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1. SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. PROTECT ACCORDINGLY.

2. SUMMARY. OKINAWAN REACTION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RETURN OF FUTENMA MCAS HAS GENERALLY BEEN VERY FAVORABLE. OKINAWANS WERE GENUINELY SURPRISED THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO GIVE UP FUENMA. THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT HAD MADE FUTENMA A LITMUS TEST OF ACCEPTABLE PROGRESS ON BASE ISSUES, AND THE PROMISE OF ITS RETURN PROBABLY WILL CARRY MORE WEIGHT WITH OKINAWANS THAN THE REST OF THE SACO INITIATIVES COMBINED. THE KADENA TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED AIR TRAFFIC AT KADENA AIR BASE, BUT SO FAR ARE PURSUING THE ISSUE CALMLY. WHILE FUTENMA'S HOST TOWN OF GINOWAN TRULY WELCOMES THE ANNOUNCEMENT, RESIDENTS ALSO REALIZE THEY WILL HAVE A HARD TIME REPLACING THE BASE'S ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION. WE WILL REPORT IN SEPTTEL ON OKINAWAN REACTION TO THE COMPLETE PACKAGE OF LAND RETURNS AND OTHER MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON OKINAWA (SACO) INTERIM REPORT. END SUMMARY.

3. OKINAWA HAS REACTED VERY WELL TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FUTENMA MARINE CORPS AIR STATION WILL BE RETURNED WITHIN FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS. GOVERNOR OTA AND OTHER PREFECTURAL OFFICIALS HAVE PRAISED THE DECISION BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE GOJ AND THE USG. OTA'S CHIEF POLICY ADVISER TATSUO MATAYOSHI DESCRIBED FUTENMA'S RETURN AS OKINAWANS' DREAM FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. HE SAID OTA WILL ATTEND PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO'S LUNCH FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON, AND AFTERWARD WILL SEEK MEETINGS WITH SEVERAL CABINET MINISTERS AND CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KAJIYAMA TO DISCUSS THE FUTENMA RETURN AND THE OTHER MEASURES DECIDED ON BY THE SACO.

4. MATAYOSHI, ALONG WITH MANY MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN, QUICKLY ADDED THAT OKINAWA WOULD NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOJ TO MAKE PRODUCTIVE USE OF THE LAND ONCE IT IS RETURNED. HE SAID THAT OTA, IN HIS MEETINGS WITH GOJ MINISTERS, WILL REQUEST NEW LEGISLATION PROVIDING GOJ FINANCING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RETURNED BASE LAND. THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT'S OWN PLAN FOR BUILDING "INTERNATIONAL URBAN AREAS" ON REVERTED LAND DOES NOT SERIOUSLY ADDRESS QUESTIONS OF FINANCING FOR THE MASSIVE CONSTRUCTION NEEDED.

5. THE CITY OF GINOWAN, WHICH CONTAINS AND SURROUNDS FUTENMA MCAS, ECHOED THE PREFECTURE IN WELCOMING THE DECISION AND THANKING THE TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR TAKING SUCH A BIG STEP. MAYOR TOBARU CALLED THE DECISION "HISTORIC," AND EXPRESSED TO US HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK OF U.S. COMMANDERS AND AMBASSADOR MONDALE. GINOWAN RESIDENTS HAVE LONG COMPLAINED OF AIRCRAFT NOISE AND THE DANGER OF A CATASTROPHIC ACCIDENT. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A SERIOUS AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT FUTENMA INVOLVING LOCAL RESIDENTS, THE BASE IS TIGHTLY RINGED BY DENSELY POPULATED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS, INCLUDING SEVERAL

SCHOOLS. SOME LANDOWNERS AND BASE EMPLOYEES MAY CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE RETURN, BUT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF GINOWAN RESIDENTS ARE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF REVERSION.

6. WHILE MOST OF GINOWAN WELCOMES THE EVENTUAL REMOVAL OF THE AIR STATION, EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE LONG ADVOCATED THIS MOVE REALIZE THAT THE TOWN WILL BE HARD-PRESSED TO COME UP WITH A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE BSE'S CURENT CONTRIBUTION TO THETOWN'S ECONOMY. LAND RENTAL INCOME ALONE AMOUNTS TO 4.6 BILLION YEN (OVER USD 43 MILLION) ANNUALLY, AND 274 JAPANESE WORK ON THE BASE (ALTHOUGH NOT EVERY LANDOWNER OR BASE EMPLOYEE IS A GINOWAN RESIDENT). THE GINOWAN CITY GOVERNMENT ALSO GETS ABOUT 800 MILLION YEN (USD 8 MILLION) PER YEAR AS A SPECIAL "BASE COUNTER MEASURES" SUBSIDY. GINOWAN'S MAYOR TOBARU, LIKE PREFECTURAL OFFICIALS, IS ALREADY SPEAKING OF THE NEED FOR SPECIAL GOJ POLICIES AND NEW LEGISLATION TO HELP REDEVELOP THE BASE LAND, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT A QUARTER OF THE CITY'S AREA. HE ALSO SAID HE HOPES THE USG WILL ENCOURAGE U.S. INVESTMENT IN THE REDEVELOPMENT.

7. IRONICALLY, SUCCESS IN ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESSES TO THE BASE SITE WOULD PRESENT ANOTHER ECONOMIC CONCERN FOR GINOWAN. LOCAL MERCHANTS SAY THEY FEAR THAT LARGE RETAIL AND RESTAURANT CHAINS MIGHT SET UP SHOP ON THE VACATED BASE AND DRIVE THE TOWN'S MOM-AND-POP ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF BUSINESS. THE MERCHANTS HAVE REASON TO WORRY. THE SITE OF THE U.S. ARMY'S FORMER HANBY AIRFIELD IN CHATAN TOWN HAS BEEN DEVELOPED INTO A LARGE NEW COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FILLED WITH OUTLETS OF RETAIL AND RESTAURANT CHAINS. THE SMALLER STORES NEARBY HAVE SUFFERED BADLY. WHILE THIS PHENOMENON IS NOT LIMITED TO FORMER BASE LAND, A RETURN OF FUTENMA WOULD OFFER JUST THE KIND OF LARGE, OPEN TRACTS NEEDED FOR MODERN RETAIL DEVELOPMENT, WITH EXTENSIVE FLOORSPEACE AND PARKING.

8. MAYORS OF SOME OTHER CITIES ARE REACTING CAUTIOUSLY, FOR FEAR THAT THEY MIGHT BE SADDLED WITH PART OF WHAT IS NOW GINOWAN'S BURDEN. THE MAYORS OF KADENA AND CHATAN, TWO TOWNS CONTAINING MUCH OF KADENA AIR BASE, TOLD US THEY WELCOME THE RETURN OF FUTENMA AS BEING GOOD FOR OKINAWA AS A WHOLE, BUT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW HELIPORT BEING LOCATED IN THEIR TOWNS. NEITHER IS UP IN ARMS, BUT BOTH ARE WITHHOLDING FINAL JUDGMENT ON THE PLAN UNTIL THEY CAN SEE THE DETAILS. KADENA'S MAYOR MIYAGI, A CONSERVATIVE WHO QUIETLY SUPPORTS U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY COOPERATION, SAID HE PLANS TO VISIT THE NAHA DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION BUREAU (DFAB) SOON TO SEEK MORE INFORMATION.

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- 1. PRESIDENT CLINTON TO JAPAN
2. MIDDLE EAST ALLIANCES
3. PROLIFERATION ISSUES - CTBT

PAGE ONE STORIES

1. "U.S. WANTS TO ELIMINATE INDIA'S N-CAPABILITY":

-- THE INDIAN EXPRESS PROMINENTLY FRONT-PAGED APRIL 13 A WASHINGTON PTI WIRE SERVICE REPORT STATING THAT A PAPER RELEASED BY DEFENSE SECRETARY WILLIAM PERRY SAYS THAT THE U.S. WANTS TO ELIMINATE INDIA'S NUCLEAR AND MISSILE CAPABILITY. THE PAPER, TITLED "PROLIFERATION: THREAT AND RESPONSE," SAYS THAT AMERICA'S NEW POLICY IS NOT ONLY TO CAP, REDUCE AND ELIMINATE INDIA'S AND PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR AND MISSILE OPTIONS BUT ALSO "EVENTUALLY ELIMINATE THEIR CAPABILITIES TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND BALLISTIC MISSILES." MOST OTHER NATIONAL DAILIES CARRIED THIS REPORT ON THEIR FOREIGN NEWS PAGES.

-- THE TIMES OF INDIA GAVE PAGE ONE TREATMENT TO ANOTHER PTI REPORT ON APRIL 14 STATING THAT A U.S. DEFENSE STUDY SAYS THAT PAKISTAN "IS BUILDING AN UNSAFEGUARDED NUCLEAR REACTOR THAT WILL PROVIDE IT WITH A SUBSTANTIAL CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE WEAPONS-GRADE PLUTONIUM." THE REACTOR IS EXPECTED TO BECOME OPERATIONAL IN THE LATE 1990S, THE STUDY ON PROLIFERATION RELEASED BY THE U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY'S OFFICE SAYS.

2. GOVERNMENT DENIES AL FARAN CLAIM:

-- THE HINDU AND OTHER DAILIES FRONT-PAGED REPORTS ON SUNDAY STATING THAT THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED THE CLAIM OF AL FARAN, WHICH HAS BEEN HOLDING FOUR WESTERN TOURISTS HOSTAGE IN KASHMIR SINCE JULY 4 LAST YEAR, THAT THE HOSTAGES WERE WITH THE INDIAN ARMY. REACTING TO A STATEMENT CIRCULATED BY AL FARAN IN SRINAGAR ON FRIDAY, AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE FOREIGN TOURISTS CONTINUE TO BE IN THE CAPTIVITY OF AL FARAN AND THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR SAFETY LIES WITH THE OUTFIT." REPORTS NOTED THAT THE AL FARAN STATEMENT WAS IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER APPEAL BY THE FAMILIES OF THE HOSTAGES FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

3. CENTRAL TEAM DISCUSSES POLL SECURITY SITUATION WITH J&K GOVERNMENT:

-- LEADING DAILIES REPORTED TODAY THAT A HIGH-LEVEL TEAM FROM THE UNION HOME MINISTRY HELD TALKS ON SUNDAY IN JAMMU WITH OFFICIALS OF THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL PARAMILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES AND WITH PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES ON THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN THE STATE ON THE EVE OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. REPORTS SAID THE TEAM, HEADED BY SPECIAL SECRETARY V.K. JAIN, HAD AN HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH ADVISOR TO GOVERNOR LT. GEN. D.D. SAKLANI, WHO SOUGHT MORE SECURITY FORCES TO CHECK INFILTRATION FROM ACROSS

THE BORDER, TO FOIL ANY BID BY MILITANTS TO SCUTTLE THE POLL PROCESS. POLLING IN THE SIX PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN THE STATE WILL BE HELD ON MAY 7, 23 AND 30.

-- MEANWHILE, UNION HOME SECRETARY K. PADMANABHAIAH HAS SAID IN MADRAS THAT THE GOI HAS CLEAR BT
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EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT PAKISTANI AGENCIES WANT TO DISRUPT THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AS THE RECENT INCIDENTS IN AND AROUND TE HAZRATBAL SHRINE HAVE REVEALED.

4. CONGRESS MANIFESTO VOWS WAR AGAINST CORRUPTION:

-- ALL MAINSTREAM DAILIES FRONT-PAGED REPORTS ON SATURDAY STATING THAT THE RULING CONGRESS PARTY HAS DECLARED TO WAGE A WAR AGAINST CORRUPTION, PURSUE ECONOMIC REFORMS WITH GREATER VIGOR, PROVIDE NEAR FULL EMPLOYMENT BY THE YEAR 2002 AS WELL AS ESTABLISH THE LOK PAL (OMBUDSMAN) WITH JURISDICTION OVER ALL POLITICAL OFFICES INCLUDING THOSE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CHIEF MINISTERS. THE 40-PAGE MANIFESTO ASSERTED THAT THE PARTY WILL ENSURE THE COUNTRY'S STABILITY, PROGRESS AND NATIONAL SECURITY. REPORTS NOTED THAT THE MANIFESTO WAS VERY POPULIST AND LACKING IN SUBSTANCE.

1. PRESIDENT CLINTON TO JAPAN

--"CLINTON, HASHIMOTO TO REAFFIRM ALLIANCE," ANALYSIS IN APRIL 15 THE HINDU BY TOKYO CORRESPONDENT F.J. KHERGAMVALA:

- "AS PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON PREPARES TO LAND IN SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN ON TUESDAY, THE RED CARPET IS READY AND SO IS THE RUG UNDER WHICH OUTSTANDING TRADE AND SERVICES DISPUTES HAVE BEEN BRUSHED UNDER... A JOINT DECLARATION BY CLINTON AND THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO HAS THE IMPRINT OF TWO LEADERS WHO SEEM TO HAVE UPHELD THEIR RECIPROCAL PROMISES TO TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF REMOVING OBSTACLES TO AN EXPANDED ALLIANCE WHILE SERVING THEIR RESPECTIVE DOMESTIC AGENDA....

- "U.S. HAS AGREED TO GIVE UP OR REDEPLOY SOME OF ITS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO MEET THE OBJECTIONS OF OKINAWANS IN RETURN FOR A COMMITMENT FROM JAPAN THAT THE SCOPE OF THE ALLIANCE STANDS EXPANDED. JAPAN'S ROLE WILL NO LONGER BE RESTRICTED TO CONTRIBUTING TO ITS OWN DEFENSE, BUT A SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL ROLE.... THE RETURN TO JAPANESE CIVILIAN CONTROL OF...FUTENMA AIR STATION WILL NOT BE WITHOUT MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR BOTH.... THE OUTSTANDING FACT IS THAT UNDER HASHIMOTO, JAPAN HAS REALIZED THAT IF IT NEEDS TO U.S. TO DEFEND IT AND DEFEND ITS SEA LANES THEN IT IS A PURELY JAPANESE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF FACILITIES TO THE U.S....

- "THE CLINTON-HASHIMOTO JOINT DECLARATION WILL BE AN ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL STATEMENT REAFFIRMING THE NEED FOR THIS ALLIANCE IN THE POST-COLD WAR ERA.... THE JOINT DECLARATION IS INTENDED TO CONVEY THE REGIONAL CHARACTER OF THE ALLIANCE TO CONVINCE CONSTITUENCIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES AS WELL AS IN THE REST OF EAST ASIA THAT REDUCTION IN TEETH STRENGTH OR REDEPLOYMENT IS MEANT PURELY TO ADDRESS CERTAIN OBJECTIONS BUT WILL NOT ENTAIL A REDUCTION IN COMMITMENT OR IN CAPABILITY.... FOR THE TIME BEING, HOWEVER, BY PUTTING AWAY SOME INCONVENIENT TRADE ISSUES, BOTH LEADERS ARE FOCUSED ON THEIR DOMESTIC POLITICAL AGENDA IN COMMON MEASURE."

2. MIDDLE EAST ALLIANCES

SUMMARY:

AN EDITORIAL IN THE STATESMAN OBSERVED THAT THE REAL REASON BEHIND THE ISRAELI BOMBARDMENT OF LEBANESE

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VILLAGES SEEM TO BE THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOW FINALLY CONCLUDED THAT PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA WILL NOT RESPOND TO PEACE INITIATIVES, EVEN THOSE BACKED STRONGLY BY THE UNITED STATES. THE HINDU'S WEST ASIA CORRESPONDENT KESAVA MENON NOTED THAT THE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE LEBANON-ISRAEL FRONT, ALONG WITH OTHER RELATED DEVELOPMENTS ARE ONCE AGAIN HARDENING THE DIVIDING LINES IN WEST ASIA.

BLOCK QUOTES:

--"WEST ASIAN CHESSBOARD," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 14 THE STATESMAN:

- "IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE THAT A MATURE NATION LIKE ISRAEL SHOULD RISK A MAJOR CONFLAGRATION IN SOUTH LEBANON ONLY BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO ACT TOUGH BEFORE THE ELECTIONS ON MAY 29.... ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY HAS BEEN MARKED BY COOL ANALYSIS AND STRONG NERVES. THEY HAVE NEVER ACTED IN PANIC OR THOUGHTLESSLY. GIVEN THIS BACKGROUND...IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOW FINALLY CONCLUDED THAT PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA WILL NOT RESPOND TO PEACE INITIATIVES, EVEN THOSE BACKED STRONGLY BY THE UNITED STATES.... THE CALCULATION HAS TO BE THAT IF ASSAD DOES NOT NEGOTIATE A PEACE HE MUST BE PLACED IN A POSITION WHERE HE WILL HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO CONCEDE IN A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. THIS ALSO LETS THE ISRAELIS OFF THE HOOK OF NEGOTIATING THE GOLAN AT THIS STAGE....

- "THE GAMBLE IS BOLD AND THE RISKS ARE GREAT. SOMETHING CAN GO SERIOUSLY WRONG. HOWEVER, IN RECENT TIMES ISRAEL HAS IMPROVED ITS DIPLOMATIC POSITION. JORDAN AND EGYPT HAVE BEN NEUTQQLIZED, YASQDR ARFT

HQRPNO PACEQE 9Y QE QQQ#2WY5T(/CQSRNQPSQQIJMQCOMPLAIN AND THE LAST PIECE IN JIGSAW PUZZLE OF PEACE IN WEST ASIA WILL BE IN PLACE. AND THEY SAY, FORTUNE FAVORS THE BRAVE."

--"HIZBOLLAH ATTACK MAY HARDEN ISRAEL'S RESOLVE," ANALYSIS IN APRIL 14 THE HINDU BY WEST ASIA CORRESPONDENT KESAVA MENON:

- "THE BARRAGE OF ROCKETS WHICH LEBANON'S SHIA PARTY, THE HIZBOLLAH KEEPS FIRING INTO ISRAEL DOES NOT APPEAR LIKELY TO OFFSET THE DETERMINATION WITH WHICH ISRAEL IS PRESSING ITS ATTACKS ON THE TERRITORY OF ITS

NORTHERN NEIGHBOR.... BUT THESE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE
LEBANON-ISRAEL FRONT, ALONG WITH OTHER RELATED
DEVELOPMENTS ARE ONCE AGAIN HARDENING THE DIVIDING LINES
IN WEST ASIA....

- "THERE IS NEAR UNANIMITY IN THE ARAB WORLD
THAT THE HIZBOLLAH ARE FULLY JUSTIFIED IN CARRYING OUT
HOSTILITIES AGAINST ISRAEL. THE HIZBOLLAH, IT IS
POINTED OUT, ARE TRYING TO GET THEIR COUNTRY LIBERATED
FROM ISRAELI OCCUPATION.... IT IS ISRAEL'S ARGUMENTS,
AND THAT OF THE U.S., THAT HIZBOLLAH'S MAIN SOURCE OF
ARMS IS IRAN AND THAT THE PASSAGE OF THESE ARMS IS
FACILITATED THROUGH SYRIA. THIS ARMS SUPPLY CAN ONLY BE
CUT OFF IF IRAN AND SYRIA CAN BE PERSUADED, OR COERCED,
TO DO SO. ANY USE OF FORCE AGAINST THESE TWO STATES
WILL DOOM WEST ASIA TO YEARS OF CONFLICT AND EVEN THE
MOST HARDLINE OF ISRAELIS DO NOT SEEM TO BE SPEAKING OF
ANY SUCH STEP. BUT IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT SYRIA AND
IRAN CAN BE PERSUADED TO STOP HELPING HIZBOLLAH EITHER."

3. PROLIFERATION ISSUES - CTBT
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SUMMARY:

- COMMENTING ON THE RECENT U.S. DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT REPORT WHICH REPORTEDLY STATES THAT THE U.S.
WANTS TO ELIMINATE INDIA'S NUCLEAR AND MISSILE
CAPABILITY, AN EDITORIAL IN THE HINDUSTAN TIMES ASSERTED
THAT THE REPORT HAS TO BE TREATED AS A "DOCUMENT
INIMICAL TOWARDS INDIA'S SECURITY INTERESTS." THE
HINDU'S ISLAMABAD CORRESPONDENT NOTED SPECULATION THAT

VISITING A/S ROBIN RAPHEL WOULD "TRY TO PERSUADE PAKISTAN TO ACCEDE TO THE CTBT...WITHOUT LOOKING OVER ITS SHOULDER TO SEE WHAT INDIA MIGHT DO."

BLOCK QUOTES:

--"FRESH PRESSURES," EDITORIAL IN APRIL 15 THE HINDUSTAN TIMES:

- "INDIA'S REACTION TO THE U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON NUCLEAR AND MISSILE POLIFERATION MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE THE LOK SABHA ELECTIONS ARE OVER. NORMALLY, LAME DUCK GOVERNMENTS DO NOT MAKE POLICY STATEMENTS.... IT MAY BE FOR THIS REASON THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE FELT THAT THE DOCUMENT WOULD FURTHER THE CAUSE OF INDIA'S NUCLEAR AND MISSILE ISOLATION....

- "THE TARGET OF NUCLEAR ELIMINATION EUPHEMISTICALLY REMAINS SOUTH ASIA, BUT IT IS ACTUALLY INDIA WHICH, UNLIKE PAKISTAN, DOES NOT CONDITION ITS GIVING UP NUCLEAR OPTIONS ON A SIMILAR POSTURE BY THE LATTER. THE U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT WHICH MAKES NO BONES ABOUT USING AMERICAN PRESSURE TO ELIMINATE INDIA'S NUCLEAR AND MISSILES PROGRAMS MUST BE TREATED AS A DOCUMENT INIMICAL TOWARDS INDIA'S SECURITY INTERESTS. IT HAS ALL THE INGREDIENTS TO BECOME A MAJOR ISSUE IN INDIA'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN. WASHINGTON MUST BE GIVEN AN IMPRESSION THAT IN THE CONFUSION OF INDIA'S PRE-POLL RHETORIC IT CAN HIJACK THIS COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO NUCLEAR AND MISSILES SOVEREIGNTY.

--"RAPHEL MAY PERSUADE PAKISTAN TO SIGN CTBT," ANALYSIS IN APRIL 15 THE HINDU BY ISLAMABAD CORRESPONDENT P.S. SURYANARAYANA:

- "U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS ROBIN RAPHEL IS EXPECTED BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS WEEK, TO RENEW HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH PAKISTAN.... GAINING CURRENCY HERE AT THIS TIME IS THE SPECULATION THAT SHE WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE PAKISTAN TO ACCEDE TO THE CTBT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIA'S LIKELY STAND DURING THE PROSPECTIVE END-GAME OF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA ON THIS MOVE TO BAN NUCLEAR-ARMS TESTING....

- "RAPHEL WILL, THEREFORE, BE LOOKING, DURING HER PLANNED VISIT HERE NEXT WEEK, TO PERSUADE PAKISTAN TO SIGN A POSSIBLE CTBT WITHOUT LOOKING OVER ITS SHOULDER TO SEE WHAT INDIA MIGHT DO. SO FAR, HOWEVER, PAKISTAN HAS NOT BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO PLEASE TO U.S. WITH AN ASSURANCE OF AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED CTBT. NEVERTHELESS, THE U.S. HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO KEEP IN FOCUS A SINGULAR REALITY THAT PAKISTAN COULD, AFTER SIGNING THE CTBT, SUITABLY OPT OUT OF ITS OBLIGATIONS IN 'SUPREME NATIONAL INTEREST.'....

- "WHILE SUCH A CLAUSE ON A ^fkONOR THE PROPOSED CTBT IS SOMEWHAT AKIN TO A COMPARABLE PROVISION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ACCORD BANNING CHEMICAL WEAPONS, ANY CTBT

OPT-OUT IS STILL A SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE NEGOTIATIONS
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IN GENEVA. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW EFFECTIVE RAPHEL'S
DIPLOMATIC ENDEAVOR WILL BE IN THIS SITUATION." WILLIS
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Japan-U.S.: Japanese Media Positive on Futenma Return

[FBIS Media Analysis] The initial public reaction of Japanese and Okinawan political leaders to the announcement of the agreement to return Futenma Air Station has been overwhelmingly positive. However, residents of areas near Iwakuni Air Station in western Japan are reportedly unhappy about plans to move some of Futenma's functions there. Suggesting that the agreement may benefit Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto politically, Japanese media reports on the Futenma agreement have praised his role in securing the return of the base.

Government, Political Reaction

Prime Minister Hashimoto, along with leaders of the largest party in the ruling coalition, and the main opposition party, have all welcomed the agreement to return Futenma.

In a news conference carried by NHK Television on 12 April, Hashimoto described the agreement as an "important achievement" and praised the "brave decisions" of President Clinton and Defense Secretary Perry in making the agreement possible. Underscoring the importance of the U.S.-Japan security relationship, he said that the agreement resulted from the two nations' "strong belief" in the relationship.

Echoing Hashimoto, Koichi Kato, secretary general of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), the largest party in the ruling coalition, described the agreement as "a great achievement" (Kyodo, 12 April).

The New Frontier Party, the largest opposition party, praised

President Clinton for the decision to return Futenma and urged the ruling coalition and the Okinawa prefectural government to cooperate in consolidating U.S. military presence on the island (Kyodo, 12 April).

Okinawan Reaction

Initial reaction from Okinawan officials, who made the return of Futenma one of their principal demands, has also been positive.

In a statement broadcast on NHK Television on 12 April, Governor Masahide Ota described Futenma's return as a "first step" toward Okinawa's "ultimate goal" of promoting the economic development of the island and promised his "full cooperation" in implementing the agreement.

By contrast, Ota two weeks ago described another base-related accord, an agreement on reducing noise at the U.S. bases on Okinawa, as inadequate.

At his 12 April news conference, Prime Minister Hashimoto stated that Ota had promised him the Okinawan government's "maximum cooperation" in implementing the provisions of the agreement.

The mayor of Ginowan, the city in which Futenma is located, also praised the agreement, saying that the city's citizens would be "glad to recover a quiet life" that he claimed the base had made impossible (Kyodo, 12 April).

Iwakuni Reaction

The one negative note so far has come from people living near Iwakuni Air Base, to which, under the agreement, an airborne refueling squadron will be relocated.

A 12 April Kyodo report stated that the Iwakuni area residents expressed "anger and dismay" at the agreement and that a local communist legislator denounced the Japanese Government for "forcing" the agreement on the region.

Praise for Hashimoto's Role

Suggesting that the agreement may benefit the Prime Minister and help his public standing, initial media reports on the Futenma agreement have credited him with helping to secure the base's return, in contrast to other recent media reports that have criticized him for failing to display leadership in dealing with the bases issue.

A 12 April Nihon Keizai Shimbun article that leaked information about the agreement stated that Washington had decided to return Futenma in part because of Hashimoto's "strong stance" on the issue.

Governor Ota, who has also criticized the government for not doing enough to secure the return of the Okinawa bases, expressed appreciation for Hashimoto's "strong resolve" and the government's

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TEXT:

Japan-U.S.: Mainland, Okinawa Media Differ in Reaction to
Futenma Return

[FBIS Media Analysis] While the major national-level Japanese newspapers have generally reacted positively to the announcement of plans to return Futenma Air Base, Okinawan officials and the Okinawan media have taken a tougher line. While welcoming the return of Futenma, they have called for further reduction of both the size of the U.S. bases and the number of U.S. troops on the island and complained about the transfer of Futenma's functions to other bases, suggesting that Okinawa will not easily drop its demands for even more extensive base consolidation.

National Media

Editorials and commentary on the return of Futenma in the main national newspapers have generally been positive, praising the move and also stressing the importance of maintaining the U.S.-Japan security relationship.

-- A 14 April editorial in Yomiuri Shimbun, Japan's most widely-read newspaper, described the return as "unprecedented" and "a great step forward." While asserting that Washington and Tokyo would have to make further efforts to consolidate the U.S. bases on Okinawa, it argued that this should be done in a "cool-headed and realistic way," so as not to impair the capabilities of the U.S. forces stationed there.

-- Stressing the importance of "further stabilizing" and "firmly maintaining" the U.S.-Japan security relationship in the current unsettled environment in East Asia, the paper also urged Tokyo to begin deliberations on how it can further support U.S. troops

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during emergencies in the region.

-- Similarly, an editorial the same day in Nihon Keizai Shimbun, the country's leading economic newspaper, viewed the return of Futenma from the point of view of the overall security relationship.

-- It argued that consolidation of the Okinawa bases would help "maintain" the U.S.-Japan security relationship, which it described as "indispensable" to the "stability" and "prosperity" of Japan and East Asia.

Okinawan Leaders

After initially praising Futenma's return when it was first announced, Okinawan officials have begun to take a somewhat harder line, stating that the move will not make them back off from their demands for the return of other areas.

-- According to the 15 April Okinawa Times, Governor Masahide Ota told reporters that day that he would not to not drop his legal challenge to Tokyo's efforts to force the renewal of leases of land occupied by the U.S. military, which he described as being on a "different level" than Futenma.

-- The mayor of Kadena Township complained to the same paper about plans to relocate some of Futenma's functions to Kadena Air Base, describing these as a "serious" burden and calling for a mass rally by town residents to protest the relocation.

Okinawa Media Reaction

Like Okinawan leaders, the Okinawan media have also shown no sign of backing off from their hardline stance on the return of the bases.

-- An editorial in the 13 April Okinawa Times praised the return of Futenma as a "first step toward the goal of realigning and retrenching" the island's bases.

-- At the same time, however, it expressed "anxiety" about the relocation of Futenma's functions to other bases, arguing that this would only create "new problems," such as increasing noise around Kadena Air Base.

-- A 15 April Ryukyu Shimpo editorial also complained about the relocation of Futenma's functions.

-- Arguing that any base consolidation package will be only "conditional" as long as the number of troops stationed in Okinawa does not change, it called for reducing the number of U.S. troops and facilities to "less than one tenth" of current levels.

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FIVE-YEAR PLAN; TO DISSOLVE OVERCROWDEDNESS BY ENHANCING EFFICIENCY

TOKYO SHIMBUN: RETURN OF FUTENMA; RELOCATION COST TO BE SHOULDERED BY JAPAN; PRIME MINISTER RECOGNIZES A VAST AMOUNT OF OUTLAY WILL BECOME TASK FOR HIM TO HANDLE

MAINICHI: FAKE PREPAID CARD FOR PACHINKO GAME; 50 MILLION YEN OF DAMAGE ANNUALLY; POSSIBILITY OF PROFITS FLOWING INTO GANGS; NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY TO TIGHTEN CONTROL

YOMIURI: U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE; TO MAKE PROPOSAL TODAY IN U.S.-ROK SUMMIT; COUNTRIES CONCERNED LIKELY TO FORM A NEW FRAMEWORK (TRANSLATION BELOW; ARTICLE ALSO IN ENGLISH ED.)

SANKEI: U.S. PRESIDENT TO COME TO JAPAN TODAY; TO CONFIRM REINFORCING DEFENSE COOPERATION; DISCUSSION TO OCCUR ON HOW TO RESPOND IN TIME OF EMERGENCY IN FAR EAST (TRANSLATION BELOW)

PRESIDENT CLINTON ARRIVES TODAY; SUMMIT TO FOCUS ON SECURITY ISSUES (SANKEI - TOP PLAY)

U.S. PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL ARRIVE IN JAPAN ON A THREE-DAY SCHEDULE AS A STATE GUEST. ON THE 17TH, THE PRESIDENT WILL ENGAGE IN A SUMMIT MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO. IN THE SESSION, THE TWO LEADERS WILL REAFFIRM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BILATERAL SECURITY TIES AND STRONGER DEFENSE COOPERATION, INCLUDING EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR THE FAR EAST. THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS A "SECURITY JOINT STATEMENT." THIS WILL USHER IN A NEW AGE FOR THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, IN WHICH THE FOCUS WILL SHIFT TO BILATERAL COOPERATION IN CASE AN EMERGENCY OCCURS IN THE FAR EAST. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SUMMIT MEETING, THE GOVERNMENT WILL LAUNCH INTO A FULL-FLEDGED STUDY ON SUCH STICKY ISSUES AS THE COMPATIBILITY (BETWEEN THE NEW STATEMENT AND) THE INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION THAT RENOUNCES THE RIGHT OF COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE (SHUDANTEKI JIEIKEN), AND THE DOMESTIC LEGAL SYSTEM.

THIS IS THE FIRST STATE VISIT BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO JAPAN IN FOUR YEARS SINCE PRESIDENT BUSH IN 1992.

IN THE SUMMIT MEETING, THE TWO LEADERS WILL REAFFIRM THE BASIC PERCEPTION THAT THE BILATERAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENT IS VITAL IN THE POST-COLD WAR ERA AS WELL FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL REAFFIRM THE NEED TO REVIEW THE "GUIDELINES FOR JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION," AS WAS AGREED UPON IN THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (TWO-PLUS-TWO) ON THE 15TH, AS A STEP TO STRENGTHEN THE OVERALL BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT, INCLUDING EMERGENCIES IN THE FAR EAST.

THE TWO LEADERS WILL ALSO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON OTHER ISSUES, HIGHLY EVALUATING SUCH ELEMENTS AS THE REALIGNMENT AND

REDUCTION OF THE U.S. OKINAWA BASES AND THE CONCLUSION OF AN ACQUISITION AND CROSS-SERVING AGREEMENT (ACSA), THAT WERE ALL AGREED UPON ON THE 15TH.

IN THE SUMMIT TALKS, THE TWO LEADERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING AND ISSUE A "SUMMARY STATEMENT": 1) THREE TRADE AREAS -- SEMICONDUCTORS, INSURANCE, AND PHOTOFILM; 2) THE COMMON AGENDA (GLOBAL-SCALE COMMON ISSUES), SUCH BT
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AS NARCOTICS AND TERRORISM; AND 3) CULTURAL AND STUDENT EXCHANGES. THE U.S. HAS AIMED TO ACHIEVE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF RESULTS IN THE THREE TRADE AREAS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP. SUCH IS NOT LIKELY TO HAPPEN AND SETTLEMENT WILL NOT BE LIKELY UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMIT MEETING. AS FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS, THE TWO LEADERS WILL DISCUSS NORTH KOREA (DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA), WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY VIOLATING THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT, THE OVERALL KOREAN PENINSULA SITUATION, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHINA AND TAIWAN, AMONG OTHER MATTERS.

FOLLOWING THE SUMMIT TALKS, THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE U.S. WILL SOON CREATE A "JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION COMMITTEE" (TENTATIVE NAME) TO REVIEW THE GUIDELINES AND COMPILE A DRAFT BY THIS FALL.

IN THE COURSE OF REVIEWING THE GUIDELINES, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL LOOK INTO WIDE-RANGING OPTIONS SUCH AS LETTING THE U.S. MILITARY USE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES' (SDF) BASES AND CIVILIAN AIRPORTS AND HARBORS, REAR-SUPPORT, LIKE REFUELING, FOR THE U.S. MILITARY, AND DRAFTING A "JOINT STRATEGIC PROGRAM."

IN PREPARATION, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BEGIN INDEPENDENT

STUDIES ON EMERGENCY MEASURES, IN COOPERATION WITH EITHER THE CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY OR THE DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY (FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS), THE CABINET SECURITY OFFICE, AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

BUT IN MOST CASES, REAR-SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. FORCES, SUCH AS ASSISTING IN REFUELING, IS "REGARDED AS AIDING THE U.S. FORCES' USE OF FORCE AND THEREFORE VIOLATES THE CONSTITUTION THAT PROHIBITS THE RIGHT OF COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE RIGHT" (LEGISLATIVE BUREAU). FOR THIS REASON, THE GOVERNMENT'S WORK WOULD PROBABLY CONCENTRATE ON "ADJUSTING THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE RIGHT REGARDING SPECIFIC STEPS" (DEFENSE AGENCY SOURCE).

CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SEIROKU KAJIYAMA HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD EXPAND THE AREA OF COOPERATION TO THE "GRAY ZONE" COVERING SPECIFIC SELF-DEFENSE AND COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE. DIFFICULTIES ARE FORESEEN IN THE RULING CAMP WHEN DISCUSSION FOCUSES ON SPECIFICS. PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO'S LEADERSHIP IS LIKELY TO BE PUT TO THE TEST.

PRIME MINISTER FULL OF CONFIDENCE FROM RECENT SUCCESS
(MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

REFERRING TO THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES OVER THE REVERSION OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES' FUTENMA AIRFIELD, PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO AT THE UPPER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE 15TH PROUDLY STATED, "OKINAWAN GOVERNOR MASAHIRO OTA HIGHLY RATED THE AGREEMENT." REGARDING THE JUSEN PROBLEM, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FOR HAVING NO VISIBLE POLICY IMPRINT, BUT YESTERDAY HIS GLOOMY MOOD WAS GONE.

DURING YESTERDAY'S QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION YESTERDAY, ALL PARTIES REFERRED TO THE AGREEMENT. THE RULING CAMP "EXTOLLED" THE ACHIEVEMENT. IN THE MEANTIME, KOICHIRO UEDA OF THE JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY LASHED OUT AT THE AGREEMENT REACHED ON JOINT RESEARCH ON BILATERAL COOPERATION IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES IN THE FAR EAST, NOTING, "IT IS TANTAMOUNT TO JAPAN'S BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIER AGAINST EMERGENCY LEGISLATION." THE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED WITH AN ANGRY LOOK, "I HAVE MADE THE DECISION ON MY OWN RESPONSIBILITY."

SOKO SHIMABUKURO OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE (NIIN CLUB) ASKED A QUESTION FROM A STANDPOINT OF BEING CRITICAL OF THE AGREEMENT, "WHY IS THE REVERSION TO BE CARRIED OUT OVER FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS?" TO THIS QUESTION, TOO, THE PRIME

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MINISTER REITERATED A REPLY IN A CONFIDENT MANNER,
"EXPERTS SAY THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT SUCH
A REVERSION EVEN OVER FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS, BUT I HAVE
VENTURED TO MAKE THE DECISION." (MASAO YORA)

JAPAN TO PICK UP TAB FOR BASE TRANSFERS
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 1)

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RULING COALITION PARTIES ON APRIL
15 FIRMED ITS POLICY APPROACH TO HAVE JAPAN IN PRINCIPLE
SHOULDER ALL COSTS NECESSARY FOR THE REVERSION AND
RELOCATION OF UNITED STATES MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA,
INCLUDING FUTENMA AIR STATION. A STUDY HAS ALREADY BEEN
LAUNCHED. MANY IN THE GOVERNMENT ESTIMATE THAT THE
RELOCATION COSTS WILL RUN UP TO SOME HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS
OF YEN AT LEAST, RESULTING IN A HEAVY FISCAL BURDEN. THE
LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) AND THE JAPAN DEFENSE
AGENCY (JDA) HAVE THEN CALLED FOR A SEPARATE BUDGETARY
MEASURE FROM THE USUAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, BUT
OBJECTION TO SUCH IS DEEP-SEATED IN THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE (MOF). SO (THE GOVERNMENT) WILL BE UNDER
PRESSURE TO ADJUST SUCH DIFFERENCES OF OPINIONS BEFORE
COMPILING THE FY1997 BUDGET BILL.

IN A LIAISON MEETING OF LEADERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND
RULING PARTIES HELD YESTERDAY, LDP POLICY AFFAIRS
RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TAKU YAMASAKI STATED, "THIS IS
A FISCAL PROBLEM, AND WE IN THE RULING PARTIES WANT TO
GRAPPLE WITH IT." HE EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO SPEED UP
THE STUDY OF THE ISSUE BY PLACING EMPHASIS ON THE
RELOCATION COST PROBLEM. PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO
HASHIMOTO THEN INDICATED THAT THE JAPANESE SIDE HAD TO
SHOULDER THE COSTS, ARGUING, "SINCE JAPAN HAS ASKED FOR
REVERSION, THE U.S. SIDE'S THINKING IS THE COST WILL BE
PAID BY JAPAN. THAT CANNOT BE HELPED. A DECISION IS
NEEDED NOW."

AT A BRIEFING FOR PRESS REPORTERS LAST EVENING, CHIEF
CABINET SECRETARY SEIROKU KAJIYAMA STRESSED THAT WHO
WOULD BEAR THE COST WAS NEVER DISCUSSED BETWEEN JAPAN AND
THE U.S., NOTING, "NO SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE

BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. NEITHER OF US BROUGHT UP THIS (COST) PROBLEM. AN AGREEMENT ON REVERSION WAS REACHED, WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO THAT OTHER ISSUE." AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT, "IT WOULD SEEM TO BE COMMON SENSE THAT THE JAPANESE SIDE WILL SHOULDER IT IN GENERAL."

UNTIL NOW, THE RELOCATION COST FOR THE U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN (USFJ) HAS BEEN DEALT WITH UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES BY LOOKING ON IT AS A PART OF A BUDGET FOR THE DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION AGENCY (DFAA). BUT IN THE CASE OF THE PLANNED RELOCATION THIS TIME, THE RELOCATION COST WILL MOUNT UP DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH-RISE COMPOUND FOR U.S. MILITARY AND OTHER MATTERS. WHAT THE JDA AND THE LDP HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT IF THE SAME TREATMENT AS WAS IN THE PAST WERE TAKEN IN RELOCATING BASES, THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES' (SDF) FRONT-EQUIPMENT AND LOGISTIC CONSOLIDATION WOULD BE SACRIFICED BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED PIE OF DEFENSE SPENDING, WHOSE INCREASE RATE HAS BEEN RECENTLY HELD DOWN TO LOWER LEVELS. THEREFORE THEY HAVE CALLED FOR A SEPARATE (BUDGET) FRAMEWORK.

IN ADDITION, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT NOT ONLY THE RELOCATION COST IN A NARROW SENSE BUT ALSO THE PROBLEMS OF THE COST FOR REGIONAL PROMOTION BY UTILIZING THE SITES OF BASES AFTER THEY ARE RETURNED AND OF PAYING A "SPECIAL SUBSIDY" TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON MAINLAND JAPAN, WHICH ARE TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF BASES AND TRAINING, WILL ARISE. IN COORDINATING VIEWS AT HOME, THE FISCAL BUDGET ISSUE IS LIKELY TO BECOME A FOCAL POINT.

CANDIDATE LOCALITIES FOR BASE TRANSFERS UPSET AT GOVERNMENT'S DECISION (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 3)

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IN RESPONSE TO THE DECISION ON REDUCTION OF UNITED STATES MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA, A PORTION OF U.S. BASES' FUNCTIONS AND A LIVE-SHELL FIRING TRAINING GROUND WILL BE RELOCATED INTO MAINLAND JAPAN. BUT ANXIETY AND OPPOSITION ARE NOW WIDESPREAD AMONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS IN PREFECTURES, CITIES AND TOWNS, WHICH HAVE BEEN CITED AS CANDIDATE PLACES FOR SUCH RELOCATION.

IN THE CASE OF IWAKUNI CITY, TO WHICH AIR-REFUELING AIRCRAFTS NOW STATIONED ON FUTENMA AIR STATION ARE PLANNED TO BE RELOCATED, MAYOR YOSHIMITSU KIFUNE ON APRIL 15 EXPRESSES HIS STRONG OBJECTION, ARGUING, "THE DECISION THIS TIME WILL ONLY LEAD TO REINFORCING THE BASES STEP BY STEP." GOVERNOR TORU HIRAI OF YAMAGUCHI PREFECTURE, MAYOR KIFUNE AND YUU TOWN HEAD NOBORU MATSUO WILL HOLD A THREE-PARTY MEETING EARLY NEXT WEEK TO COMPARE THEIR VIEWS AND THEN ASK THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO AVOID AUGMENTING THE BASES.

GOVERNOR HIRAI IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT DAY, HOWEVER, SHOWED SOME DIFFERENCE IN NUANCES, REMARKING, "IF (RELOCATION) DOES NOT MEAN ANY REINFORCEMENT OF IWAKUNI BASE, IT IS POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT IT." HIS CRITICISM WAS RATHER CENTERED ON THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S STANCE OF UNILATERALLY HAVING NOTIFIED HIM ABOUT (RELOCATION). HE EMPHASIZED HIS SENSE OF DISPLEASURE AT INSUFFICIENT PREPARATION.

IN THE LOCAL AREAS THAT HOUSE THE FUJI TRAINING GROUND (IN YAMANASHI AND SHIZUOKA PREFECTURES), THE HIDEKIGAI GROUND (IN OITA PREFECTURE) AND THE YASUBETSU GROUND (IN HOKKAIDO), ALL OF WHICH ARE CITED AS CANDIDATE SITES FOR RELOCATION OF THE LIVE-SHELL FIRING TRAINING NOW CONDUCTED BY U.S. FORCES STATIONED ON OKINAWA ACROSS PREFECTURAL ROUTE 104, VOICES OF CONCERN AND DISSATISFACTION WERE HEARD.

YAMANASHI PREFECTURE HAS BEEN STRONGLY OPPOSED TO RELOCATION OF TRAINING BECAUSE IT HAS CALLED FOR "TOTAL REMOVAL OF THE KITA-FUJI TRAINING GROUND." REFERRING TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S ACTION THAT IT PROVIDED DATA ON CANDIDATE SITES FOR RELOCATION TO THE U.S. SIDE WITHOUT GIVING ANY NOTICE TO LOCAL AREAS, GOVERNOR KEN AMANO CRITICIZED THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE, NOTING, "WE ARE DISSATISFIED WITH IT."

THE MAYOR OF FUJI YOSHIDA CITY ISSUED A STATEMENT ABSOLUTELY OPPOSING RELOCATION, AND THE NINOMURA VILLAGE ASSEMBLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO RELOCATION.

BEKKAI TOWN AND OTHER PLACES IN HOKKAIDO, WHICH HAVE THE YASUBETSU TRAINING GROUND, ARE EXPECTING MILK PRODUCTION TO DROP DUE TO NOISE POLLUTION. SO THE WIDESPREAD WORRY AMONG DAIRY FARMERS IS THAT "IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO EXPECT U.S. FORCES TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO US IN TERMS OF THEIR TRAINING HOURS."

THE LOCAL AREA ONCE WILLINGLY PROVIDED A SITE AS A TRAINING GROUND TO THE SDF. THERE SEEMS TO BE SUCH AN INQUIRY TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AS "WHAT KIND OF CONSOLIDATION WILL BE MADE?" HOKKAIDO GOVERNOR TATSUYA HORI ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT "IT SEEMS HARD TO ACCEPT (RELOCATION)." BUT HE HAS NOT ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO OPPOSE IT IN A CLEAR-CUT MANNER.

PRIME MINISTER SAYS FUTENMA REVERSION WAS CONDITIONED ON JOINT DEFENSE STUDY (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO AT THE UPPER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE 15TH REVEALED THAT A STUDY OF THE USE OF JAPANESE CIVILIAN FACILITIES BY THE UNITED STATES FORCES IF AN EMERGENCY ERUPTS IN THE FAR EAST WAS THE U.S. CONDITION FOR REVERSION OF THE WHOLE OF FUTENMA AIR STATION. HASHIMOTO EXPLAINED: "THE U.S.

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SIDE PROPOSED THE IDEA BEFORE DECIDING ON TOTAL REVERSION OF THE FUTENMA FACILITIES TO OKINAWA. IF WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO EVEN STUDY THE ISSUE, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE U.S."

REGARDING THE NECESSITY OF A JOINT STUDY, HASHIMOTO SAID: "IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY, THE US. FORCES MIGHT ASK JAPAN TO USE THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES FACILITIES. UP UNTIL NOW, WE HAD AVOIDED SUCH AN ISSUE FROM BEING DISCUSSED." HE STRESSED: "I MADE THE DECISION ON MY OWN" REGARDING THE U.S. PROPOSITION.

HE ALSO SAID: "I TOLD MYSELF THAT I HAD TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF OKINAWA,

AND AT THE SAME TIME, I MUST NOT DEGRADE THE VALUE OF THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENT." WITH THIS, HE IMPLIED THAT HE GAVE CONSIDERATION TO THE U.S. IN AN EFFORT TO REALIZE ALL REVERSION OF THE FUTENMA AIR BASE.

HE EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR SETTING THE TIME PERIOD OF FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS TO CONCLUDE THE REVERSION: "WE HAVE TO DECIDE ON WHERE TO TRANSFER THE HELIPORT. IF PROBLEMS OCCUR AT THE ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT STAGE, WE WILL AGAIN FIND ANOTHER CANDIDATE SITE. THINKING ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, I CHOSE A TIME THAT WOULD BE RIGHT UP TO THE WIRE." THIS WAS A REPLY TO A QUESTION BY KOICHIRO UEDA (JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY) AND SOKO SHIMABUKURO (NIIN CLUB).

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY STRONGLY OPPOSED TO RETHINKING BAN ON COLLECTIVE DEFENSE (YOMIURI - PAGE 5)

WITH THE DECISION BY THE JAPANESE AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS TO START WORK ON REVISING THE GUIDELINES FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES, DEBATE OVER THE LEGAL SYSTEM COVERING EMERGENCIES HAS STARTED IN EARNEST EVEN WITHIN THE RULING PARTIES. HOWEVER, WHILE THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY ARE POSITIVE ABOUT IT, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) HAS A STRONG SENSE OF OPPOSITION TO THE EXERCISE. IN ADDITION, WITHIN THE SAME PARTY SOME ARE SOUNDING THE ALARM ABOUT THIS MOVE LEADING TO A CONSERVATIVE-CONSERVATIVE ALLIANCE SINCE THE SHINSHINTO'S PRESIDENT, ICHIRO OZAWA, FAVORS REVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INTERPRETATION OF THE RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM COVERING EMERGENCIES. FOR THIS REASON, ONCE SPECIFIC DISCUSSION BEGINS, THE RIFT WITHIN THE COALITION PARTIES IS EXPECTED TO WIDEN, AND IT COULD IMPACT ON THE COALITION GOVERNMENT'S VERY FOUNDATION.

U.S. SAID TO BE READY TO JOINT SOUTH-NORTH KOREA DIALOGUE (YOMIURI - TOP PLAY)

(CHEJU ISLAND, APRIL 15, AKIRA SAITO, KOICHI AKAZA) AT THE SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN UNITED STATES PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON AND SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG SAM TO BE HELD ON THE 16TH ON CHEJU ISLAND, THE TWO LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THEY WILL PROPOSE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW FRAMEWORK TO PROMOTE A SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE. THIS WAS REVEALED ON THE 15TH BY U.S. GOVERNMENT SOURCES WHO WILL ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT CLINTON TO VISIT THAT COUNTRY. REGARDING THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE DIALOGUE, THERE IS A STRONG LIKELIHOOD TALKS WILL TRILATERAL: THE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA MEETING WITH NORTH KOREA. BUT SOUTH KOREA IS ASKING CHINA TO PARTICIPATE IN IT ALSO. THE STANCE THAT THE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA HAVE AGREED TO TACKLE TOGETHER IS DESIGNED TO EASE TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA THAT WERE HEIGHTENED BY THE NORTH KOREAN TROOPS ENTERING PANMUNJON. IN AN EFFORT TO SEEK COOPERATION FROM COUNTRIES CONCERNED INCLUDING JAPAN,

THIS PROPOSAL WILL LIKELY BECOME A MAIN AGENDA ITEM AT THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT MEETING IN TOKYO ON THE 17TH.

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HASHIMOTO SAYS KANTOR A QTOUGH CHARACTERQ
(TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 2)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO, SPEAKING TO THE PRESS CORPS, REMARKED AS FOLLOWS REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF

TKI0114 SECURITY ERROR U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE KANTOR TO HEAD THE DEPARTM
COMMERCE: "KANTOR WILL TAKE CHARGE NO MATTER (WHETHER HE IS AT USTR OR COMMERCE); HE IS A TOUGH CHARACTER (TEGOWAI-YATSU)."

NO CONCESSIONS IN SIGHT IN DEADLOCKED INSURANCE TALKS
(MAINICHI - PAGE 9)

IN THE INSURANCE TALKS HELD ON THE 12TH AND 13TH JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES DECIDED TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR REACHING A SETTLEMENT IN THAT AREA, NOTING, "A SETTLEMENT WILL BE REACHED BY JUNE 1." AT A PRESS BRIEFING HELD YESTERDAY, TADASHI OGAWA, VICE FINANCE MINISTER, REMARKED "NEGOTIATIONS HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY, BASED ON (JAPAN'S) PROPOSALS. IT SHOULD BE POSITIVELY NOTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING, AIMING AT REACHING A SETTLEMENT IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE."

TWO COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, REMAIN POLES APART OVER MARKET-ENTRY IN THE THIRD SECTOR, SUCH AS INCLUDING ACCIDENT INSURANCE AND THE LIKE, WHICH ARE CHARACTERIZED AS BEING THE GREY AREA BETWEEN LIFE AND NON-LIFE INSURANCE. THE

U.S. GOVERNMENT IS BEING PRESSED HARD BY INSURANCE FIRMS, WHICH HAVE STRONG POLITICAL CLOUT. PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO, IN THE MEANTIME, HAS MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR, "AN EASYGOING COMPROMISE SHOULD NOT BE MADE."

ACCORDING TO A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, IN THE MEANTIME, THE ISSUE OF EXTENDING THE JAPAN-U.S. SEMICONDUCTOR AGREEMENT -- THE GREATEST PENDING PROBLEM, "MAY NOT BE BROUGHT UP" EITHER AT THE SUMMIT MEETING OR AT THE TALKS BETWEEN MITI MINISTER SHUNPEI TSUKAHARA AND COMMERCE SECRETARY KANTOR. THERE WILL PROBABLY NO MOVES UNTIL SEMICONDUCTOR NEGOTIATIONS RESTART IN HAWAII ON THE 26TH.

AS FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM, TOO, THE FAIR TRADE COMMISSION (FTC) HAS YET TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION. NO HOT DEVELOPMENTS ARE LIKELY TO COME FORTH. (TOMOHIRO KAWAMATA AND SHINJI FURUTA)

COMPLICATIONS OVER INSURANCE TALKS WILL NOT AFFECT SUMMIT MEETING, SAYS ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAYASHI

REFERRING TO THE JAPAN-U.S. INSURANCE TALKS HELD IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEKEND, WHICH ENDED IN STALEMATE, SADAYUKI HAYASHI, ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD YESTERDAY, "I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS ISSUE WILL CAST A SHADOW OVER (THE UPCOMING SUMMIT MEETING.)" FURTHERMORE, HE RULED OUT ANY POSSIBILITY OF THE PRESENT BILATERAL CONFRONTATION OVER THE ISSUE OF THE EXTENSION OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SEMICONDUCTOR AGREEMENT AND JAPAN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM MARKET DEVELOPING INTO FRICTION, NOTING, "ECONOMIC ISSUES ARE, FOR THE TIME BEING, IN A CONTROLLABLE SITUATION."

PRIVATE SECTOR TALKS ON SEMICONDUCTOR AGREEMENT RUN INTO TROUBLE (MAINICHI - PAGE 8)

IN PRIVATE-SECTOR TALKS CENTERING ON THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES SEMICONDUCTOR PACT, HAGGLING HAS CONTINUED OVER THE PROPRIETY OF GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN SURVEYS ON THE SHARE OF FOREIGN SEMICONDUCTORS IN THE JAPANESE MARKET. EXECUTIVES OF THE JAPANESE AND U.S. INDUSTRIES WILL HOLD TALKS IN HAWAII ON THE 26TH, BUT BOTH SIDES ARE STILL FAR APART ON THEIR POSITIONS OVER: (1) WHETHER TO RETAIN OR SCRAP OF THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ACCORD;
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AND (2) THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUSION OF THE SHARE ISSUE
IN CASE A PRIVATE-SECTOR AGREEMENT IS REACHED. UNDER
THIS CIRCUMSTANCE, THE DOMINANT VIEW IS THAT "PROGRESS
WILL BE DIFFICULT IN SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS" (LEADING
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES MANUFACTURER
EXECUTIVE).

THE UPCOMING EXECUTIVE-LEVEL TALKS WILL BE THE SECOND
ROUND, FOLLOWING THOSE HELD THIS FEBRUARY. THE TALKS
WILL BE ATTENDED BY THE SAME MEMBERS AS IN THE FIRST
MEETING. INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERS WILL BE SONY CHAIRMAN
NORIO OHGA (ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN
(EIAJ) CHAIRMAN) AND MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO.,
VICE PRESIDENT KEIYA TOYONAGA (FOREIGN SEMICONDUCTOR
USERS DISCUSSION COUNCIL (UCOM)) FROM JAPAN, AND U.S.
SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN PAT WEBER
(TEXAS INSTRUMENTS VICE CHAIRMAN) FROM THE U.S.

ON APRIL 10, UNOFFICIAL TALKS WERE HELD BETWEEN OHGA AND
WEBER IN TOKYO. IN THE TALKS, BOTH SIDES REPORTEDLY DID
NOT GO ANY FURTHER THAN TO ONLY ACKNOWLEDGE SOME
DIFFERENCES IN THEIR BASIC POSITIONS. AS FOR PRIVATE-
SECTOR COOPERATION, "MUTUAL SUPPLEMENTARY RELATIONS HAVE
BEEN ESTABLISHED" (EXECUTIVE OF A JAPANESE CHIP
MANUFACTURER) AS PROGRESS WAS MADE IN JOINT PRODUCTION
OVERSEAS AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPANESE
AND U.S. COMPANIES OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS SINCE THE
BILATERAL SEMICONDUCTOR PACT WAS CONCLUDED. AS IT
STANDS, POSSIBLE AREAS FOR COOPERATION ARE SO WIDE, FOR
INSTANCE, DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT-GENERATION MEMORY CHIPS
THAT REQUIRE A HUGE AMOUNT OF INVESTMENTS AND FORMATION
OF GLOBAL STANDARDS, THE EXECUTIVE IS CONCERNED THAT
"SUCH COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES MIGHT INFRINGE ON THE ANTI-
MONOPOLY LAW."

OVER GOVERNMENT SURVEYS ON THE SHARE OF FOREIGN
SEMICONDUCTORS, BOTH SIDES REMAIN AT LOGGERHEADS, WITH
JAPAN CALLING FOR "ENDING THE PACT" AND WITH THE U.S.
INSISTING ON THE "NEED OF SOME INTERVENTION," HOPING FOR
GOVERNMENT'S GUARANTEE FOR A CERTAIN LEVEL OF SHARE.

THE JAPANESE SIDE IS LOOKING INTO PLANS TO RETAIN THE

UCOM AS THE WINDOW FOR FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS' ACCESS TO THE JAPANESE MARKET AND TO USE BOTH WORLD SEMICONDUCTOR TRADE STATISTICS (WSTS) AND GOVERNMENT'S TRADE STATISTICS IN SURVEYING THE SHARE IN CASE THE GOVERNMENTAL PACT IS TO BE SCRAPPED, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE OFFICIALS.

BUT THE ACTUAL SITUATION IS SUCH THAT "CONCRETE TALKS CANNOT BE STARTED AS NO CONCLUSION HAS BEEN REACHED YET ON THE FUTURE COURSE FOR THE AGREEMENT" (JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL SOURCE). IN ADDITION, CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO EUROPEAN AND ROK MANUFACTURERS, WHICH ARE CRITICAL OF THE JAPAN-U.S. BILATERAL TALKS. IN THIS SITUATION, STORMY NEGOTIATIONS ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE ALSO IN PRIVATE-SECTOR TALKS, AS WERE SEEN IN GOVERNMENTAL TALKS, UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE DEADLINE OF THE CURRENT PACT AT THE END OF JULY. BLACKBURN
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Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Mondale have inked the Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Serving Agreement (ACSA).

As a result, a legal system was formally established that will enable the Self-Defense Forces (SDF) and the U.S. forces to serve each other in supplying fuel, foodstuffs, weaponry parts, and transport.

As far as joint training is concerned, Japan has been supplying fuel to the U.S. forces for eight years now. In addition, the SDF has transported U.S. troops and supplies countless times in relocating training areas. But such has always been regarded as a special case under the SDF Law and required complex administrative procedures.

ACSA would eliminate such a hindrance and approve legally the bilateral cooperative arrangement which has long been regarded as an accomplished fact, according to Government authorities. The application of ACSA is limited to such events as joint exercises in peacetime, United Nations peace-keeping operations and humanitarian relief activities.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto has stated to the press: "What was not clear has now been settled legally."

But many must have felt doubts regarding the Prime Minister's words. Concluding ACSA is closely linked with the April 17 Japan-U.S. summit talks in the context of reaffirming the security ties.

The joint statement to be issued after the summit meeting is expected to highlight the importance of the bilateral security ties for the sake of "peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific"; the need to review the 1978 Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation

Guidelines; and the necessity to start new studies to enhance the bilateral ties for emergencies around Japan.

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carrying out rear-support in an event the U.S. forces taking combat action in response to an emergency breaking out in the Far East, including the Korean Peninsula. More specifically, the two leaders would discuss such options as the SDF's assistance in supplying and transporting supplies, the U.S. forces' access to SDF bases, and their use of civilian airports and harbors.

Supplying goods and services, which are objects of ACSA, will naturally be part of joint studies. The governments of the two countries aim to produce a conclusion by this fall. Peacetime ACSA may be absorbed eventually by the bottom-up review for creating a bilateral cooperative system for emergencies in the Far East.

Bilateral talks on the application of ACSA have been dominated by severe haggling between Japan, which was fearful of breaking the interpretation of the Constitution, which renounces the right of collective self-defense (shudanteki jieiken), and the U.S., which called for a greater scope covering emergencies, in a similar way in dealing with NATO countries. Restricting ACSA to peacetime might very well be a compromise conditioned on full-fledged studies on contingencies in the future.

For ACSA Japan had to make several compromises. For instance, Japan had to increase exceptions to the three principles prohibiting weaponry exports in order to let the SDF supply weaponry parts, such as for aircraft, naval vessels, and vehicles. Furthermore, the application of ACSA to peace-keeping operations requires, both in terms of contents and logistics, a greater scope of bilateral cooperation that is allowed traditionally under the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty.

The purpose of the bilateral security arrangement has shifted from protecting Japan to surviving the cold war. It is now again shifting to coping with regional conflicts.

In other words, it is a history of ever-increasing security functions allowed gradually by the Government. In the process the Government did not bother to carry out a thorough national debate on bilateral cooperation, which was a serious mistake on its part.

We cannot help but doubt if such a shift and expansion of the bilateral defense cooperation is really what the people want.

(2) EDITORIAL: Security Cooperation Between Japan, U.S. Likely to Deepen

NIHON KEIZAI (Page 2) (Full)
April 16, 1996

Three important accomplishments await the visit of United States President Clinton to Japan. These are:

(1) Issuance by the Japan-U.S. Special Action
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(2) Signing of the Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA); and

(3) Agreement to set up a new consultative panel on strengthening defense cooperation.

All three were accomplished for the purpose of enhancing security cooperation between Japan and the U.S. It is important that a stance be taken that removes all political motives and considers the meaning of this development from the viewpoint of security policy.

According to SACO's interim report, 20 percent of the sites now used by U.S. forces on Okinawa, in other words 11 facilities including Futenma Air Station, which has already been selected for a full return in five to seven years, will be reverted. This sort of action to lessen the burden Okinawa has so far shouldered is indispensable to maintaining the Japan-U.S. security arrangement.

ACSA is a pact enabling the Self-Defense Forces (SDF) and U.S. troops to cross-serve the other on fuel supplies and various kinds of duties when they are engaged in joint exercises, United Nations peacekeeping operations (PKO) and emergency international activities. But it does not cover strategic actions that would be taken during an emergency.

Similar pacts have been concluded between the U.S. and eight other allies including the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) nations, Australia, and Thailand. The ACSA just concluded with (Japan) is strongly conscious that cross-servicing would be carried out in peacetime by excluding munitions from the items for such consideration. It has excluded from the start any content that could give rise to major controversy at home.

In contrast, what is likely to become controversial is the work of studying Japan-U.S. defense cooperation, aimed chiefly at a time of emergency in the Far East. This will be done in a new consultative panel to be created soon. On the agenda for the panel's discussion, already cited are a review of the "Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation," which were adopted in 1978, and the examination of a "joint reaction plan" including revision of the law. In that respect, debate over the right of collective self-defense has already started.

The problem with current debates is that the arguments are overly intertwined with another debate over political realignment, making it a political issue. However, the key point is how effectively to provide logistical support in the unfortunate event of an emergency occurring. As to the necessity for (such support), the reality is that hardly any major difference in views can be seen in the political world.

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The Government's position is that it is possible to provide rear support in an efficient manner even if no change is made in the interpretation of the Constitution over the right of collective self-defense. Even the Social Democratic Party (SDP) has acknowledged the need for a study of an emergency with the following wording, "It is necessary to sort out tasks within the scope that does not require any use of the right of collective self-defense" or "It is not allowed to separate efforts prepared for an emergency from efforts to prevent any emergency from occurring." That position is similar to that of the Sakigake Party.

What is needed now is not a theological dispute but a debate to explore ways as to what kind of assistance is possible in reality.

(3) U.S. President Arrives in Japan Today;
Economic Issues Not to Be Discussed; Japan's Strong
Resistance Causes U.S. to Give up on Specific
Results

MAINICHI (Page 9) (Full)
April 16, 1996

On the eve of the Japan-United States summit meeting, Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI) Shunpei Tsukahara on the 15th stated, "The possibility is extremely small that economic issues will be specifically referred to during the summit meeting." He expressed his outlook that there was little likelihood the three economic areas of insurance, semiconductor and photofilm would become major subjects of discussion at the summit. The insurance issue was supposed to have been settled at an early date, but negotiations have become far more difficult than expected. Japan has fiercely resisted the U.S. on the semiconductor issue also. Under such circumstances, the U.S. apparently has given up achieving any results in those specific areas at the summit meeting.

Regarding an extension of the semiconductor pact and the photofilm issue, Japanese assertions are: "They are nothing but small problems in view of the entire Japan-U.S. relationship" (MITI senior official), and "These are not issues that should be discussed at the summit level" (MITI top official).

Even so, the U.S. Government, keeping in mind this fall's presidential election, needs to show off to its domestic audience some achievements in economic issues. A MITI senior official stated, "In an attempt to match the timing of the April bilateral summit, both sides went farther ahead with negotiations than the usual pace."

Since negotiations have faced setbacks, the Clinton Administration seems to have shifted to a tactical maneuver to bring votes from past attainments. President Clinton at a press conference on the 13th stressed the achievements Japan-U.S. trade talks had brought about, playing up "increasing exports of autos to Japan" because of the bilateral

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automobile and auto part agreement reached last year. An official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) said, "The White House underscored to the domestic audience that the Clinton Administration succeeded in obtaining these excellent results from Japan in trade issues."

Last week, U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Kantor was replaced by Charlene Barshefsky, who used to be "Kantor's right-hand person in pursuing a hard-line policy line," but Japanese officials have taken the view that "there will be no change in the U.S. trade policy" (MITI Minister Tsukahara). Once the summit meeting winds up, the U.S. is expected to return to battle again.

(4) Japan Entering an Unknown Territory, Falling in Step with U.S. Security Strategy; Will Emascuate the Three Principles of Weapons Exports

MAINICHI (Page 2) (Full)
April 16, 1996

With the agreement reached by the Japanese and U.S. governments on the interim report of the Special Action Committee on Okinawa (SACO), which centers on the complete reversion of Futenma Air Station in Okinawa, the Okinawa problem has taken on a new dimension. However, as the "collateral" for reversion of Futenma and other matters, both governments agreed to revise the "Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation." As symbolized by this agreement, the interim report also is nothing more than another link in the chain of the (process of) reaffirmation (or redefinition) of the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty which both governments aimed to carry out. "Reaffirmation" can also be said to be one step toward the clarification of what preparations Japan will take to fall jointly in step with the United States as its global strategic partner.

(Takuro Kawade)

"Reaffirmation" is composed of three elements: 1) revision of guidelines confirmed at the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Council (2 plus 2); 2) signing of an acquisition and cross-servicing

agreement (ACSA) between Japan and the U.S., and 3) an international perspective that is contained in the Joint Statement on Security between Japan and the U.S. to be issued on the 17th. The revision of the guidelines and the ACSA are aimed at raising the level of quality of the "military alliance" that is the Japan-U.S. security arrangement. "Introduction of an international horizon" means a shift emphasis from article 5 of the treaty, which has the defense of Japan as the goal, to article 6, which has as its goal the securing of the safety of the Far East and of world peace.

The review of the guidelines at the moment is limited to an emergency in the Far East. But "the scope of the Far East" itself is vague. The (definition) "north of the Philippines," the interpretation when the Security Treaty was amended

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in 1960, is actually undergoing change, as many have pointed out. With economic relations deepening their international interdependence, "no matter where a dispute breaks out, Japan cannot say it is of no concern to it" (Foreign Ministry source). That being the case, there is a good possibility that the review effort will escalate in the form of expanding the "scope of the Far East."

On the other hand, the ACSA also contains such brakes as the agreement being limited to peacetime and to supplying goods and services for solo training by the U.S. military forces. But even a senior defense policy clique member in the Liberal Democratic Party has said, "(The ACSA) is clearly a

violation of our three (no-weapons-exports) principles." The ACSA in effect will emasculate the three principles on weapons export, which have been considered as national policy since 1967.

The shift in emphasis in the Security Treaty from the passive modality of "defense of Japan" in exchange for an active stance toward stability and peace in the region can be said to be "essentially a revision" of that treaty.

At the present stage, although there are many restrictions and conditions, Japan's falling in lock step with the U.S. can only lead it along the path toward "exercizing the use of force," which is prohibited by the Constitution. This is the new bilateral relationship that can be seen coming. In that sense, the upcoming "reaffirmation" (according to a senior Foreign Ministry official) "constructs a Japan-U.S. allliance for the 21st century." He almost said that the joining together of Japan and the United States opens the way for joint execution of a global strategy.

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NIHON KEIZAI: 1.8-TRILLION-YEN LOSSES LIQUIDATED BY CITY
BANKS, LONG-TERM TRUST BANKS; MEASURES HELPING AFFILIATED

NON-BANKS GENERALLY TAKEN IN FIRST HALF OF THE TERM;
INDEPENDENT NON-BANKS NOW COMING INTO FOCUS

TOKYO SHIMBUN: TOKYO GOVERNOR AOSHIMA ORDERS
REINVESTIGATION; DUE TO INSUFFICIENT REVIEW OF
ENTERTAINMENT BY PUBLIC SERVANTS TO PUBLIC SERVANTS; IN
RESPONSE TO REPORT SAYING, "NO SEC RET MONEY"; AUDITORS
LIKELY TO BE INVITED FROM THE OUTSIDE

MAINICHI: RELOCATION COST FOR "FUTENMA" LIKELY TO REACH
500 BILLION YEN; JAPAN TO SHOULDER ALL THAT AMOUNT;
FUNDING SOURCE COMING UP AS PROBLEM; TOTAL RELOCATION
COST FOR REALIGNMENT AND REDUCTION OF U.S. BASES ON
OKINAWA TO RUN UP TO 1 TRILLION YEN AT MAXIMUM
(TRANSLATION BELOW)

YOMIURI: "FOUNDATION FOR STABILITY OF ASIA" TO BE
CONFIRMED; DRAFTED JOINT JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY DECLARATION;
STATIONING OF U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN AS INDISPENSABLE; U.S.
PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN JAPAN

SANKEI: U.S. PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN JAPAN; SUMMIT TALKS
TODAY; COMPOSITION OF UNITS IN U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN TO BE
DISCUSSED; WHOLE PICTURE OF JOINT SECURITY DECLARATION
REVEALED; REDUCTION OF BASES TO CONTINUE TO BE STUDIED;
TO ASK CHINA TO PLAY A ROLE

PRIME MINISTER SEEKS TO IMPRESS PRESIDENT WITH GIFT OF
PITCHER NOMOQS GLOVE (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 39)

THE PROOF THAT FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXIST BETWEEN JAPAN AND
THE UNITED STATES WAS A BASEBALL GLOVE WITH A "NOMO"
SIGNATURE ON IT. LAST NIGHT A DINNER PARTY WAS HELD AT
THE AKASAKA OFFICIAL GUEST HOUSE, THE GEIHINGAN, IN MOTO-
AKASAKA, TO WELCOME PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHO ARRIVED IN
TOKYO ON THE 16TH. PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO
THERE PRESENTED PRESIDENT CLINTON WITH THE GIFT OF A
BASEBALL GLOVE AUTOGRAPHED BY U.S. MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHER
HIDEO NOMO. RECEIVING THE GLOVE, THE PRESIDENT SMILED
AND SAID, "GREAT!"

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO PRESENTED THE DARK BLUE GLOVE TO
THE PRESIDENT BEFORE MAKING A TOAST. HE EXPLAINED TO HIM
THAT "SOME DAYS AGO, NOMO WON HIS SECOND GAME OF THE
SEASON, STRIKING OUT A RECORD 17 BATTERS." THE
PRESIDENT, AT EASE WITH NO TIE ON, SENT A SUPPORTIVE
MESSAGE TO NOMO, WHO WENT TO PLAY IN THE U.S. TO FULFILL
HIS OWN AMERICAN DREAM: "I LIKE NOMO, TOO. I AM HOPING
FOR HIS SUCCESS."

IN THAT RELAXED ATMOSPHERE, THE DINNER BETWEEN THE TWO
LEADERS STARTED WITH A CHAT ABOUT NOMO.

CONTENTS OF CLINTON-HASHIMOTO TETE-A-TETE OPEN TO
SPECULATION (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 5)

A ONE-HOUR HEAD-TO-HEAD SESSION SET FOR THE 17TH BETWEEN
PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO AND U.S. PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS

INCITED ALL KINDS OF CONJECTURES. THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) IS PARTICULARLY UNEASY ABOUT THIS LONG SESSION, SUSPECTING, "THE PRESIDENT MAY WANT TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS ABOUT SOME TRADE ISSUES." THE TWO COUNTRIES PLAN TO CARRY OVER ANY RESOLUTION OF TRADE ISSUES AND NOT CONDUCT PROBING DISCUSSIONS THIS TIME. BUT VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE PREPARED FOR AN IN-DEPTH SESSION, WITH A HYPOTHETICAL
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QUESTION-AND-ANSWER MANUAL FOR THE PRIME MINISTER IN HAND.

THERE WILL BE TWO TYPES OF SUMMIT SESSIONS: ONE IS THE FULL SESSION ATTENDED BY RELEVANT CABINET MINISTERS, AND

TKI0212 SECURITY ERROR THE OTHER IS A T_TE--T_TE. USUALLY A SESSION WITH CABINET MINISTERS IS REGARDED AS A MAIN SESSION. BUT THIS TIME, FROM THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION THAT THE TWO LEADERS NEED TO DISCUSS THOROUGHLY FOR THE RECONFIRMATION OF THE BILATERAL SECURITY TIES, TWO-THIRDS OF ONE AND A HALF HOURS WAS DECIDED TO BE SET ASIDE FOR THE HEAD-TO-HEAD SESSION.

THE JAPANESE SIDE'S IMPRESSION TOWARD PRESIDENT CLINTON IS THAT "HE HAS A STRONG TENDENCY TO DISCUSS ISSUES PRAGMATICALLY" (FOREIGN MINISTRY). AND THIS TIME, MITI SUSPECTS, "(THE PRESIDENT) MAY HIT JAPAN WITH SPECIFIC REQUESTS REGARDING SEMICONDUCTORS, PHOTOFILM, AND INSURANCE, BECAUSE THE SESSION IS SO LONG."

MEANWHILE, THE NEWLY-APPOINTED COMMERCE SECRETARY KANTOR, WHO ALSO HEADS THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE (USTR), WILL VISIT TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER CO. AND ST. LUKE'S

INTERNATIONAL HOSPITAL DURING HIS STAY IN JAPAN. REPORTEDLY, HE HOPES TO GENERATE A SOFTER IMAGE AS NEW COMMERCE SECRETARY THROUGH HIS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE U.S. PRODUCTS.

IN THAT RESPECT, HEATED DISCUSSION IS UNLIKELY THIS TIME, THE SPECIAL EMPHASIS BEING ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY SECURITY. NEVERTHELESS, SOME ON THE U.S. SIDE ARE STATING: "THE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN POINTS TO THE PRIME MINISTER BY GIVING HIS CONSENT TO RETURNING FUTENMA AIR STATION. THIS TIME, IT IS THE PRESIDENT WHO SHOULD SCORE POINTS."

PRIME MINISTER TO PROPOSE IN MOSCOW CONVENING ASIA CONFERENCE ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR USE (YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO ON APRIL 16 MET WEI CHIEN HANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDUSTRY, WHO CAME HERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE JAPANESE TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (RENGO). IN REFERENCE TO THE NUCLEAR POWER SAFETY SUMMIT TO OCCUR IN MOSCOW ON APRIL 18 AND 20, HE STATED, "I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A CONFERENCE ON HOW TO USE NUCLEAR POWER IN THE ASIAN REGION IN NEAR FUTURE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS," AND REVEALED HIS WILL TO SUGGEST, IN THE UPCOMING NUCLEAR SUMMIT, HOLDING AN ASIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AIMED AT PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR POWER.

LOOKING AT THE ASIAN AREA, CHINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARE AMONG THE COUNTRIES THAT ALREADY POSSESS NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. IN ADDITION, A PORTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) ARE MOVING TO INTRODUCE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. ASIA THUS SHOWS A TENDENCY TO INCREASE NUCLEAR POWER.

JOINT DECLARATION HINTS AT FUTURE REDUCTION OF BASES (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

ON APRIL 17, JAPAN AND THE U.S. ARE EXPECTED TO ISSUE A JOINT DECLARATION ON SECURITY, IN WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES REFER TO THE POSSIBILITY, IN AN INDIRECT EXPRESSION, OF REDUCING THE U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN, EYEING FUTURE POSSIBLE CHANGES IN NORTHEAST ASIAN SITUATIONS, SUCH AS THE KOREAN PENINSULA. IN THE U.S., THERE IS AN ATMOSPHERE OF INDICATING THAT A CERTAIN COURSE WILL BE IN SIGHT IN ABOUT FIVE YEARS REGARDING THE KOREAN PENINSULA SITUATION AND CHINA'S MILITARY BUILDUP AND GENERATIONAL CHANGE. THEREFORE, IT MAY SAFELY BE SAID THAT THE U.S. SIDE, WHICH DOES NOT WANT TO FIX ITS DEPLOYMENT OF 100,000 U.S. TROOPS IN EAST ASIA OR ITS STATIONING OF 47,000 TROOPS IN JAPAN, CAME TO SHOW A POSTURE OF RESPONDING FLEXIBLY TO FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES.

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ABOUT REDUCING THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN JAPAN,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERRY HAS DEFINITELY STATED, "WE'RE
NOT CONSIDERING IT." HOWEVER, FORMER U.S. ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ARMITAGE, WHO IS SAID TO HAVE

TKI0213 SECURITY ERROR "SUGGESTED IT TO SECRETARY PERRY" (ACCORDING TO A
IN THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY) THAT THE SITE OF FUTENMA
AIR STATION (IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE) BE ENTIRELY RETURNED
TO THE LOCAL SIDE, ASSERTED STRONGLY THAT "IT IS WRONG TO
WRITE IN THE FIGURE 47,000 IN THE SECURITY DECLARATION AS
U.S. TROOPS IN JAPAN." IN ADDITION, FORMER ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JOSEPH NYE, WHO SUPERVISED THE WORK
OF REAFFIRMING JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY, ALSO SAYS, "THOSE
FIGURES IN TERMS OF 100,000 TROOPS AND 47,000 ARE WHAT
INDICATED THE WAY THEY WERE AT THE TIME WHEN WE CREATED
THE EAST ASIA STRATEGY REPORT." BEHIND THESE TWO FORMER
PENTAGON OFFICIALS' RESPECTIVE WORDS, THEY UNDOUBTEDLY
ANTICIPATE THAT "THE USFJ ALSO CAN BE REDUCED IF THE
SECURITY ENVIRONMENT OF NORTHEAST ASIA CHANGES IN THE
FUTURE."

THE BILATERAL SECURITY DECLARATION STIPULATES THE TERM
"CHANGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT." THIS
WORDING, PRIMARILY, CONNOTES THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF
THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA)
AND THE ISSUE OF UNIFYING NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IN THE
FUTURE. NEXT, IT ALSO INCLUDES SUCH ELEMENTS AS THE
FUTURE COURSE OF CHINA-TAIWAN RELATIONS AND RUSSIA'S
ONGOING REFORM OF ITSELF FOR DEMOCRACY. IF THOSE
UNCERTAINTIES ARE GRADUALLY ELIMINATED IN THE FUTURE, THE
ROLE OF THE USFJ AS "DETERRENCE" ON REGIONAL CONFLICTS
CAN BE REDUCED AS WELL. THERE IS ALSO A JUDGMENT SAYING
THAT "IN THE FUTURE, IF THERE IS PROGRESS IN THE
MODERNIZATION OF EQUIPMENT AND THE INTRODUCTION OF HIGH
TECHNOLOGIES FOR EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE
TO REDUCE THE TROOPS EVEN WHILE MAINTAINING THE PRESENT
LEVEL OF CAPABILITIES" (FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE ARMITAGE).

JAPAN AND THE U.S., IN THEIR BILATERAL SECURITY STATEMENT RELEASE THIS TIME, DECLARE THEIR INTENTION OF PUSHING AHEAD WITH A REVIEW OF THE MODALITY OF BILATERAL DEFENSE COOPERATION IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY. THE U.S. SIDE, TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY, WILL CALL ON JAPAN TO ASSUME MUCH MORE "RESPONSIBILITY" THAN EVER, AND IS APPARENTLY DRAWING A LONG-TERM STRATEGY TO LIGHTEN THE BURDEN OF U.S. FORCES WHICH HAVE IN EFFECT PLAYED THE ROLE OF "ASIA'S POLICEMAN." SINCE THE COLD WAR.

JAPAN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN BMD CONCEPT
(YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE SUMMIT TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 15 IN THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY OVER THE CONCEPT OF BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (BMD). ON THE 16TH, IT WAS LEARNED U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERRY IN THE MEETING HAD ASKED JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL USUI TO MAKE A POLITICAL DECISION WITHIN THE YEAR WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY OF SUCH A CONCEPT. SINCE MANY IN THE U.S. DEFENSE INDUSTRY HAVE STRONGLY CALLED ON THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND FIRMS TO TAKE PART IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON BMD, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, EYEING THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE THIS FALL, WILL INEVITABLY URGE IN A STRONGER TONE JAPAN TO DO SO. THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY OF THE BMD PROBLEM LEADING TO ANOTHER POLITICAL ISSUE BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

IN RESPONSE TO THE U.S. REQUEST, DIRECTOR GENERAL USUI EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW MEDIUM-TERM DEFENSE POWER CONSOLIDATION PLAN (FOR FY1996 TO FY2001) SPECIFIES, "WE WILL ARRIVE AT A CONCLUSION AFTER EXAMINING IT AS TO ITS USEFULNESS AND COST-EFFICIENCY FROM A COMPREHENSIVE POINT OF VIEW." HE THEN INDICATED HIS PERSPECTIVE THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE A DECISION WITHIN THE YEAR, EXPLAINING, "I WOULD LIKE YOU TO REALIZE THAT A CERTAIN
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PERIOD OF TIME IS REQUIRED (BEFORE WE MAKE A DECISION)."

BMD CAN ARRIVE AT A DESTINATION IN A SHORT TIME, AND ITS PURPOSE IS TO SHOOT DOWN BALLISTIC MISSILES THAT ARE HARD FOR THE RADAR TO CATCH. IT CONSISTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE-

TKI0214 SECURITY ERROR GATHERING SYSTEM INCLUDING SATELLITES AND THE INTE SYSTEMS INCLUDING THE INTERCEPT THEATER HIGH ALTITUDE AREA DEFENSE (THAAD) IN OUTER SPACE AND PATRIOT MISSILES.

4,500 DEMONSTRATE AT TOKYO PARK AGAINST BASES
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 39)

LATE ON THE 16TH JUST AS UNITED STATES PRESIDENT CLINTON WAS ARRIVING IN TOKYO, A "TOKYO RALLY TO PROTEST FORCIBLE USE OF LAND BY THE U.S. MILITARY BASES" ON OKINAWA WAS BEING HELD IN YOYOGI PARK, SHIBUYA WARD, TOKYO. ALTHOUGH IT WAS RAINING LAST NIGHT, ABOUT 4,500 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE RALLY (ACCORDING TO THE POLICE). ABOUT 100 OKINAWA LANDOWNERS CALLED FOR SUPPORTING THEIR ANTI-BASE ACTIVITIES.

SHOICHI CHIBANA (47), WHOSE LAND HAS BEEN ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY THE GOVERNMENT, WAS AMONG THEM. HE SAID: "WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REVERSION OF FUTENMA AIR STATION, I WAS SURPRISED AND GLAD. BUT WITH THE JAPAN-U.S. AGREEMENT THIS TIME WHICH AIMS AT STRENGTHENING THE BASES' FUNCTIONS. I NOW WOULD LIKE PRESIDENT CLINTON TO TAKE ALL THOSE BASES HOME WITH HIM." MISAKA TAMAGAWA (55), A HOUSEWIFE COMING FROM CHIBA PREFECTURE, SAID: "I THOUGHT I UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION IN OKINAWA, BUT I NOW FULLY REALIZE HOW MUCH SUFFERING THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE ENDURE." ANOTHER HOUSEWIFE (59) FROM KODAIRA CITY, TOKYO, REMARKED: "I LIVE NEAR YOKOTA AIR BASE. SO THIS IS NOT SOME OTHER PERSON'S BUSINESS FOR ME. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HOLD RALLIES ON THE MAINLAND NOT IN OKINAWA." THE PROTESTERS DEMONSTRATED IN TWO MARCHES AROUND SHIBUYA AND HARAJUKU.

(ED. NOTE: THE ASAHI SHIMBUN REPORTED THE RALLY FIGURE AT 15,000.)

COST OF REVERTING FUTENMA ESTIMATED AT 500 BILLION YEN
(MAINICHI - TOP PLAY)

IT WAS REVEALED ON THE 16TH THAT THE COSTS OF REALIGNMENT, CONSOLIDATION, AND REDUCTION OF U.S. OKINAWA BASES, INCLUDING A REVERSION OF FUTENMA AIR STATION, SUGGESTED IN THE JAPAN-U.S. SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE'S (SACO) INTERIM REPORT, WOULD TOTAL 700 BILLION YEN TO 1 TRILLION YEN. THIS WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE THREE RULING PARTIES.

THE FIGURE ONLY INCLUDES RELOCATION COSTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES. MEASURES FOR

SITES FORMALLY USED AS BASE FACILITIES WOULD PUSH UP THE TOTAL EVEN MORE. THE GOVERNMENT WILL CARRY OUT IN-DEPTH STUDIES ON COSTS. FINDING FINANCIAL RESOURCES WILL BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

ACCORDING TO A DEFENSE AGENCY SOURCE, RELOCATING FUTENMA AIR STATION WOULD COST ABOUT 500 BILLION YEN, THE MOST COSTLY OF ALL FACILITIES. THAT IS BECAUSE FOR THE REVERSION OF THE AIR STATION, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OUTLAYS AND CONSTRUCTING A NEW HELIPORT IN OTHER U.S. OKINAWA BASES WOULD BECOME NECESSARY.

RELOCATION COSTS WOULD BE EARMARKED IN SEVERAL YEARS. NEVERTHELESS, IT WOULD ACCOUNT FOR AS MUCH AS 20 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL DEFENSE OUTLAYS (4.8455 TRILLION YEN IN YF1996).

COALITION CAMP NOT FULLY UNITED ON NEW OKINAWA PLAN
(ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE RULING PARTIES WILL NOW BE PRESSED INTO A DETAILED DEBATE OVER THE NEW RESPONSES TO DECISIONS MADE BY THE
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JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS ON THE BILATERAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENT AND OKINAWA BASES. ON SUCH ISSUES AS THE CLASSIFICATION OF "GRAY ZONE" ACTIVITIES THAT ARE CONNECTED TO THE USE OF THE RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE, AND THE COST OF TRANSFERRING BASE FACILITIES,

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TKI0215 SECURITY ERROR DELICATE DIFFERENCES IN THE POSITIONS OF THE LIBER
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
(SDP) ARE EMERGING.

SDP SECURITY RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SHUN OIDE ON THE 12TH ISSUED A DOCUMENT ENTITLED "NEW ROLE FOR THE U.S.- JAPAN SECURITY TREATY" IN WHICH HE STATED: "ONCE THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT MEETING IS OVER, A SERIOUS TIME IS COMING AND WE MUST HAVE A MAJOR DEBATE ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE ACQUISITIONS AND CROSS-SERVICING AGREEMENT (ACSA), THE GUIDELINES FOR JAPAN-U.S. JOINT DEFENSE COOPERATION, AND THE REALIGNMENT, CONSOLIDATION, AND REDUCTION OF THE BASES."

DOD STUDYING NEW EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR OKINAWA, ASIA EXCHANGES (YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

(WASHINGTON, APRIL 16, TOSHIRO IKEMURA) ON THE OCCASION OF U.S. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO JAPAN, IT WAS REVEALED THAT A PLAN HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO TOP-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. IT PROPOSES ESTABLISHING A NEW HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION UNDER THE JOINT INITIATIVE OF JAPAN AND THE U.S. FOR THE PURPOSE OF "TURNING OKINAWA INTO A PLACE FOR INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGES IN ASIA." THE PROPOSAL WILL BE INTERTWINED WITH THE PROBLEM OF USING THE SITE OF Futenma Air Station, which will be returned. Additionally, it is also noted as a plan to change the positioning of Okinawa which is liable to be discussed solely from the military aspect.

WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO JAPAN AS AN OPPORTUNITY, THE PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY PROFESSOR NATHANIEL THAYER, DIRECTOR OF THE ASIA DEPARTMENT AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SAIS), IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST MADE BY THE PENTAGON'S TOP OFFICIALS, NAMELY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERRY AND JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF CHAIRMAN SHALIKASHVILI, TO THE U.S. EXPERTS ON JAPAN-U.S. RELATIONS REGARDING WAYS TO INTRODUCE A NEW PERSPECTIVE INTO JAPAN-U.S. RELATIONS OVER THE SHORT-TO-MEDIUM TERM..

AN INFORMED SOURCE SAID THAT PROFESSOR THAYER HIMSELF PRESENTED THAT PLAN TO THE TWO PENTAGON OFFICIALS THIS FEBRUARY, AND BOTH LIKED IT. THE DOD IS TREATING THE PROPOSAL AS SOMETHING TO BE CONSIDERED.

THE SO-CALLED THAYER PROPOSAL FEATURES THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A BILATERAL-BASIS JOINT HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION CENTERING ON A POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL -- NOT ONLY FOR JAPANESE AND AMERICAN STUDENTS BUT ALSO FOR STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN ASIA -- AS AN "INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGE CENTER IN ASIA." ITS CONCRETE CONCEPT AND OTHER SPECIFICS, SUCH AS MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING, WILL NOW BE STUDIED, BUT THE PLAN IS NOTEWORTHY FOR ITS CONCEPT OF UTILIZING THE SITE OF THE Futenma Airfield after reversion.

FOR NOW, THE PROPOSAL IS STILL UNDER STUDY AMONG SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERRY AND OTHER TOP-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE PENTAGON AND ALSO AT THE LEVEL OF SOME OTHER OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. FROM NOW ON, HOWEVER,

IT IS EXPECTED TO BECOME ONE OF THE U.S. SIDE'S LIKELY
OVERTURES WHEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. WORK TOGETHER TO STUDY
A CONCEPT FOR THE FUTURE OF OKINAWA.

PRIVATE SECTOR EXPECTED TO TAKE LEAD IN FINDING
BREAKTHROUGH ON SEMICONDUCTOR-PACT ISSUE
(ASAHI - PAGE 11)

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THE JAPANESE AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS HAVE LOCKED
HORNS OVER WHETHER TO RETAIN OR SCRAP THE SEMICONDUCTOR
PACT, WITH THE EXPIRATION OF THE DEADLINE AT THE END OF
JULY. IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THE CURRENT
IMPASSE ON THIS ISSUE, A PLAN HAS SURFACED IN JAPAN AND

TKI0216 SECURITY ERROR THE U.S. TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OPTION AND CONTENTS
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT PACT AT THE PRIVATE-SECTOR TALKS
TO BE HELD BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO INDUSTRIES IN
HAWAII STARTING ON THE 26TH. BUT THERE REMAINS A WIDE
GAP IN THE POSITIONS OF JAPAN, WHICH WANTS TO REPLACE THE
CURRENT ACCORD WITH AN PRIVATE-SECTOR-BASED ACCORD, AND
THE U.S. , WHICH AIMS AT HAVING A PRIVATE-SECTOR PACT
ENDORSED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ACCORD. THE FOCUS WILL BE ON
HOW TO TREAT "GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION" DURING THE PRIVATE-
SECTOR TALKS AND THEN HOW TO REACH AGREEMENT.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE PRIVATE-SECTOR SEMICONDUCTOR TALKS IN
HAWAII WILL INCLUDE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION OF
JAPAN CHJRMAN NORIO OHGA AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH WANT TO HEAD OFF AN GXTENSION
OF THE PACT, AND U.S. SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRIAL
ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN PAT WEBER. UNTIL THE DEADLINE RUNS
OUT, THE TWO INDUSTRIES WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON A
FRAMEWORK FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION AND THE PRIORITY OF

GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION.

MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) SHUNPEI TSUKAHARA AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE 16TH HIGHLY EVALUATED THE RESULTS OF THE APRIL 9 OHGA-WEBER TALKS, SAYING "IT IS GREAT PROGRESS THAT BOTH INDUSTRIES CONFIRMED EACH OTHER'S WILLINGNESS TO CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS."

HE ADDED, "THE JAPANESE INDUSTRY'S THOUGHT IS THAT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PRIVATE SECTORS WITHOUT GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IS PREFERABLE, WHILE CHAIRMAN WEBER REPORTEDLY INSISTS ON THE NEED FOR IT. I THINK THE INDUSTRIES WILL COME UP WITH SOME CONCLUSION (ON THE ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION)." HE INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO SHIFT THE DEBATE ON THE SEMICONDUCTOR ISSUE OVER TO THE INDUSTRIES FOR THE TIME BEING.

IN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY, THERE ARE THE FOLLOWING VIEWS: "THE JAPANESE INDUSTRY WILL BUCKLE DOWN TO PREVAIL ON THE U.S. INDUSTRY TO FOLLOW THE LINE OF GOVERNMENT'S NON-INTERVENTION;" AND "EVEN IF BOTH SIDES FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT AT PRIVATE-SECTOR TALKS, THE PACT COULD BE SCRAPPED, WITH TIME RUNNING OUT."

ON THE U.S. SIDE, WHICH CALLS FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL ACCORD, THERE IS NOW A TENDENCY TO ACCEPT THE IDEA OF LETTING A PRIVATE-SECTOR ACCORD GO AHEAD FIRST, IN RESPONSE TO JAPAN'S STRONG "RESISTANCE." U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN MONDALE ALSO HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE WOULD NOT INSIST ON GOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS ALONE, REMARKING "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS FLEXIBLE ABOUT WHAT FORMULA THE AGREEMENT TAKES." YET, THE U.S. HAS AN INTENTION TO CHARACTERIZE A "PRIVATE-SECTOR AGREEMENT" AS A "BREAKTHROUGH TO LEAD TO AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE GOVERNMENTAL PACT."

SHINSHINTO NOW TALKING ABOUT DIET DISSOLUTION IN JULY (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE SHINSHINTO EXECUTIVE, INCLUDING PRESIDENT ICHIRO OZAWA, INTENDS TO START MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS, TARGETING THE SECOND HALF OF THE "JUSEN (HOUSING LOAN CORPORATIONS) DIET" BATTLE. THE ANTICIPATION IS THAT THE CURRENT DIET SESSION WILL BE EXTENDED IF THE HANDLING OF THE JUSEN-RELATED BILLS PUTTERS ALONG; AS A RESULT, A POSSIBILITY OF DISSOLVING THE LOWER HOUSE IN JULY WILL EMERGE. THE SHINSHINTO'S APPROACH IS, AT THE SAME TIME, FULL OF CALCULATION: IT WANTS TO TURN THE TIDE OF DELIBERATIONS AT THE LOWER HOUSE SPECIAL FINANCIAL PROBLEMS COMMITTEE IN ITS FAVOR
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BY CHECKING THE MOVES OF THE SDP AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY,
WHICH WANT TO SEE THE PASSAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT-PROPOSED
JUSEN LIQUIDATION BILLS DURING THE CURRENT DIET SESSION.
ITS TACTICS FOR THAT PURPOSE IS TO SHOW THAT IT HAS A
"DIET DISSOLUTION" IN MIND.

TKI0217 SECURITY ERROR
REFERRING TO DELIBERATIONS BY THE SPECIAL FINANCIAL
PROBLEMS SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE LOWER
HOUSE ON THE 19TH, SHINSHINTO SECRETARY GENERAL TAKASHI
YONEZAWA AT THE PARTY'S STANDING COUNSELORS MEETING HELD
ON THE 16TH STRESSED, "THE OCCASION FOR A DISSOLUTION
MIGHT BE TOUCHED OFF DURING THE COURSE OF THOSE
DELIBERATIONS."

ACTUAL DELIBERATIONS BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ARE LIKELY
TO BEGIN AFTER THE CONSECUTIVE HOLIDAYS IN MAY, WHICH
LEAVES ONLY ABOUT A MONTH UNTIL THE END OF THE SESSION
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 19. SOME MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) ARE, THEREFORE, BEGINNING TO CALL
FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE DIET SESSION. IN THE SDP AND
SAKIGAKE, THE ATMOSPHERE OF OPPOSING A VIEW CALLING FOR
EXTENSION IS STRONG, SUSPECTING THAT IT MAY LEAD TO A
LOWER-HOUSE DISSOLUTION. HOWEVER, UNLESS THE JUSEN-
RELATED BILLS ARE CLEARED, IT IS NOT EVEN POSSIBLE TO
IMPLEMENT THE JUSEN BUDGET OF 685 BILLION YEN.

SUCH BEING THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SHINSHINTO EXECUTIVE IS
CALCULATING THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RULING CAMP,
WHICH ARE ENDEAVORING TO PASS THE JUSEN-LIQUIDATION BILLS
AS THEY WERE ORIGINALLY DRAFTED, AND THE SHINSHINTO,
WHICH IS DETERMINED TO REJECT SUCH BILLS, CLASH WITH EACH
OTHER, IT MAY LEAD TO A LOWER-HOUSE DISSOLUTION. PARTY
HEAD OZAWA IS NOW PUTTING ENERGIES INTO THE SUPPORT OF
PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR POSSIBLE LOWER HOUSE
ELECTIONS. AS PART OF SUCH EFFORTS, HE VISITED OITA
PREFECTURE ON THE 14TH AND TOYAMA PREFECTURE ON THE 16TH
TO CAMPAIGN. HE APPEALED, "WE WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR AN
ELECTION BY THE SUMMER."

AT A MEETING OF THE "TOMORROW'S CABINET" HELD ON THE 16TH, THE SHINSHINTO DECIDED TO PREPARE BASIC POLICY MEASURES FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS, INCLUDING HOW TO HANDLE THE COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE RIGHT. THE PARTY'S "CONSTITUTIONS INVESTIGATIVE COUNCIL" WILL BE LAUNCHED AFTER THE CONSECUTIVE HOLIDAYS.

AS OF THE 16TH, 225 CANDIDATES (AND ONE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE) HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY ENDORSED. A SENIOR SHINSHINTO MEMBER SAID, "WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MAKE IT 300." THE PARTY ALSO PLANS TO CALL IN 83 NEW FACES TO ITS HEADQUARTERS ON THE 18TH. IT WILL DESIGNATE THEM AS "POLICY COUNCILORS" OF THE PARTY. THEIR JOB IS TO PROMPT PREPARATIONS FOR POSSIBLE ELECTIONS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE PARTY WILL HEAR FROM THEM THE SITUATIONS IN THEIR ELECTORAL DISTRICTS AND REQUESTS FOR THE PARTY.

THERE IS, HOWEVER, A STRONG FEELING IN THE GOVERNMENT AND RULING BLOC THAT A DISSOLUTION SHOULD BE DEFERRED TO A LATER DATE, BECAUSE, "AN EARLY DISSOLUTION IS NOT WISE AS LONG AS THE DIET SESSION IS HAUNTED BY THE JUSEN" (LDP MEMBER WHO HAS THE EXPERIENCE OF SERVING AS A CABINET MINISTER). AS FOR THE SHINSHINTO, ITS VIEWS ARE NOT UNANIMOUS REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE TOUGH LINE DESIRED BY OZAWA.

JAPAN TO INVITE 100 AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN JUNE
(YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT WILL LAUNCH AN ANNUAL PROGRAM, STARTING IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, TO INVITE EVERY YEAR 100 AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDYING THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING YOUTH EXCHANGES BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. AT THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 17 BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO AND U.S. PRESIDENT CLINTON, THE PRIME MINISTER
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WILL PRESENT THIS PLAN TO THE PRESIDENT. THE GOVERNMENT
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT SYMBOLIZE THE TWO NATIONS' "POPULAR
EXCHANGES" -- ONE OF THE MAIN AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE
BILATERAL SUMMIT TALKS.

TKI0218 SECURITY ERROR INVITED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM THE U.S. ARE TO
JAPAN FOR A PERIOD OF SIX WEEKS FROM JUNE THROUGH AUGUST
WHEN HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE U.S. RECESS FOR THE SUMMER.
THEY ARE GOING TO EXPERIENCE SUCH PROGRAMS AS HOME STAYS
AT VARIOUS PLACES IN JAPAN AND ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL
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