IN MONITORING THE PROGRESS OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM SUBMITTED TO PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA YESTERDAY A WRITTEN OPINION REGARDING REVIEW OF THE DEREGULATION PROMOTION PROGRAM.

THE WRITTEN OPINION WAS COMPILED, BASED ON THE REPORT PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 8 BY THE DEREGULATION SUB-COMMITTEE (CHAIRMAN JAPAN IBM CHAIRMAN TAKEO SHIINA), AND INCLUDES DEREGULATORY MEASURES COVERING 53 ITEMS IN 12 SECTORS.

REGARDING NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION (NTT) NOW IN FOCUS, THE REPORT PRESENTED DRASTIC DEREGULATORY MEASURES INCLUDING THE BREAKUP OF NTT AS WELL AS A REVISION OF THE TELECOMMUNICATION BUSINESS LAW.

THE REPORT ALSO CALLS FOR SUCH MEASURES AS LIFTING THE BAN ON "HOLDING COMPANIES" IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD, A REVIEW OF THE LARGE-SCALE RETAIL STORE LAW, WHICH RESTRICTS LARGE-SCALE STORE-OPENINGS, COMPLETE LIBERALIZATION OF COMMISSIONS FOR TRANSACTIONS IN STOCKS, AND CONSIDERATION OF AN EARLY ADOPTION OF A SELF-SERVICE SYSTEM FOR GAS STATIONS.

CHAIRMAN IIDA GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER HE SUBMITTED THE REPORT, AND STATED, "WE HOPE THE CONTENTS OF OUR DEREGULATION PROMOTION PROGRAM."

COORDINATION RESTARTS ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S JAPAN TRIP, NOW CENTERED ON LATE APRIL (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT ON THE 14TH REACHED A FINAL CONCLUSION THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF PRESIDENT CLINTON VISITING JAPAN NEXT JANUARY, AND RE-ENTERED INTO COORDINATION WITH THE U.S. SIDE IN THE DIRECTION OF BRINGING ABOUT HIS VISIT IN THE LATTER HALF OF NEXT APRIL. THIS WAS REVEALED BY A TOP-LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL. HE ALSO STATED THAT 1) UNTIL THIS POINT, IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO HAVE HIM VISIT IN JANUARY DUE TO THE TIMING, AND 2) FEBRUARY AND MARCH WILL SEE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES IN FULL SWING, SO THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE THE PRESIDENT COULD COME TO JAPAN DURING THAT TIME.

REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF THE VISIT, THE U.S. SIDE AT FIRST HAD FLOATED THE IDEA OF IT OCCURRING EARLY IN THE YEAR, BUT THE JAPANESE SIDE REFUSED SINCE IT CONFLICTED WITH THE EMPEROR'S CEREMONIES, AND IT HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE U.S. SIDE ALONG THE LINE OF IT BEING THE LATTER HALF OF JANUARY. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO REPLY FROM THE U.S. EVEN BY MID DECEMBER, SO THE GOVERNMENT HAS STOPPED COORDINATION FOR JANUARY. THE THINKING IS THAT JAPAN COULD REALIZE A VISIT BY TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDING THE NUCLEAR SAFETY SUMMIT IN MOSCOW IN LATE JANUARY AND HAVE HIM STOP OFF IN JAPAN ON THE WAY BACK.

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Proposals to move the live-fire exercises from other parts of Japan, meanwhile, appear to be encountering resistance in those areas. The 20 November ASAHI SHIMBUN reported that at least one of the areas under consideration as a possible site for the exercises was opposing the plan to relocate them. Defense Agency Director General Eto told reporters on 10 December that communities near the five locations being considered for the exercises were opposing the relocation plans. This opposition appears to be prompting the coalition's political leaders to be wary of the issue. Chief Cabinet Secretary Nosaka commented during a 6 December news conference that the government is "carefully discussing" the location because it anticipated resistance from areas selected as sites for the exercises (NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN, 6 December).

Outlook

The ruling coalition's political leaders, concerned about how they will fare in the next general election, will probably have difficulty accepting any proposals to move any U.S. facilities from Okinawa to other parts of Japan that might alienate voters on the main islands of Japan. At the same time, however, the Okinawan reaction to the proposals to relocate Futenma Airfield suggest that Okinawan opponents of the bases are not yet prepared to compromise on some of their basic demands.

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TEXT:

Tokyo Attempting to Quell Okinawan Outcry Against Bases
SUMMARY

Japanese media reporting suggests that the Japanese Government is making some limited attempts to find ways to mollify Okinawans pressing for reduction of U.S. bases on the island while at the same not making promises likely to be unacceptable to the United States. Many of the trial balloons that Japanese Government officials have floated on the subject have been poorly received both in Okinawa and other regions of Japan, however, suggesting that Tokyo may have difficulty coming up with proposals that will satisfy Okinawa without prompting an outcry in other parts of the country.

END SUMMARY

In an apparent effort to appease opponents of the U.S. bases on Okinawa, Defense Agency sources told KYODO on 9 December that the agency is considering relocating Futenma Airfield, which base opponents want closed, to reclaimed land near Naha Airport. Suggesting that they were testing the waters for Okinawa's reaction, the sources stated that the proposal is "not yet more than an idea," noting that tighter defense budgets might make the project unfeasible. The following day, Defense Agency Director General Seishiro Eto reportedly confirmed that the Agency is considering the proposal, saying that he considered the Okinawan request to deal with Futenma Airfield "a top priority."

Over the past few weeks, Japanese officials have also floated other ideas apparently aimed at defusing the situation in Okinawa. These have included plans to:

-- Move live-fire exercises from Okinawa to other parts of Japan. Defense Agency Director General Eto stated on 21 November that the Japanese Government would begin to search before the end of this year for a new site for the exercises currently being conducted on Okinawa (KYODO, 21 November). Subsequently, the 30 November YOMIURI SHIMBUN reported that the government was examining the possibility of rotating the exercises between Japanese Self-Defense Forces' training grounds in Higashi-fuji,

Hokkaido, Miyagi and Oita.

-- Conclude noise-reduction agreements with Washington.

According to the 12 December ASAHI SHIMBUN, Vice Foreign Minister Sadayuki Hayashi told a news conference the previous day that the government plans to "study" the possibility of concluding an agreement to reduce the noise around the bases on Okinawa. ASAHI SHIMBUN reported that the government will probably raise the issue at the meetings of the U.S.-Japan Special Action Committee on Okinawa Facilities. Earlier, the 3 December YOMIURI SHIMBUN quoted an unidentified government source as saying that a noise reduction agreement would be the "first step" that Washington and Tokyo would take to address the bases issue.

-- Appoint a special ambassador to handle Okinawan affairs.

According to the 12 December SANKEI SHIMBUN, leaders of Japan's ruling coalition agreed on 11 December that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should establish an "Ambassador for Okinawan Affairs" to deal with requests from Okinawa. Chief Cabinet Secretary Koken.Nosaka, the government's main spokesman, told a news conference the next day that the government planned to "discuss" the appointment of such an ambassador, adding that the ambassador might be empowered to negotiate with the United States on bases issues. Nosaka noted that there is a precedent for such an appointment, as the Foreign Ministry has an ambassador for Hokkaido Affairs, whose job is to handle issues related to the Northern Territories, four islands seized by Russia at the end of World War II and claimed by Japan.

At the same time that they have floated these proposals, Japanese officials have sought to keep expectations in Okinawa low, suggesting that they do not expect great progress or concessions in negotiations with Washington on base consolidation. Commenting on Okinawan proposals to reduce the size of the U.S. facilities on the island, Masaaki Takagi, Director General of the Okinawa Development Agency, told a news conference on 28 November that it would be difficult for the U.S.-Japan Special Action Committee or the Japanese Government forum on Okinawa to deal with all of Okinawa's demands within a year, but that issues like noise reduction, pollution, and other environmental issues "may be settled within one year." Similarly, in an interview in the 2 December MAINICHI SHIMBUN, Japan's ambassador-designate to the United States, Kunihiro Saito, commented that although the government needed to "ease the burden" that the bases create for Okinawa, it would be "impossible to settle [the bases issue] in a way that fully satisfies Okinawans."

Poor Reception

Several of these proposals have encountered hostile reactions both in Okinawa and in other parts of Japan that may be affected by them, suggesting that Tokyo may have a difficult time coming up with proposals that will both meet Okinawan demands and avoid alienating people in other parts of the country. For example, on 10 December, Choko Takayama, the Okinawa Prefectural Government's policy coordinator, criticized the Defense Agency's proposals to relocate Futenma Airfield, saying that Okinawa wants "realignment and reduction" of the bases and the return of the land used for them, not the "relocation" of any part of them. The Okinawan press has also reacted negatively to the Futenma proposal. An 11 December RYUKYU SHIMPO editorial rejected the proposal, describing it as "an idea designed to relocate the military bases from one place within the prefecture to another" and as "linked

to allowing the military bases to stay in Okinawa for a long time" rather than creating the "peaceful Okinawa without military bases" that it claimed Okinawans want.

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