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[FBIS Transcribed Text] A: It was not a condition.

VI. North Korean Nodong missile development and reported
possession of nuclear warheads [subhead]

Q: You said the Japanese Government is investigating the report,
from which I take it that you are at least entertaining the
possibility that it might be accurate. But, before that report was
made, what was the Government of Japan's assessment of North Korea's
nuclear capabilities?

A: As far as nuclear capabilities are concerned --.

Q: Nuclear weapons and possible nuclear warheads.

A: We are very much interested in the development of the so-
called Nodong missile. We understand that North Korea is
contemplating developing another type of missile which can reach
farther than the Nodong. While we are following what they are
doing, we have not received concrete information which we can
publicize. What we can say is that we are following what is going
on over there, together with our ally, the United States.

Q: Before this report was made, did Japan have its own estimate
of the number of warheads, if any, that North Korea had?

A: If you talk about warheads, the Government of Japan has not

obtained any specific information on whether the North Koreans own a specific number of warheads or not.

VII. Possibility of North Korean matters being discussed at the Lyon G-7 Summit [subhead]

Q: Do you think there is a possibility that the G-7 economies will take up the North Korean matter at the Summit in Lyon?

A: As you know, at the G-7 Summit, the participants will freely exchange views on various subjects. On the basis of past experience, they will exchange views on the regional political situation, and the Government of Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States have been urging their European colleagues to be more interested in the situations on the Korean Peninsula. Therefore, there is a big possibility that the Korean matter will be discussed among the Summit participants. But still, we do not know how they will touch on the subject.

Q: Will Japan or the United States bring any specific proposals or suggestions to Lyon regarding the Korean Peninsula?

A: As far as the political subject is concerned, we have to wait until the Communique or Chairman's Declaration is issued. There are still many more days to come, and we can include many things in the Chairman's summing up.

Q: For instance, will Japan or the United States be encouraging European countries to give any more money to KEDO?

A: As far as that subject is concerned, there has been a move inside the European Union to contribute a specific amount of money to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO). We hope that the European Union would formally adopt this and contribute money to KEDO.

Q: The EU has, in turn, been pressing for a seat on the KEDO committee or governing body. Is that request -- that wish -- likely to be granted?

A: I do not have an answer on this. I will check on it and get back to you. But, in any case, that is not a matter to be discussed at the Summit.

Q: No, that wouldn't be discussed at the Summit.

A: No, I think not. But, in any case, I will check and come back to you later.

VIII. Reported misuse of disaster insurance funds by North Korea [subhead]

Q: There are reports that North Korea received insurance payments for drought and floods, and did not use it for food. Do you have any information about this?

A: Yes. We are also investigating this matter. We have heard the report itself, but we have not yet found out whether the report is correct or not. But, in any case, we understand that the DHA itself issued the appeal, based on the firm investigation of the food situation, and so on. However, on this particular insurance matter, we are finding out whether this reflects reality or not.

Q: If this report turns out to be true, meaning North Korea received the money and did not spend it on food, is Japan willing to contribute the aid if that is the case?

A: We understand that the DHA and the World Food Plan (WFP) and other agencies have sent various missions to North Korea, and they took into consideration all possible factors. On the basis of this, they just issued an appeal. This is what the Government of Japan understands.

Q: So, the report about the misuse of the insurance funds has not caused Japan in any way to reassess its aid policy to North Korea?

A: We simply cannot at the moment confirm whether the report is correct or not. Therefore, to be frank, we cannot make a comment on that.

IX. Okinawa elections and the realignment, consolidation and reduction of United States bases on Okinawa [subhead]
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[FBIS Transcribed Text] Q: Last Sunday there was an election in Okinawa. The pro-Ota forces won by a kind of landslide. How does this political development impact the talks on the review of Futenma Air Station?

A: I am a civil servant who works for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I do not think it is appropriate for me to make a comment on Okinawa's prefectural election results. In any case, the Governments of Japan and the United States are determined to make the final report on the realignment, consolidation, and reduction of bases on Okinawa by November. In order to realize the task in front of us, the central Government has to get the full support of Okinawans. So, whatever the results of the prefectural elections in Okinawa, the central Government wants to jointly tackle this issue.

Q: Is it possible?

A: We have to do so. Yesterday, when Governor Masahide Ota of Okinawa Prefecture came to participate in the consultations with the central Government, it was not our understanding that he was opposed to joint cooperation on this issue.

X. Japanese policy regarding the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) and the National League for Democracy (NLD) in

Myanmar [Burma] [subhead]

Q: Yesterday, Ambassador Brown of the United States was in Tokyo talking to Foreign Minister Ikeda in order to coordinate policy on Myanmar. Can you tell us what they talked about and what they agreed on?

A: Yesterday, Ambassador William Brown of the United States of America told Foreign Minister Ikeda that his purpose for visiting Japan and the ASEAN countries is to study how to avoid the further deterioration of situations in Myanmar, and how to promote dialogue between SLORC and the NLD. Foreign Minister Ikeda replied that the Government of Japan is very much concerned about the political situation in Myanmar. Japan also wants to avoid further tense situations in Myanmar, and is trying to find out how it can help improve the situation through dialogue between the two parties. Secondly, Foreign Minister Ikeda said that it is effective for the countries concerned to call upon, individually, the Government of Myanmar to take further steps for democratization. Thirdly, Foreign Minister Ikeda said that the Government of Japan has been maintaining dialogue both with the Government of Myanmar and the NLD, and that Japan will continue to study what it can do on this matter. This is more or less what the two gentlemen talked about.

Q: Apart from the two individual countries making personal representations to the Myanmar Government, what other means of promoting dialogue between the two sides were discussed or considered?

A: For the time being, I understand that both the United States and Japan are happy that the two countries, the other ASEAN countries, and all countries concerned independently approached the Government of Myanmar. But, we have to watch the present situation in Myanmar and wait and see whether the present efforts are sufficient or not.

Q: If the situation deteriorates, would Japan consider sanctions of some kind?

A: It is a bit too early for us to talk about this. The direct conflict between the two parties will not give any satisfactory answer to the question. We understand that the role of the Government of Japan is to do its best to see that conflict will not happen. So, we hope that some kind of dialogue can be established between the two parties, rather than having to think of measures against Myanmar.

Q: You haven't ruled out the possibility of countermeasures?

A: We do not want to make a comment on this, because we have been endeavoring to talk to SLORC and the NLD, and for the time being, NLD Chairman Aung San Suu Kyi has shown restraint. Therefore, we hope that the Myanmar wisdom can work over there.

Q: Could you tell us about the kinds of contact Japan has had with the NLD?

A: We have been constantly contacting NLD Chairman Aung San Suu Kyi and her colleagues, but we do not publicize -- each time -- when we meet or what we talk about. But, we have been communicating with her and her colleagues.

Q: You said that the Ambassador to Myanmar had urged restraint and caution on the part of SLORC. Have Japanese officials made recommendations or suggestions to the NLD about the way they conduct themselves?

A: For example, we have also been telling NLD Chairman Aung San Suu Kyi and her colleagues that we are also communicating with SLORC. And, we ask the NLD to also show further restraint on this,

so that direct conflict between the two parties will not take place.

Q: You pointed out that Aung San Suu Kyi has recently been exercising notable restraint herself. Is that a course of action which Japan approves or recommends?

A: She is a very independent, shrewd politician. I do not think any of the governments can influence her. But, at the same time, I think she has a great capacity to listen to the advice or information given to her. In any case, we have been telling both SLORC and the NLD that they should endeavor to establish some kind of direct contact.

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[FBIS Transcribed Text] [paragraph continues] At the same time, we have been telling SLORC that Myanmar itself should further democratize, and that a civilian government should be established with a new constitution. The Government of Japan advises SLORC to try to get various opinions from the various sectors of society in Myanmar.

XI. Statement by Minister for Foreign Affairs Yukihiko Ikeda on the arrest of Japanese Red Army member Kazue Yoshimura [subhead]

Q: The gist of remarks by the Foreign Minister refers to Kazue Yoshimura, member of the Japanese Red Army. I am not clear about the early details of the case, but it was my understanding that Yoshimura has not been tried, and that she denies involvement in the crimes of which she is suspected. Does that statement that she is a member of the Japanese Red Army suggest that Foreign Minister Ikeda is convinced of her guilt before she stands trial?

A: That lady who was arrested did not confess that she was Kazue Yoshimura. However, the Japanese National Police believes that that lady is Kazue Yoshimura, who is a member of the Japanese Red Army. On the basis of that, Foreign Minister Ikeda issued his statement on the subject.

XII. Distribution channels for humanitarian assistance to North Korea [subhead]

Q: How did the Government decide the amount of the donation to North Korea, and do you believe that it will be used for food purposes and not for the military?

A: As I said, the Government of Japan is in the advanced stage of the decision-making process, and we hope that we can gain a consensus among the coalition parties as soon as possible. Whenever this is possible, we want to publicize this. This is one point. The other point is, we are not in a position yet to confirm the exact amount of aid to North Korea now; however, this money is going to be donated to North Korea through the United Nations organizations, and we trust in their ability to distribute the necessary commodities to the necessary people in need. Thank you very much.

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A. The arrest of Japanese Red Army member Kazue Yoshimura
B. Japan-Republic of India relations
C. The situation in the Union of Myanmar
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III. Humanitarian assistance to North Korea
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VIII. Reported misuse of disaster insurance funds by North Korea
IX. Okinawa elections and the realignment, consolidation and reduction of United States bases on Okinawa
X. Japanese policy regarding the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) and the National League for Democracy (NLD) in Myanmar [Burma]

XI. Statement by Minister for Foreign Affairs Yukihiko Ikeda on the arrest of Japanese Red Army member Kazue Yoshimura

XII. Distribution channels for humanitarian assistance to North Korea

I. Introduction to the Press Conference and announcements to the Press [subhead]

A. The arrest of Japanese Red Army member Kazue Yoshimura
Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hiroshi Hashimoto: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. "Kazue Yoshimura, a member of the Japanese Red Army was arrested thanks to the cooperation extended by authorities of the Republic of Peru. I would like to take this opportunity to express our great appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Peru. This arrest truly shows how important international cooperation is in the prevention of terrorism, including the finding and arresting of terrorists. I would like to continue with actually promoting this international cooperation vigorously." This is the gist of the remarks made by Minister for Foreign Affairs Yukihiko Ikeda on the arrest of Kazue Yoshimura.

B. Japan-Republic of India relations

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hiroshi Hashimoto: Newly-elected Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda of the Republic of India, sent a letter to Prime Minister Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in which he wished to develop a comprehensive dialogue to develop the bilateral relationship in many fields, and proposed to reopen deputy foreign minister meetings. The India-Pakistan dialogue had ceased in January 1994 when the deputy ministers of the two countries talked about the Kashmir issue. The Government of Japan hopes for the reopening of the dialogue to improve the bilateral relations between the two countries.

C. The situation in the Union of Myanmar

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hiroshi Hashimoto: Thirdly, on matters relating to the Union of Myanmar, on 6 June, Japanese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Yoichi Yamaguchi, appealed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar that the meetings held by National League for Democracy (NLD) Chairman Aung San Suu Kyi of the Union of Myanmar should be permitted from the viewpoint of freedom of political activities. On 7 June, the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) of the Union of Myanmar issued a new law -- the law protecting the peaceful and systematic transfer of state responsibility and the successful performance of the functions of its national convention against disturbances and opposition. And, on 8-9 June, the weekly meeting in front of NLD Chairman Aung San Suu Kyi took place as scheduled. SLORC did not interfere in the meetings. On 10 June, Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama stated at his press conference that the Government of Japan hopes that political activities will be respected in Myanmar and that SLORC will continue its restraint measures against the NLD. The situation in Myanmar remains unpredictable. The Government of Japan is closely watching the situation with concern.

Those are the announcements that I wanted to make, and I will be delighted to respond to any questions that you might have.

II. Japan-U.S. security cooperation [subhead]

Q: Many of the Japanese papers this morning reported that the

Japanese Government has decided, or is studying, the possibility of stepping up cooperation with the United States when there is a conflict on the Korean Peninsula -- as being different than when conflict occurs in other parts of the Far East. They would take it as a strong threat toward Japan when there is a case on the Korean Peninsula.

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[FBIS Media Analysis] Japanese media reporting suggests that Okinawa Governor Masahide Ota plans to use his upcoming meetings with Secretary of Defense Perry and other U.S. officials to lobby against reported plans to move a heliport from Futenma Air Station to Kadena Air Base. Ota will reportedly also press for the return of additional U.S. bases. Ota has gained some political support in Tokyo for his stand on the heliport, a situation that may be encouraging him to push the issue with Washington.

Opposition to Heliport

Judging from documents issued by the Okinawan Government and from statements by Okinawan officials to the Japanese media, the heliport issue will be high on Ota's agenda during his meetings with U.S. officials.

- A document on the governor's trip posted on Okinawa Prefecture's Internet home page on 13 June stated that Ota would "seek understanding and cooperation" on the relocation plans.
- It stated that the Okinawan people "are not fully satisfied" with the base reduction plans announced just before President Clinton's recent trip to Japan because most areas identified in the package would be returned "only after their functions are transferred to other bases in Okinawa."
- In addition, Okinawan officials told Kyodo on 14 June that the governor would raise Okinawan opposition to the new heliport during his meeting with Secretary Perry.

Political Support in Tokyo

Japanese media reporting suggests that Ota has won support for his stance against the proposed Kadena heliport among the two smaller parties in the ruling coalition.

- Yukio Hatoyama, the secretary general of Sakigake, questioned

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the planned relocation during a visit to Okinawa on 1 June, stating that it would "damage" the natural environment of the planned relocation site (Kyodo, 1 June).

The secretary general of the Social Democratic Party reportedly met with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto and Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama on 10 June to press them to reconsider the relocation plans, arguing that the Okinawan people regard the relocation as the "construction of another military base" (Asahi Shimbun, 11 June).

Other Bases Issues

Japanese media reporting suggests that Ota may also press U.S. officials for broader cuts in U.S. bases.

-- According to a 14 June Kyodo report, unidentified Okinawan officials stated that the governor will also discuss with Secretary Perry the Okinawan Government's wish to have all U.S. bases on Okinawa returned within 20 years.

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(5) Takashimaya Scandal: The Distribution Industry a Good Patron of Sokaiya!? Internal Troubles Liable to Be Good Chance; NPA Calls for "Courage"

TOKYO SHIMBUN (Page 3) (Full)
June 13, 1996

A commercial law violation case involving Takashimaya Co., Ltd., the leading retail-store corporation in the department-store industry, is another unearthed case of "black-market payoffs," which reveals the structure of collusive ties between business and sokaiya racketeer groups. The distribution industry has been wracked by a series of similar cases, a situation that is destroying the "confidence" of consumers in it. On the other hand, the National Police Agency which is tightening its control over sokaiya groups has been greatly shocked by this case, all the more because the NPA has strongly sought cooperation by promising "not to accuse any companies of anything in the past." (Osamu Kitahama, Economic Section, and Tomosada (?) Matsuno, Local News Section, Tokyo Shimbun).

On June 12, Takashimaya's new president, Tatsuro Tanaka (who is expected to assume office on July 1), was present at a press conference held at the press club in the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Marunouchi, Tokyo. Tanaka, sitting stony-faced, read out a prepared comment: "We will change our old constitution and seek to recover (consumers') trust."

The incidents of payoffs to sokaiya groups since the 1980s have involved a line-up of major department stores and supermarkets well known to consumers, such as Isetan Co., Sogo Co., Parco Co., Ito-Yokado Co., and now Takashimaya. The distribution industry has never managed to stop the recurrence of such similar scandals. The reason is

due to their "old constitution," as mentioned by Takashimaya's new president Tanaka and others.

Many of the major department stores in Japan can be generally divided into two groups. One is in the

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line of draper's stores founded in the Meiji or Taisho era like Takashimaya, and the other group is affiliated with electric-railway companies that embarked on that business during the Showa era -- particularly in the days of high growth after the War.

As for department stores stemming from drapers' stores, there are many cases where real power is in the hands of their founding families both in capital and management. So as not to hurt the founding families, those companies' executives as a class of "draper's store head clerks" repeatedly have given money or material to sokaiya groups and others, falling into a peace-at-any-price principle in their dependency relationships. Such a practice is one of the grounds that have fostered a "premodern business management climate" (according to Tanaka).

Moreover, such a climate is apt to give rise to confrontation between pro- and anti-founding-family factions over the right of management, and such a dispute is liable to give a chance to sokaiya groups and other racketeers to step in. Hiroshi Hidaka, the first non-founding-family member to head Takashimaya, appeared at a press conference on June 11 to announce his resignation. Hidaka said,

"We haven't had any internal trouble with our founder, the Iida family." But when Hidaka announced his resignation right after his return home on June 10, it was rumored in the company that its next presidency might be restored to the Iida family.

"What is most unwelcome to department stores," says a department store company employee of middle standing, "is to have a customer who loudly protests against something (about their goods or services) over the counter." So, companies in the distribution industry are more strongly liable than other industries to fear trouble from their customers. Many in the business point out that department stores conspicuously tend to settle troubles by paying money or offering merchandise when opening new stores or carrying out real-estate transactions.

The scandal this time appears to be expanding. Takashimaya has now set up an investigation committee. How far can it make public the contents of its investigation to convince consumers, shareholders, and clients? Another question is whether or not it will be able to shut out sokaiya groups by positively disclosing information like European and American businesses do in their see-through management. This undoubtedly is a task not only for Takashimaya as a "newly reborn" department-store company but also for all other companies in the distribution industry.

On the other hand, the NPA is now again shocked at the deep-rooted collusive ties of enterprises and sokaiya groups.

According to the NPA, the Takashimaya scandal is
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the 25th case of pay-offs to sokaiya groups since the Commercial Code was revised (in 1982) to root out sokaiya racketeers. Police have booked 71 persons on the side of companies and 123 on the side of sokaiya groups.

Since the Commercial Code revision, the NPA has requested the side of companies to resolutely repel any unreasonable threatening or demand for money and to report such cases to police as soon as possible, while trying not to settle such troubles internally.

In March 1994, NPA Commissioner General Yasumitsu Kiuchi (at the time) took an unprecedented course of action, remarking: "In case companies are endeavoring to break off their ties with sokaiya groups, then we will not accuse them of their involvement in payoff cases in the past." The NPA thus created an environment so that it could easily obtain companies' cooperation.

As for the reason why there has been no change in awareness in the distribution industry or other industries, the NPA presumes that it can be attributed to a "defensive instinct" peculiar to Japanese enterprises that fear a possible worsening of their images if they have to ride out their shareholders' meetings or have some kind of scandal.

Also, the NPA says that there are not a few cases where the companies positively depend on sokaiya groups as seen in such facts as that companies' executives make use of sokaiya members or make payoffs to an influential sokaiya group boss and ask his group to cope with other sokaiya groups, as in the case of the Takashimaya scandal this time.

Meanwhile, although some companies are now struggling to break off their ties with sokaiya groups, some of their executives have been targeted for terrorist acts. So, companies cannot wipe away their feeling of distrust, wondering if police will really protect them.

The NPA now has a handle on about 1,030 sokaiya racketeers in the nation, most of which are believed to be linked to gangster organizations or right-wing groups. The NPA has been enforcing control over sokaiya groups by applying all possible laws and ordinances. Last year the NPA unearthed 23 cases, including threats and

intimidations, and booked 43 sokaiya racketeers.

In the case of companies that have successfully cut of their ties to the sokaiya, their top executives now assume a dauntless attitude toward such groups. Police authorities also are now backing them up full-scale and intend to repeatedly urge companies to "courageously" move in the direction of rooting out the sokaiya racketeer groups.

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"Emergency" for Reversion

ASAHI (Page 1) (Full)
June 17, 1996

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto looked anxiously at his wrist watch. He was at a Chinese restaurant in Nishi-Azabu in Tokyo on the night of March 27. The Prime Minister was dining with his family at that restaurant, but he was expecting an important guest at the living quarters of his official residence. The Prime Minister stayed at the restaurant only about ten minutes before returning to his official residence.

U.S. Ambassador to Japan Mondale and Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama arrived separately at the official residence. They came under the pretext of "celebrating Chief Cabinet Secretary Kajiyama's birthday," but the real aim was

different.

There were only 20 days left until U.S. President Clinton's visit to Japan. But Japan and the U.S. had seen no progress at all in their working-level negotiations in the direction of reducing the U.S. military bases on Okinawa. The Prime Minister wanted to probe into the U.S. side's real intention.

In addition to the three, there was also a high-ranking official from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) at the meeting that night. On the table in the reception room was a set of satellite-taken pictures brought by the U.S. side. The U.S. side, including that high-ranking official, explained each of those photographs.

Those photographs showed military placements in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Chinese forces near the Taiwan Straits, and some other scenes. All of those photographs were handled as top secrets. Chief Cabinet Secretary Kajiyama, who is usually eloquent, gazed steadily at those pictures.

Ambassador Mondale continued, "As you see, the international situation surrounding Japan still remain unstable. Our two countries' bilateral cooperation in times of emergency is now very important."

That day the Ambassador carried a personal letter from the President. In it, the President expressed his resolve to "make our April summit meeting a success by all means."

After the high-ranking CIA official left the official residence, the three poured rounds of drinks for each other. The Prime Minister chose Japanese sake, and the Ambassador and the Chief Cabinet Secretary preferred beer. All three became drunk.

At 9:30 p.m., the Prime Minister saw the Ambassador off at the entrance. The Prime Minister then said
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to the Chief Cabinet Secretary, "The letter does not say anything about the Futenma airfield. But there seems to be a ray of hope for reversion. I think it's worth while to negotiate." The Chief Cabinet Secretary answered, "If you feel so, then you'd better give it a try."

The bilateral security arrangement had been rocked by the rape of a schoolgirl in Okinawa by U.S. servicemen. With a summit meeting scheduled, Okinawa Prefecture was strongly calling for return of the Futenma airfield site. The Prime Minister himself had conveyed his hope to U.S. President Clinton about a month ago for "returning Futenma."

The Prime Minister had sensed a signal being sent, from the combination of the high-ranking CIA official's briefing of satellite photographs and the President's signed letter. The Prime Minister imagined to himself that the U.S. was perhaps thinking that if bilateral cooperation in times of emergency in the areas surrounding Japan could be affirmed, it would be possible for Futenma to be returned ...

At his official residence, the Prime Minister repeatedly met and negotiated with Ambassador Mondale on April 2, 8, and 10. Then, on April 12, the two reached agreement on a Futenma reversion in five to seven years. On April 14, the Prime Minister met with U.S. Secretary of Defense Perry, and then the two agreed to set about the work of reviewing the "Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation" to provide against emergencies in the Far East. At the Japan-U.S. summit meeting on April 17, the two countries confirmed those agreements.

On the afternoon of April 8, the U.S. Government formally transmitted the "Futenma return." The Ambassador met with the Prime Minister for about an hour. Right after that, the Prime Minister told Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Teijiro Furukawa, Foreign Ministry North American Affairs Bureau Director General Masaki Orita, and Defense Agency

Defense Policy Bureau Director General Masahiro Akiyama:: "Futenma will be returned. The U.S. has agreed to it. But I don't want you to spill the beans -- neither to the minister nor the administrative vice minister of your agency. If you should leak this, I'll have your hide."

The Prime Minister then explained the negotiations in detail.

The U.S. proposed three conditions for returning Futenma: (1) the functions of the U.S. Forces in Japan must not be degraded; (2) the Japanese side should bear costs for the airfield's relocation; and (3) in times of emergency, U.S. forces should be allowed to use civilian airports in Japan. Japan has generally accepted those preconditions ...

One of those present there took it that "the Prime Minister made a package deal on Futenma and the
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issue of emergency."

News of the "Futenma reversion" as of April 11 had not leaked. But on April 12, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun reported it in its morning edition.

"I'm going to announce it tonight." So saying, the Prime Minister gave orders to his secretary, and invited Ambassador Mondale to his official residence in the evening. After 6:00 p.m., the Prime Minister finalized their agreement. Right after that, the Prime Minister called in to his

office Chief Cabinet Secretary Kajiyama, Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda, and JDA Director General Hideo Usui, and then told them about his agreement with the U.S.

The Prime Minister then made a phone call to the Finance Ministry's Budget Bureau Director General Takeshi Komura in the presence of the Ambassador and the Japanese side's Cabinet ministers, and the Prime Minister told Komura over the phone: "I've got Futenma back.. Ambassador Mondale also is here with me now. So, I want you to work out the relocation costs." The Prime Minister so argued down the Finance Ministry, which was reluctant about burden-sharing.

One of those present recalls, "I thought I was seeing a Hashimoto one-man show on stage ..."

"Futenma reversion" and "reinforcing Japan-U.S. cooperation in times of emergency" -- The curtain had risen on a turning point of Japan-U.S. security with the Prime Minister's solo recital.

(Hiroshi Hoshi, Asahi Shimbun)

(7) Japan-U.S. Security (Section 1): "Futenma" Shock (Part 1)
Prime Minister's Solo Recital: Tension Runs with Proposal of "Reversion"; Choice of "Tightened Alliance"; Heavy Payment in Future

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On the evening of April 12, when Japan and the U.S. agreed on the reversion of the Futenma airfield site to Japan, the Prime Minister's office at his official residence was hot and stuffy with a heated atmosphere generated by those assembled there, namely, U.S. Ambassador Mondale, Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama, Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda, and their respective secretaries.

Making a phone call before the Ambassador's eyes

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto called Okinawa Prefecture's Governor in the presence of those people in his office.

The Prime Minister said to the Governor, "Mr. Ota, you once studied in the U.S., so I guess you can

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Speak English. Would you please say 'Thank you' to the Ambassador?"

Ambassador Mondale was surprised at the sudden designation by the Prime Minister. With his face all aglow, the Ambassador took the telephone receiver in his hand from the Prime Minister, and listened to the Governor's gratitude.

After his telephone conversation, the Prime Minister told the Cabinet ministers and bureaucrats in his office, "Do not leave this room until I finish my press remarks." So saying, the Prime Minister left the room together with the Ambassador and they walked into the press conference hall.

On April 14, two days later, U.S. Secretary of Defense Perry arrived in Japan prior to President Clinton's visit to Japan, and called at the Prime Minister's official residence. If it were not for the "sudden" announcement on April 12, Futenma return was to have been announced after the Prime Minister's meeting with the Secretary of Defense.

The meeting in the hall began in an unprecedented way. Normally, the place of photographing in the beginning is just for a chat. Nonetheless, a number of microphones were set there on that occasion. The Prime Minister then expressed his gratitude for Futenma reversion. In response, the Secretary of Defense continued his words, "The action taken this time is important, but what is even more important now is to revitalize our bilateral relationship. We are placing our hopes on the Prime Minister's leadership in maintaining the most successful alliance which has been unprecedented in history."

The "hopes" expressed by Secretary of Defense Perry were satisfied at a private meeting held right after that. The Prime Minister clarified, "We will have to discuss the Guidelines (for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation) as well from now on. It is time to study and look into what kind of cooperation Japan and the U.S. can carry out in times of emergency in the Far East or in the event of other contingencies in the region."

At a joint press conference after the Japan-U.S. summit meeting on April 17, a press reporter asked, "It was a meeting to make a considerable changeover of Japan's security policy, wasn't it?" The President replied, "We made a slight adjustment to meet the needs of the times."

A businessmen's report moves the Prime Minister

It was about one and a half months before that summit meeting when both of the Japanese and U.S. sides began to move in earnest over "Futenma."

Prime Minister Hashimoto was attending his first summit meeting with President Clinton at Santa Monica on the U.S. West Coast.

Regarding the issue of military bases on Okinawa,
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the President said to the Prime Minister, "We cannot weaken our presence in Asia, but I want you to tell me frankly what you are thinking about."

A senior official of the Foreign Ministry, who was there in the summit meeting, remarks, "Then, the Prime Minister's face turned pale."

After a breath, the Prime Minister set forth his words, "When thinking of the people of Okinawa Prefecture, I cannot but refer to a Futenma return. Of course, I understand well that it would be extremely difficult (to do so) from the aspect of your position that you cannot approve a decline in the functions of U.S. forces."

It was the only scene where the one-hour summit meeting was strained.

On February 22, the day before the Prime Minister's departure on his U.S. trip at that time, some Government officials gathered in the room of Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Teijiro Furukawa in the Prime Minister's official residence. Among them were Cabinet External Affairs Councillors Office Chief Hiroshi Hirabayashi, Foreign Ministry North American Affairs Bureau Director General Masaki Orita, and Defense Agency Defense Policy Bureau Director General Masahiro Akiyama. It was the final round of consultations among administrative officials on whether or not to ask the Prime Minister to bring up "Futenma" at the summit meeting. Their conclusion was that the Prime Minister "should not touch on anything about Futenma."

In the wake of the schoolgirl rape incident in Okinawa, the Japanese and U.S. Governments started a special action committee (SACO) in November last year to discuss the problem of realigning and reducing the (U.S.) military bases on Okinawa. But its work was facing difficulties. A senior official of the Foreign Minister recalls those days, "We could not expect Futenma reversion at all. The opportunity had not ripened for the Prime Minister to bring it up."

The fact of the Prime Minister's having referred to Futenma had foreshadows, one of which was a "report" from a businessman close to the Prime Minister.

For Okinawa's economic development, a number of businessmen from Okinawa and the mainland of Japan formed an "Okinawa forum" in 1990. One of its members, Ken Moroi, Chairman of Chichibu Onoda Cement Corp., visited Okinawa right before the Prime Minister's U.S. visit, and he met with Governor Ota in Okinawa. The Governor then stressed that if Futenma were not returned, the Okinawa prefectural people's feelings would worsen seriously against the bilateral security setup.

After that, on February 21, Moroi, who also presides over the Government's decentralization committee, attended a discussion meeting of the BT

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Liberal Democratic Party's administrative reform promotion headquarters which was held at the LDP headquarters with the Prime Minister also attending. After that meeting, Moroi privately met with the Prime Minister in the LDP president's room. Press reporters asked Moroi about the purpose of his meeting with the Prime Minister. In reply, Moroi camouflaged his purpose, remarking, "About decentralization ..." But Moroi had conveyed the Governor's concern to the Prime Minister.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Kajiyama, who proposed the Prime Minister's visit to the U.S., also had made a suggestion to the Prime Minister before his departure to the U.S.: "I would like you to tell the President what you think is most important."

Moving to aim at lowering the expectations

On February 27, right after the February summit meeting, SACO started a third meeting of its working group at the Department of Defense in Washington. "Futenma" was then an issue to be discussed at the summit level because the Prime Minister had already touched on it. One of the working group members remarks, "We started our discussions in real earnest -- from the aspect of under what conditions reversion will be possible

and how far we can reach by the time of the presidential visit to Japan."

However, a number of difficult problems came up in such discussions. The mainstay of the U.S. armed forces in Okinawa is a unit of Marines to be readied for rapid development with an eye to an emergency on the Korean Peninsula and other contingencies. The contingent of Marines in Okinawa put up a struggle against the idea of returning the Futenma airfield which plays an important role for those Marine troops. In the case of relocation within Okinawa Prefecture, other local municipalities possibly on the list were also expected to show a strong negative reaction against it. Furthermore, the Finance Ministry was likely to frown on relocation costs that were estimated at 1 trillion yen.

A senior official of the Foreign Ministry stated, "If we make the locals expect (Futenma's) return, and if the site is not returned after all, then their disappointment will be much bigger. So, it would be safer to say that there is no possibility of the site being returned." Government bureaucrats so emphasized the "difficulty" of materializing Futenma reversion toward the ruling and opposition parties' politicians and the mass media, and went on trying to lower their expectations.

On March 7, SACO held a fourth meeting of its working group in Tokyo. After that meeting, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Campbell and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Hubbard met with former Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama and other members of the ruling coalition's project team on
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the problem of U.S. military bases on Okinawa at a hotel near the Diet. The U.S. side, including Deputy Assistant Secretary Campbell, asserted that "the success of SACO's work for base realignment and reduction is not the same as the return of Futenma."

After the March 21 SACO working group meeting held in Washington, the Foreign Ministry's Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Division Director Kazuyoshi Umemoto told the press: "Futenma will take time, and it will be extremely difficult to show a course of action by April."

Just after that, the Prime Minister and Governor Ota were meeting at a Chinese restaurant of Roppongi, Tokyo.

Governor Ota: "If you say the Japan-U.S. relationship is important, I would like you to push ahead with a solution of the Okinawa problem. If an accident affecting someone's life should occur at Futenma, the local public's feelings in Okinawa Prefecture will boil."

Prime Minister Hashimoto: "Very difficult. The matter is affected also by the tensions growing over the Taiwan Straits."

Soon after that, the SACO working group presented a report to the two countries' respective leaders. It incorporated two options:

Option A: Futenma is not to be returned, but the frequency of use is to be reduced.

Option B: Futenma is to be returned entirely, but its reversion is to be accompanied by such preconditions as maintaining the functions of U.S. forces, transferring Futenma's functions within Okinawa Prefecture, and the Japanese side's taking on the costs of relocation.

The Prime Minister's choice was Option B.

The impact brought about by that choice jolted the whole nation. Its heavy payment for that will have to be made in the future.

(Hiroshi Hoshi, Yuji Kanemoto, Asahi Shimbun)

(8) Interview with Ambassador to France Matsuura
Prior to Lyon Summit: Fourth Summit in France;
Post-Cold-War Roles Are Now Being Sought

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(Paris, June 14, Masako Yamaguchi)

Prior to the G-7 Summit (Lyon Summit) set for late June, Ambassador to France Koichiro Matsuura, who once worked as sherpa (personal representative of the prime minister) for the Summit, described features of the coming Lyon Summit -- the fourth round of summit in France -- in an exclusive interview given to the Sankei Shimbun. Explaining
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that the Summit in the post-cold-war period has now been at the crossroads, he pointed out it is now "groping for" roles to play. On the Japanese-French relationship, he remarked, "Now is the greatest opportunity" because French President Chirac is "an expert on Japan."

-- What do you think is the significance of the upcoming G-7 Summit?

"The direct factor that brought about the first Summit, held in Rambouillet in 1975, was the first oil shock. During the East-West cold war, no Western country was ever allowed to cause discord, and unanimous action was needed to settle the problem. During the cold-war period, the Western industrialized nations fell in step for the unity of the West, overcoming differences on economic issues and the like. Regarding the medium to long-term perspective for the post-cold-war period, no consensus about the role the Summit should play has

been built among the Group of Seven countries (G-7). We are now at the stage of groping for roles to play."

-- Some argue the G-7 Summit is unnecessary.

"To be sure, the end of the cold war made it unnecessary for the Western countries to unite. But in the London Summit in 1991, focus was centered on assistance toward the Soviet Union, and President Gorbachev at the time joined the summit. In the Munich Summit held the following year, President Yeltsin participated in the Summit in the form of the G-7 plus one. In the 1993 Tokyo Summit, economic talks were held among the G-7 while political ones occurred among the G-7 plus one. This format has continued until today. Now the task is how to handle Russia's involvement."

-- It seems France, the host nation, would like to have a G-8 summit, but

"Russia, in every aspect, has not grown to the G-7 level. The majority view in the G7 is it is too early to adopt a G-8 style approach in the economic area. However, problems that are looked on as being in between political and economic affairs are emerging. The question is how to deal with them."

-- What is your views about French diplomacy?

"Partly because that country is now free from the framework set during the cold war, its diplomacy has been active, particularly since Chirac became president. France aims to integrate the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Western European Union (WEU) and the European Union, while on the other hand, it is desiring to return to the NATO that is led by the United States. The general feature of French diplomacy is it has adopted dual policy by moving ahead with the cooperative system with the U.S. through the G-7 summit and NATO, while reinforcing the WEU, a unique feature to Europe."

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-- The Japanese-French relationship has gone sour due to (France's) nuclear testing, but what are your perspectives?

"Resuming nuclear testing was the long-cherished desire for President Chirac so as to firmly maintain nuclear deterrence power, the core of national defense weapons,. But the fact is that France has been consequently fettered with nuclear testing as is seen in its coming under fire from other EU countries. But after its planned nuclear test was over, France has been most enthusiastic for nuclear disarmament, such as promoting the concluding of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). Speaking of Japan's position, Japan needs to have three axes -- one with the U.S., another with Europe and the third with Asia -- but with the Japan-U.S. security arrangements as the core. It is the greatest chance ever for us that at this point, a Japan-expert President has appeared in France."

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1. SUMMARY: GOVERNOR OTAS JUNE 14 - 19 TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC HAS BEEN FRONT PAGE NEWS HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS. COVERAGE IN THE LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN QUITE CANDID IN REPORTING THE RESULTS OF OTAS MEETINGS, INCLUDING VIEWS EXPRESSED BY A NUMBER OF INTERLOCUTORS THROWING COLD WATER ON SOME OF OTAS HOPES AND PLANS. THE TONE OF REPORTING AND EDITORIAL COMMENT GENERALLY AGREES WITH OTAS OWN ASSESSMENT OF THE TRIP: HE MADE HIS CASE ON BOTH BASE ISSUES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO A HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON AUDIENCE, BUT DID NOT ACHIEVE ANY BREAKTHROUGHS.

END SUMMARY.

2. OKINAWAS TWO DAILY PAPERS HAVE BOTH DEVOTED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE AND SOME EDITORIAL ATTENTION TO GOVERNOR OTAS

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RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S., ESPECIALLY HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY PERRY (REFS A AND B ARE TWO EXAMPLES). MOST OF THE STORIES HAVE BEEN STRAIGHTFORWARD AND FACTUAL, AND HAVE QUOTED OTAS AMERICAN INTERLOCUTORS AT LENGTH, EVEN WHEN THEY TOOK ISSUE WITH THE ARGUMENTS ABOUT U.S. BASES ESPOUSED BY OTA (AND BY THE OKINAWAN MEDIA). THEY REPORTED AND ECHOED OTAS REMARKS THAT THE TRIP WAS A USEFUL CHANCE TO EXPLAIN OKINAWAS VIEWS FACE TO FACE WITH U.S. LEADERS, BUT ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE NO BREAKTHROUGHS IN U.S. PLANS FOR DEALING WITH BASE ISSUES. TV COVERAGE HAS ALSO BEEN HEAVY AND FACTUAL, BUT HAS NOT OFFERED AS MUCH DETAIL ON THE CONTENTS OF OTAS DISCUSSIONS.

3. OTAS MEETING WITH SECRETARY PERRY NATURALLY RECEIVED THE MOST ATTENTION, WITH BOTH PAPERS GIVING A FAIRLY DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WHAT WAS SAID. ESPECIALLY PROMINENT WERE OTAS STATEMENT THAT OKINAWANS ARE OPPOSED TO RELOCATING FUTENMA MARINE CORPS AIR STATION AND OTHER FACILITIES TO NEW SITES WITHIN OKINAWA, AND SECRETARY PERRYS RESPONSE THAT THE CAPABILITIES OF THE U.S. FORCES

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MUST BE MAINTAINED AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO FINAL DECISION ON THE RELOCATION SITE FOR FUTENMA. THE PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT IN THE FOLLOW-ON MEETING WITH DAS CAMPBELL, CAMPBELL TOLD OTA THAT ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT OF RETURNED BASE LAND IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOJ, AND SHOULD NOT BE ENTANGLED WITH GOJ - USG DISCUSSIONS ON THE BASES THEMSELVES.

4. REPORTING ON OTAS MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ASIA REGIONAL TRADE POLICY OFFICE, MYRON BRILLIANT, THE PRESS HERE QUOTED BRILLIANTS STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. BASES IN OKINAWA ENSURE THE PEACE AND STABILITY WITHOUT WHICH U.S. COMPANIES WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO INVEST IN OKINAWA. BRILLIANT WAS PORTRAYED AS BEING HELPFUL IN OFFERING PRACTICAL ADVICE AS TO HOW OKINAWA COULD ENCOURAGE U.S. INVESTMENT, BUT NOT SPECIFICALLY OPTIMISTIC THAT OKINAWA WOULD ACTUALLY WIN SUCH BUSINESS. THE RYUKYU SHIMPO GREETED THE NEWS THAT THE ASIA-PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (APCAC) WILL HOLD A MEETING IN OKINAWA THIS OCTOBER.

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SET FOR OKINAWA THIS YEAR, NOT A SPECIAL MEETING ON DOING BUSINESS IN OKINAWA. ABOUT 45 BUSINESS PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE REGION ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. WE WILL WORK WITH THE AMCHAM TO PUT THE APCAC VISITORS IN TOUCH WITH OKINAWAN ECONOMIC LEADERS. END NOTE.)

5. OTA ALSO MADE A PITCH TO A UN OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON ABOUT GETTING UN INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS A UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED IN OKINAWA, PERHAPS ON LAND VACATED BY BASES, BUT THE OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY DISAPPOINTED OTA BY MENTIONING THAT IT IS THE HOST COUNTRY WHICH FOOTS THE BILL FOR SUCH PROJECTS. THE PRESS ACCOUNTS OF OTAS MEETING WITH FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ARMITAGE ALSO CAME OUT SOUNDING LIKE A LETDOWN FOR OTA. ARMITAGES COMMENTS REPORTEDLY CENTERED ON THE THREATS FROM NORTH KOREA AND CHINA. WHEN OTA RECALLED U.S. GENEROSITY IN FOUNDING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS AND SENDING OKINAWANS TO STUDY IN THE U.S. AND ASKED IF YOU WANT TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS, CANT

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YOU HELP US OUT SOME MORE? ARMITAGE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT OKINAWA AND THE GOJ MUST FIRST WORK THINGS OUT TOGETHER, AND THAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE USG AND GOJ SHOULD NOT BE MIXED UP. OTA SAID IT IS HARD TO DRAW A LINE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

6. THE JUNE 19 EVENING EDITIONS OF BOTH PAPERS QUOTED GUAMS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATE ROBERT UNDERWOOD AS SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR GUAM TO ACCEPT MANY U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES SHOULD THEY BE TRANSFERRED FROM OKINAWA, AND THAT GUAM HAD HAD ITS OWN PROBLEMS WITH MAKING USE OF RETURNED BASE LAND.

7. OTA RATED THE RESULTS OF HIS TRIP AT A B, HAVING PRESENTED THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT CASE DIRECTLY TO A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL AMERICANS, BOTH IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT, BUT WITHOUT HAVING ACHIEVED ANY CERTAIN CHANGES IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD OKINAWA. OKINAWAN PRESS COVERAGE OF THE TRIP TENDS TO GIVE ABOUT THE SAME IMPRESSION. EACH PAPER RAN AN EDITORIAL JUNE 19 HOPING THAT THE U.S. WOULD
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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: THE ANNUAL CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THOSE WHO DIED IN THE BATTLE OF OKINAWA TOOK PLACE AT NOON ON SUNDAY JUNE 23, KNOWN AS IREI NO HI (LIT.: DAY OF COMFORTING THE SPIRITS) OR OKINAWA MEMORIAL DAY. THE OCCASION IS MARKED ON JUNE 23 EACH YEAR SINCE THAT WAS THE DAY AFTER THE U.S. FORCES DECLARED THE QUOTE END OF ORGANIZED RESISTANCE UNQUOTE. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OBSERVANCES AT SEVERAL PLACES IN THE PREFECTURE, THE MAIN CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT NOON IN MABUNI AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND OF OKINAWA. THE CEREMONY SITE IS NOT FAR FROM THE PLACE WHERE JAPANESE COMMANDER USHIJIMA AND HIS CHIEF OF STAFF COMMITTED SUICIDE ON JUNE 19, 1945. IT IS ADJACENT TO THE CORNERSTONE OF PEACE, THE GRANITE WALLS CONTAINING THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE BATTLE. GOVERNOR OTA WAS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND THIS YEAR THE SENIOR GOJ REPRESENTATIVE WAS MINISTER SABURO OKABE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. (NOTE: ADDRESSEES MAY RECALL THAT FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE LAST YEAR, PM MURAYAMA, THE SPEAKERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF THE DIET AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT ATTENDED BOTH THE DEDICATION OF THE CORNERSTONE OF PEACE AND THE MEMORIAL CEREMONY.) BETWEEN FOUR AND FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE ATTENDED THE NOONTIME CEREMONY THIS YEAR. MANY WERE BEREAVED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAD RECEIVED INVITATIONS FROM THE OPG. THE OKINAWA DIET DELEGATION WAS ALSO PRESENT AS WERE MOST MEMBERS OF THE PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYORS. CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESIDENT IN OKINAWA WERE ALSO INVITED EXCEPT FOR NAHA DFAB AND THE SDF. IN HIS KEYNOTE SPEECH, TERMED A PEACE DECLARATION, GOVERNOR OTA SAID OKINAWA SUFFERED FOR 27 YEARS FROM A QUOTE HUMILIATING U.S. ADMINISTRATION UNQUOTE, AND QUOTE THE REALITY NOT ONLY OF AN INABILITY TO USE OUR OWN LAND FREELY BUT ALSO GREAT RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF THE SEA AND AIR, BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF HUGE AND OVER-CONCENTRATED U.S. MILITARY BASES EVEN AFTER 24 YEARS UNDER THE PEACE CONSTITUTION UNQUOTE. END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

2. AS THE CENTERPIECE OF THE CEREMONY, GOVERNOR OTA READ A PEACE DECLARATION, IN WHICH OTA SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR HISTORY AND EXPERIENCES, OKINAWANS HATE WAR AND LOVE PEACE. HE SAID OKINAWA SUFFERED FOR 27 YEARS FROM A QUOTE HUMILIATING U.S. ADMINISTRATION UNQUOTE, AND QUOTE THE REALITY NOT ONLY OF AN INABILITY TO USE OUR OWN LAND FREELY BUT ALSO GREAT RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF THE SEA AND AIR, BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF HUGE AND OVER-CONCENTRATED U.S. MILITARY BASES EVEN AFTER 24 YEARS UNDER THE PEACE CONSTITUTION. END QUOTE. OTA ADDED QUOTE UNTIL THIS VERY DAY, WE ARE NOT EVEN GIVEN THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE, WHICH IS GUARANTEED BY THE CONSTITUTION UNQUOTE. IN HIS STATEMENT, OTA ALSO NOTED THE US/GOJ AGREEMENT TO RETURN FUTENMA BUT POINTED OUT THAT THE RETURN ARRANGEMENTS ARE CONDITIONED ON RELOCATING TO EXISTING BASES IN OKINAWA. OTA FURTHER PLEDGED TO CONVERT THE BASES TO QUOTE PLACES OF PRODUCTION UNQUOTE IN THE 21ST CENTURY, CREATING A PEACEFUL

OKINAWA WITH NO MILITARY BASES.

3. MINISTER OKABE OF THE OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY READ A MESSAGE FROM PM HASHIMOTO IN WHICH HASHIMOTO EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH THOSE WHO SUFFERED LOSSES IN THE WAR AND ACKNOWLEDGED OKINAWAS MANY PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE U.S. BASE ISSUE. HE SAID THE WHOLE CABINET WAS SEIZED WITH THE ISSUES OF BASE REDUCTION AND CONSOLIDATION. HASHIMOTOS STATEMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE SACO REPORT RESULTS, PARTICULARLY THE RETURN OF FUTENMA, AND PLEDGED FURTHER GOJ EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT THE THIRD TEN YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR OKINAWA, NOW IN ITS FIFTH YEAR. HASHIMOTO SAID THE GOJ WOULD MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO REALIZE THE PLANS GOALS, FOR OKINAWAS FUTURE PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

4. AT THE CORNERSTONE OF PEACE NEAR THE CEREMONY SITE, THOUSANDS MORE OKINAWANS WHO DID NOT ATTEND THE MAIN COMMEMORATION ITSELF WENT TO SEE THE NAMES OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS KILLED IN 1945, WHICH ARE INSCRIBED ON THAT MEMORIALS BLACK GRANITE WALLS. CEREMONIES WERE HELD EARLIER ON SUNDAY TO MARK THE ADDITION OF THE NAMES OF NEARLY 2,000 MORE WARTIME CASUALTIES, MOSTLY OKINAWANS WHO DIED IN THE 1931-1945 PERIOD, FROM MANCHURIA TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. ALSO, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE U.KS WAR DEAD WERE INCLUDED WITH THE INSCRIPTION OF THE NAMES OF 82 BRITISH SERVICEMEN, MOSTLY FROM THE ROYAL NAVY. THE BRITISH DEFENSE ATTACHE FROM TOKYO, A ROYAL NAVY CAPTAIN, ATTENDED THE UNVEILING OF THEIR NAMES AND LAID A WREATH. (NOTE: IN A REPLAY OF OUR EXPERIENCE LAST YEAR, THE OPG INSISTED THAT HE NOT BE IN UNIFORM FOR THE UNVEILING.)

5. ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE HUNDREDS OF QUOTE PEACE MARCHERS UNQUOTE, MANY FROM OTHER JAPANESE PREFECTURES. OTHER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED DRUM-BEATING BUDDHIST MONKS, USUALLY RARE SIGHTS IN THIS ISLAND WHERE BUDDHISM HAS TRADITIONALLY HAD LITTLE INFLUENCE.

6. COMMENT: JUNE 23 IS AN EMOTIONAL DAY FOR LARGE NUMBERS
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OF OKINAWAN FAMILIES, ALMOST ALL OF WHICH WERE AFFECTED BY THE TREMENDOUS DEVASTATION AND LOSS OF LIFE 51 YEARS AGO. THE COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY AT MABUNI IS A PUBLIC WAY OF MARKING THEIR LOSS WITHIN THE OKINAWAN COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION, WITH THE HEAVY MEDIA ATTENTION THAT THE EVENT HAS

DRAWN AT LEAST IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, IT IS A WAY OF
REMINDING OTHER JAPANESE OF OKINAWAS PAST SUFFERING AND
THE OPGS CURRENT AGENDA.

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22.6 BILLION YEN WITH "NO COLLATERAL IN EFFECT" UPON
THEIR OWN ASSESSMENT; STRONG SUSPICION OF BREACH OF TRUST

NIHON KEIZAI: NTT, JAPAN IBM TO JOINTLY DEVELOP POCKET
DATA MACHINE: FOR EXCHANGE OF DATA THROUGH PHS; TO PUT IT
ON SALE THIS FALL

TOKYO SHIMBUN: JAPAN HOUSING LOAN FINANCED OKUTO; TOKYO
DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTORS' OFFICE'S SPECIAL

INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVE THE CASE OF FORMER PRESIDENT'S BREACH OF TRUST; FORMER OKUTO PRESIDENT LIKELY TO RETURN HOME TODAY

MAINICHI: SPECIAL EXPRESS "HIDA" DERAILS ON JR TAKASAKI LINE; 16 PEOPLE INJURED; HITS LANDSLIDE

YOMIURI: SPECIAL EXPRESS DERAILS DUE TO LANDSLIDE CAUSED BY HEAVY RAIN; 16 PEOPLE INJURED; STOPS JUST BEFORE VALLEY

SANKEI: TOKYO DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTORS' OFFICE'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE FORMER JAPAN HOUSING LOAN PRESIDENT AND OTHER MEMBERS AS EARLY AS TODAY

CABINET APPROVAL RATING AT A STABLE 49 PERCENT
(YOMIURI -PAGE 2)

THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN CONDUCTED A NATION-WIDE PUBLIC OPINION POLL ON THE 22ND AND 23RD TO SURVEY THE TREND OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE HASHIMOTO CABINET. THE SUPPORT RATE FOR THE CABINET WAS 49.9 PERCENT, DOWN 2.1 POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH. THE RESULT SHOWED THAT ABOUT HALF OF THE PEOPLE ARE IN FAVOR OF THE CABINET. THOSE WHO EXPRESSED DISAPPROVAL MADE UP 34.9 PERCENT, UP 1.6 POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

AS REASONS FOR SUPPORTING THE CABINET, 28 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS CITED "BECAUSE THE PRIME MINISTER IS FROM THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP)," FOLLOWED BY THE REPLY "ITS POLITICAL STANCE IS SATISFACTORY" -- 25 PERCENT, AND "THE PRIME MINISTER IS RELIABLE" -- 23 PERCENT. CITED AS REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL WERE "ITS POLICIES DO NOT MERIT APPRECIATION" -- 35 PERCENT, AND "ITS POLITICAL STANCE DOES NOT MERIT APPRECIATION" -- 31 PERCENT.

REGARDING SUPPORT FOR EACH POLITICAL PARTY, THOSE WHO LISTED THE LDP ACCOUNTED FOR 34 PERCENT, FOLLOWED BY THE SHINSHINTO -- 8 PERCENT, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) -- 4 PERCENT, AND THE SAKIGAKE AND THE JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY (JCP) -- 2 PERCENT EACH. THE LDP AND SHINSHINTO LOST 2 POINTS EACH. THE SAKIGAKE SECURED THE SAME SUPPORT RATE AS BEFORE. THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE JCP INCHED DOWN, AND THOSE FOR THE SDP SLIGHTLY INCREASED. THE SUPPORT RATE FOR EACH POLITICAL PARTY HAS LEVELED OFF.

U.S. TO PRESENT SPECIFIC FUTENMA PLAN AT SUB-CABINET TALKS ON THE 28TH (SANKEI - PAGE 2)

DIPLOMATS AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS WILL MEET ON THE 28TH IN TOKYO FOR BILATERAL JAPAN-U.S. VICE MINISTER-LEVEL TALKS. DURING THE SESSION, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT TO THE JAPANESE SIDE A SPECIFIC PLAN FOR RELOCATING THE HELIPORT AND RUNWAY OF FUTENMA AIR STATION. THIS WAS REVEALED BY A GOVERNMENT SOURCE ON THE 25TH. IN RESPONSE, SPECIFIC WORK FOR REVERSION OF

FUTENMA WILL MOVE INTO FULL-SWING. MEANWHILE, OKINAWA GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA, WHO HAS BEEN NEGATIVE ABOUT THE PLAN OF FINDING ALTERNATIVE SITES IN OKINAWA, HAS REVEALED HIS OWN "DIPLOMACY TOWARD THE U.S." THE "TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP" AMONG JAPAN, THE U.S. AND

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OKINAWA IS STILL HIGHLY COMPLICATED.

COORDINATION IS UNDERWAY BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENTS TO PICK KADENA AMMUNITION DEPOT AREA, CAMP SCHWAB, AND CAMP HANSEN AS ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR THE HELIPORT AND RUNWAY OF FUTENMA AIR STATION. IN THE VICE-MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE 28TH, THE U.S. WILL COME UP WITH A SPECIFIC PLAN REGARDING ALTERNATIVE SITES, FUNCTIONS AND THE SCALE OF THE OVERALL PLAN. IN RESPONSE, JAPAN WILL EXPEDITE ITS COMPREHENSIVE STUDY WITH EMPHASIS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE NOISE PROBLEM. AT THIS POINT, "OKINAWA'S NEGATIVE STANCE IS THE MAJOR BOTTLENECK TO IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN" (GOVERNMENT SOURCE).

EARLIER, GOVERNOR OTA VISITED THE U.S. AND IN HIS SESSION WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY PERRY, HE INDICATED THAT FINDING AN ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR THE HELIPORT WITHIN OKINAWA WOULD BE DIFFICULT, CITING THE FEAR OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RULING CAMP'S REACTION TO OTA'S OBSERVATION: "HE POINTED TO ALTERNATIVE SITES OUTSIDE OKINAWA" (GOVERNMENT SOURCE), AND "IT IS A STRUGGLE OVER CONDITIONS IN A BID TO DRAW OUT PREFERENTIAL FISCAL TREATMENT AND BOOST OKINAWA'S ECONOMY BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE RELOCATION PLAN" (LDP MEMBER). NEVERTHELESS, BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RULING CAMP ARE APPREHENSIVE, SUSPECTING, "IF OKINAWA REFUSES TO FOLLOW THE PLAN, THE BILATERAL ACCORD MIGHT FALL THROUGH" (JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) SOURCE).

JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL HIDEO USUI HAS TACITLY CHECKED GOVERNOR OTA, SUGGESTING, "WE HAVE OBTAINED THE GOVERNOR'S UNDERSTANDING BEFORE REACHING AN ACCORD ON REVERSION OF FUTENMA AIR STATION. WE HAVE MADE THE DECISION AS A SYMBOL OF OKINAWA'S WILL." BUT OKINAWA HAS ADAMANTLY BEEN NEGATIVE ABOUT THE PLAN.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT, OTA'S U.S. TRIP IS "DUAL DIPLOMACY THAT WOULD CHALLENGE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND SUCH WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH THE U.S. SIDE" (GOVERNMENT SOURCE). OKINAWA IS EXPECTED TO CARRY OUT A PREFECTURAL REFERENDUM IN SEPTEMBER TO DETERMINE THE PROPRIETY OF THE "REALIGNMENT AND REDUCTION OF THE U.S. BASES" AND THE "JAPAN-U.S. STATUS FORCES AGREEMENT (ACSA)." AN OBSERVATION PREDICTING "STRONG OPPOSITION" IS AFLOAT IN THE GOVERNMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES "OKINAWAN'S SENTIMENT" IS DEEP SEATED CALLING FOR RELOCATION SITES OUTSIDE OKINAWA AND THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. ARMED FORCES FROM OKINAWA. THE RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE BASE ISSUE TO SOME EXTENT. STILL MORE DIFFICULTIES ARE FORESEEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO KEEP ONE EYE ON THE U.S. AND THE OTHER ON OKINAWA.

LDP PROMOTING ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF OKINAWA, SEEKING BREAKTHROUGH IN BASES ISSUE (YOMIURI -PAGE 2)

A HEARING TO LISTEN TO REQUESTS FROM LEADERS OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS AND THE LANDOWNERS' FEDERATION IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE WAS HELD YESTERDAY AT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) HEADQUARTERS UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE LDP'S SPECIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL ON COMPREHENSIVE PROMOTION MEASURES FOR OKINAWA (CHAIRER BY SECRETARY GENERAL KATO; A PANEL UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE LDP PRESIDENT). THE FULL-SCALE WORK OF FORMULATING NEW PROMOTION MEASURES FOR OKINAWA WAS THEN LAUNCHED. IN THE EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION PLANNED FOR THIS FALL, THE FOCUS WILL BE ON DELIBERATIONS ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AS TO THE PROBLEM OF THE FORCIBLE USE OF LAND LOTS BY UNITED STATES FORCES STATIONED ON OKINAWA. ENVISAGING SUCH A CIRCUMSTANCE, THE LDP INTENDS TO PAVE THE WAY, WITH PROMOTION MEASURES, TO MAKE IT EASY TO SEEK AN UNDERSTANDING FROM THE OKINAWANS AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP).

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"WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO RECTIFY THE AIR-FARE DIFFERENTIALS
BETWEEN OKINAWA AND OTHER AREAS. AND SINCE OKINAWA IS AN
ISOLATED ISLAND, WE WANT THE LANDING CHARGES PROBLEM TO
BE SETTLED SOON."

"COULD YOU CONSIDER A PLAN TO CHANGE OKINAWA, AS A MODEL
CASE, INTO A FREE ZONE (FREE TRADE ZONE) FROM THE
PERSPECTIVE OF DEREGULATION?"

PARTICIPATING IN THE HEARING OF THE SPECIAL RESEARCH
COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARTY HEADQUARTERS THAT DAY WERE
SEVEN GROUPS OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE, SUCH AS THE CORPORATE
MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION, THE FEDERATION OF THE CHAMBERS OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND THE FEDERATION OF LANDOWNERS
WHO RENT THEIR LAND TO U.S. FORCES. THE SESSION LASTED
FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS.

THE SPECIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL'S PLAN IS TO HOLD HEARINGS
OVER ONE MONTH OR SO AND THEN TO INCORPORATE IN A FY1997
BUDGET POSSIBLE MEASURES TO TAKE. IN ADDITION, AS A
MEDIUM- AND LONG-TERM PLAN, AN IDEA IS FLOATING AS IS
SEEN FROM A REMARK BY GENERAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SHIOKAWA:

"WE WOULD LIKE TO FORMULATE A LONG-TERM VISION INCLUDING
CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CITY, A HUB-AIRPORT, A HUB-
SEAPORT, A DISTRIBUTION CENTER AND A FREE ZONE AND THEN
SHIFT IT INTO A MEDIUM-TERM PLAN. IN PROMOTING (THE
PLAN), WE SHOULD FACILITATE REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION
OF MILITARY BASES."

IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE LDP'S PLANNED PROMOTION MEASURES
FOR OKINAWA IS ITS MOTIVE TO GET SPECIAL LEGISLATION
PERTAINING TO THE PROBLEM OF THE FORCIBLE USE OF LAND BY
U.S. FORCES APPROVED AT THIS FALL'S EXTRAORDINARY DIET
SESSION BY OBTAINING THE COOPERATION OF THE SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP).

MEANWHILE, THE SDP DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE
PROMOTION HEADQUARTERS FOR OKINAWA (HEADED BY PARTY
CHAIRMAN MURAYAMA) ON JUNE 20. BUT ITS POLICY STANCE IS
THAT "NOW IS NOT A SITUATION TO ENACT A SPECIAL LAW"
(SECRETARY GENERAL SATO), OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE WISHES
OF ITS OKINAWA CHAPTER WHICH IS AGAINST "THE SECURITY

TREATY." TO WHAT EXTENT WILL THE CARROT-AND-STICK-LIKE OKINAWA PROMOTION MEASURES AND SPECIAL LEGISLATION BE EFFECTIVE? THIS MATTER MIGHT SHAKE THE VERY BASE OF THE HASHIMOTO-LED COALITION GOVERNMENT, DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES.

LOWER-HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEET
GOVERNOR OTA (YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

MEMBERS HAILING FROM THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES OF THE LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (CHAIRER BY KATSUTSUGU SEKIYA) CALLED ON THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL OFFICE ON JUNE 25 TO INSPECT UNITED STATES MILITARY BASES THERE. THEY MET OKINAWAN GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA.

IN THE MEETING, TOKUICHIRO TAMAZAWA, FORMER JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL SPOKE OF THE PROBLEM OF THE FORCIBLE USE OF LAND SITES BY U.S. MILITARY BASES AND SAID, "THE PROBLEM WOULD BECOME MORE ENTANGLED IF THE ILLEGAL SITUATION FURTHER CONTINUED. IF SPECIAL LEGISLATION (TO SPEED UP (THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO ALLOW) THE FORCIBLE USE OF LAND) IS NOT DESIRED, THE GOVERNOR NEEDS TO MAKE A DECISION." HE THEN ASKED THE GOVERNOR TO RESPOND TO PERFORMING THE DUTY OF MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT AND INSPECTION AS WAS ADVISED BY PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO. BUT THE GOVERNOR CONTINUED HIS STANCE OF REFUSING TO DO SO TO THE LAST, REBUTTING:

"THE CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES THE RIGHT TO OWN PROPERTY. THE ESSENTIAL POINT IS TO MAKE CLEAR WHETHER IT IS RIGHT OR WRONG THAT LAND OWNED BY INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE IS

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EXPROPRIATED IN A WAY UNCONVINCING FOR THEM. YOU SAY THE
U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ARE NECESSARY, BUT WHY

DO YOU FORCE ONLY OKINAWA TO SHOULDER AN EXCESSIVE BURDEN? UNLESS THIS PROBLEM IS SETTLED, THE OKINAWAN CITIZENS WILL NOT GIVE THEIR CONSENT HOWEVER STRENUOUSLY YOU CALL ON THEM TO COOPERATE."

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN SUCCESSION ASKED THE GOVERNOR TO SHOW THE CONDITIONS FOR HIM TO ACCEPT, FOR EXAMPLE, "UNDER WHAT KIND OF CONDITIONS, CAN YOU COOPERATE?" (TAKAZAWA) "WE WANT YOU TO REACH A COMPROMISE WHEN YOU COME TO SOME POINT, REALIZING THE REALITIES" (TAKASHI KOSUGI OF THE LDP). "WE, TOO, HAVE BECOME DUBIOUS OVER HOW FAR WE SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS" (SEIJI MAEHARA OF THE SAKIGAKE PARTY). IN RESPONSE, AVOIDING GIVING A CLEAR-CUT REMARK, THE GOVERNOR TOLD THEM, "WE STAND ON THE EDGE, SO WE CANNOT MAKE ANY MOVE." THEIR OPINIONS DID NOT MESH WITH EACH OTHER.

U.S.-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION FUND IN TROUBLE
(SANKEI - TOP PLAY, JUNE 25 EVENING EDITION)

(WASHINGTON, JUNE 25, YOSHIHISA KOMORI) IT WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION FUND, THE PROVIDER OF SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING TO THE U.S.-JAPAN SOCIETY, INC., WHICH IS ACTIVE IN PROMOTING JAPAN-U.S. FRIENDSHIP IN THE U.S., IS BEGINNING TO DRY UP AND THAT IF THE SITUATION IS LEFT UNATTENDED, IT WILL GO OUT OF EXISTENCE. ONE FACTOR FOR ITS FINANCIAL PREDICAMENT IS THAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM JAPANESE FIRMS FOR ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES PERTAINING TO BILATERAL TIES HAS BEEN DROPPING SINCE THE COLLAPSE OF JAPAN'S BUBBLE ECONOMY. IF THE COMMISSION GOES OUT OF EXISTENCE, ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL MOST LIKELY BE CURTAILED TO A LARGE EXTENT. AT YESTERDAY'S EMERGENCY PRESS BRIEFING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION AND THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY, THEIR EXECUTIVES RAISED THE WARNING SIGNAL AND MADE A PUBLIC APPEAL TO THE U.S. FOR FUNDING.

ERIC GANGLOFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE U.S.-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION YESTERDAY HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON AND MADE AN EMERGENCY REPORT, NOTING, "THIS FUND WAS LAUNCHED WITH 5 MILLION DOLLARS, BUT NOW THE PRINCIPAL HAS SHRUNK TO 800,000 DOLLARS. IF THE SITUATION IS LEFT UNATTENDED, THE FUND WILL DRY UP IN TWO YEARS' TIME. ACTIVITIES BY THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY WILL BE LARGELY CURTAILED IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES."

THE U.S.-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION WAS FOUNDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITH 5 MILLION DOLLARS DRAWN OUT FROM THE REPAYMENT MADE BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FOR POST-WAR ECONOMIC LOAN AID EXTENDED TO JAPAN. THE COMMISSION HAS PROVIDED MONEY -- THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS -- TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS PROMOTING BILATERAL RELATIONS, FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING ON THE U.S. SIDE. THE FUND HAS BEEN A MAJOR SPONSOR OF THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE U.S.

ROBERT MERA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ALL-AMERICA FEDERATION OF THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETIES, ALSO ATTENDED THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND APPEALED, "THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 32 JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, OF WHICH MORE THAN HALF WERE LAUNCHED DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS OR SO. THEY WERE ALL DEPENDENT ON THE U.S.-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION FOR FUNDING THEIR FOUNDATION. IF THIS COMMISSION GOES OUT OF EXISTENCE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY TO MAKE A FRESH START."

SUSAN MOCHIZUKI, SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, NOTED, "SINCE DONATIONS BY LEADING JAPANESE FIRMS HAVE LARGELY DROPPED SINCE THE BURSTING OF THE BUBBLE ECONOMY, SUPPORT FROM
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THE U.S.-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT." PAT KEARNS (?), EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY IN WASHINGTON DC, REMARKED, "OUR ORGANIZATION HAS PUT ITS ENERGIES INTO THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS FESTIVAL AND IN TEACHING JAPANESE. FINANCIAL AID PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN VALUABLE IN THE PROCESS OF EXTENDING OUR ACTIVITIES."

ACCORDING TO GANGLOFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE U.S. JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION, THE INITIAL PLAN WAS TO COVER ANNUAL EXPENDITURES WITH INTEREST FROM ITS BASIC FUND OF 5 MILLION DOLLARS. THE PROGRAM WAS PREMISED ON THE PROSPECT FOR THE FUND'S BASIC FUND SWELLING WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO BE RENDERED FROM THE U.S. AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS AND THE PRIVATE SECTORS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, BUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO ADDITIONAL PAYMENT. THE JAPANESE SIDE HAS MADE ALMOST NO MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS, EITHER. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES,

THE FUND HAS BEEN FORCED TO EAT INTO ITS PRINCIPAL.

WHAT IS WORKING BEHIND THIS SITUATION IS SUCH FACTORS AS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S POLICY DIRECTION OF HOLDING DOWN EXPENDITURES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FOR ACHIEVING ITS MAJOR TARGET OF REDUCING THE FISCAL DEFICIT, INTEREST IN JAPAN DECREASING ON THE U.S. SIDE IN GENERAL, AND AN OVERALL DROP IN DONATIONS BY LEADING JAPANESE FIRMS TO AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS.

THE GREATEST DESTINATION OF FUNDS PROVIDED BY U.S.-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION IS THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETIES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE U.S. THE FUND HAS ALSO RENDERED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACADEMIC AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEDIA-INITIATED ACTIVITIES REGARDING JAPAN-U.S. RELATIONS AND JAPAN. HOWEVER, IF NO REMEDIAL MEASURE IS TAKEN FOR THE COMMISSION, IT WILL GO OUT OF EXISTENCE IN TWO YEARS' TIME. GANGLOFF AND OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED WITH THE FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION ARE ASKING FOR FUNDING SUPPORT FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION IN JAPAN SEEKS EARLY RESTART OF NORMALIZATION TALKS (YOMIURI - PAGE 3)

THE VISITING DISARMAMENT AND PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE DELEGATION (LED BY KIM RYON GIL) OF NORTH KOREA, THAT INCLUDES NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY JAPAN DIVISION DIRECTOR YI CHOLJIN, ON THE 25TH IN TOKYO MET WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHINYA NAGAI AND OTHERS OF THE JAPAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (JIJA), AN ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED WITH THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND EXCHANGED VIEWS.

IN THE SESSION, THE DELEGATION URGED AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE NORMALIZATION TALKS, SAYING, "WE HOPE JAPAN WILL PUSH AHEAD WITH ITS DIPLOMACY INDEPENDENTLY APART FROM SOUTH KOREA AND THE U.S."

IN RESPONSE, THE JAPANESE SIDE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF NORTH KOREA'S COMMITMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, STARTING WITH FOUR-PARTY TALKS (AMONG SOUTH KOREA, NORTH KOREA, THE U.S. AND CHINA.

SDP AND SAKIGAKE PURSUING OWN DIPLOMACIES TOWARD CHINA AND SOUTH KOREA (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY WILL EACH DISPATCH A DELEGATION OF SENIOR PARTY OFFICIALS TO CHINA AND SOUTH KOREA IN EARLY JULY. AT MEETINGS WITH CHINESE HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS, BOTH PARTIES WILL STRESS THE NEED FOR CONCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT) AT AN EARLY DATE. THE SAKIGAKE AIMS TO UNDERSCORE A STANCE AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTING BY PUTTING ASIDE TALKS ON YEN LOANS. THE SDP, WHICH HAS KEPT A FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KOREANS WORKERS PARTY OF NORTH KOREA, HAS A STRATEGY TO PLAY A ROLE FOR STABILIZING THE
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KOREAN PENINSULA BY DEEPENING THE DIALOGUE ALSO WITH
SOUTH KOREA. WITH AN EYE ON THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS,
BOTH PARTIES ARE AIMING TO CONDUCT EAST ASIA DIPLOMACY
THAT IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTY'S (LDP) IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR OWN
POLICY IDENTITY.

THE SDP WILL DISPATCH A DELEGATION TO CHINA AND SOUTH
KOREA LED BY SECRETARY GENERAL KANJU SATO FROM JULY 8
THROUGH 16. THE PARTY HOPES TO REALIZE MEETINGS WITH
CHIEF OF STATE JIANG Z-EMIN IN BEIJING AND WITH PRESIDENT
KIM YOUNG SAM IN SEOUL.

IN CHINA, THE DELEGATION WILL EXPRESS ITS CONCERN ABOUT
CHINA'S POSSIBLE CONTINUED NUCLEAR TESTING. IN ADDITION,
REFERRING TO A REVIEW OF THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE
COOPERATION GUIDELINES, IT WILL EXPLAIN THE PARTY'S
STANCE OF NOT STEPPING INTO USING COLLECTIVE-DEFENSE
RIGHT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. IN SOUTH KOREA, THE
DELEGATION INTENDS TO CONVEY THE PARTY'S DESIRE FOR
IMPROVING ITS RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA, SEEKING ITS
UNDERSTANDING.

FROM THE SAKIGAKE, REPRESENTATIVE MASAYOSHI TAKEMURA,
DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE HIROYUKI SONODA AND OTHERS WILL
VISIT CHINA FROM JULY 9 TO 14. THEY FIRST WILL TAKE PART
IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES FOR PLANTING TREES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF REFORESTATION IN THE AUTONOMOUS DISTRICTS OF
INNER MONGOLIA. TAKEMURA, WHO HAS ADVOCATED A "GREEN
PKO" AS NON-MILITARY INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTION, WILL
DEMONSTRATE PARTY ACTIVITIES FOCUSING ON ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES.

BASED ON THE STANCE OF CALLING FOR ELIMINATING NUCLEAR

WEAPONS, THE SAKIGAKE HAS INSISTED THAT TALKS FOR NEW YEN LOANS BE SUSPENDED AS LONG AS CHINA CONTINUES NUCLEAR TESTING.

REPRESENTATIVE YUKIO HATOYAMA, WITH MASANORI GOTO, WILL ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN SEOUL ON JULY 5 TO DISCUSS MEASURES TO BRING ABOUT PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AND JOIN DISCUSSIONS.

NFP PRESIDENT OZAWA APOLOGIZES TO PARTY FOR QFAMILY FUEDQ
(MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) PRESIDENT ICHIRO OZAWA YESTERDAY AT PARTY HEADQUARTERS HELD "A DIALOGUE SESSION" WITH THE SUPPORTERS FROM DIETMEMBERS ELECTED FROM TOKYO. THE SESSION WAS HELD TO "LET THEM SEE A LIVELY OZAWA" (AIDE TO OZAWA), AIMING AT THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION. IN THE SESSION, BECAUSE THE SUPPORTERS WERE INTENSELY INTERESTED IN "THE FAMILY FEUD IN THE PARTY," THEY FRANKLY ASKED HIM: "HOW ARE YOU GETTING ALONG WITH MR. HATA AND MR. HOSOKAWA?"

OZAWA THEN REPLIED: "I WILL OFFER MY APOLOGY FOR CAUSING ANXIETY TO YOU ALL." REFERRING TO HIS TALKS WITH HATA AND HOSOKAWA HELD ON THE 20TH, HE UNDERScoreD THAT THE THREE HAVE COME TO TERMS THAT THEY SHOULD RETURN TO THE START IN CARRYING OUT REFORMS. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT "IMPLEMENTING REFORM IS DIFFICULT, BUT WE MUST DO IT NO MATTER HOW HARD IT IS." SO SAYING, HE APPEALED THE NECESSITY OF THE PARTY BECOMING CLOSELY UNITED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION.

OZAWA'S AIDES INTEND TO HOLD SUCH A DISCUSSION FORUM IN OTHER AREAS IN AN EFFORT TO PREPARE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN THE FALL AT THE EARLIEST. HOWEVER, AS THE PARTY HAS YET TO UNIFY IMPORTANT POLICIES WHICH WILL BECOME ELECTION CAMPAIGN PLEDGES, SOME IN THE PARTY ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT "COMPLETION OF PROMISES UNTIL THE BON FESTIVAL (MID-JULY)" (SECRETARY GENERAL TAKASHI YONEZAWA). BLACKBURN

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