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MISSILE-ATTACK BY U.S. PATROL PLANE

NIHON KEIZAI: DISPOSAL COST FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTE TO BE
PAID BY FIRMS WHICH PRODUCE SUCH WASTE, ACCORDING TO
HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRY COUNCIL'S DRAFT OF REPORT;
OBLIGATORY TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENT SURVEY WHEN DISPOSAL
FACILITIES ARE CONSTRUCTED

TOKYO SHIMBUN: SANWA BANK BRACH CHIEF HAD DRAWN OUT 500 MILLION YEN ILLEGALLY FROM HIS CUSTOMER'S BANK ACCOUNT TO FINANCE OTHER CUSTOMERS; TOKYO METROPOLILTAN POLICE BOARD NOW PUSHING INVESTIGATIONS ON SUSPICION OF SPECIAL BREACH OF TRUST; THAT BANK EMPLOYEE RETIRED IN APRIL

MAINICHI: U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT BOMBS IRAQ; RADAR BASE IN EXTENDED NO-FLY ZONE DESTROYED

YOMIURI: FORMER SANWA BANK YUKIGAYA BRANCH HEAD ILLEGALLY USED 550 MILLION YEN BY DRAWING IT OUT FROM HIS CUSTOMER'S BANK ACCOUNT; TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE BOARD GOING AHEAD WITH INVESTIGATIONS ON SUSPICION OF SPECIAL BREACH OF TRUST; 2 BILLION YEN MIGHT HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN ILLEGALLY

SANKEI: U.S.' THIRD STRIKE AGAINST IRAQ; MISSILE FIRED BY F-16 AT RADAR FACILITIES; U.S. CONFIRMS IRAQI AIRCRAFTS' WITHDRAWAL FROM EXTENDED NO-FLY ZONE

AMBASSADOR OWADA: JAPAN SUPPORTS U.S. MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ (YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS HISASHI OWADA, NOW BRIEFLY BACK IN JAPAN, STATED IN A MEETING WITH THE PRESS AT THE JAPAN NATIONAL PRESS CLUB ON SEPTEMBER 4: "THE IRAQI ACTIVITIES OBVIOUSLY VIOLATE THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION." AMBASSADOR OWADA CLARIFIED HIS RECOGNITION THAT IRAQ'S RECENT MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THE KURDISH REGION IS AGAINST THE U.N. RESOLUTION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE AMBASSADOR ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION SUPPORTS U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST IRAQ.

COALITION SPLIT ON U.S. ACTIONS: LDP SUPPORTIVE; SDP SAYS INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS FIRST (SANKEI - PAGE 3)

IN REACTION TO THE UNITED STATES HAVING MISSILE-ATTACKED IRAQ, THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) HAS BEEN MORE CRITICAL OF IRAQ, WHILE THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY ARE CRITICIZING THE U.S. ACTIONS. DIFFERENCES IN VIEWS THUS ARE EMERGING IN THE RULING PARTIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) HAS TAKEN A CAUTIOUS STANDPOINT. HOW TO EVALUATE THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE U.S. FORCES IS LINKED DIRECTLY TO OUR COUNTRY'S SECURITY, BUT FROM THE GAPS IN VIEWS BOTH IN THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES ONE CAN SURMISE THEIR POSSIBLE RESPONSES SHOULD AN EMERGENCY OCCUR NEAR JAPAN.

LDP: SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE
FEARING THE IRAQ PROBLEM MIGHT BECOME MORE SERIOUS, THE LDP DECIDED TO HOLD TODAY A JOINT SESSION OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER TO ASK THE GOVERNMENT SIDE TO GIVE EXPLANATIONS ABOUT THE LOCAL SITUATION.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO'S STANCE OF BASICALLY SUPPORTING THE U.S. ACTIONS, THE PARTY HAS STATED: "IRAQI PRESIDENT HUSSEIN SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CIRCUMSPECT" (TOP LEADER). BUT CONTRARY TO THE U.S.' DESIRE, PREPARATIONS FOR ADOPTING ANOTHER UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 07 TOKYO 008255

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RESOLUTION AGAINST IRAQ AT THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) HAVE HARDLY MADE PROGRESS. SO THE LDP AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY WAVERED IN ITS JUDGMENT.

PARTY POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TAKU YAMASAKI IN A PRESS BRIEFING YESTERDAY EXPRESSED HIS POSITION OF ASCERTAINING THE SITUATION, ADDING: "ONCE WE RECEIVE MORE INTELLIGENCE, WE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND. WE HOPE THE TROUBLE WILL NOT EXPAND FURTHER BEYOND THIS."

FORMER PRIME MINISTER YASUHIRO NAKASONE IN A MEETING WITH THE REPORTERS HELD YESTERDAY SHOWED HIS STANCE OF BASICALLY BACKING THE U.S.' ACTIONS, BUT STATED: "IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT OVERLY-INTERVENING, WHILE KEEPING WATCH ON PRESIDENT HUSSEIN'S RESPONSES."

SDP: FIRST THING TO DO IS TO FORM AN INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS

THE SDP'S STANDPOINT TOWARD THE U.S.' MISSILE-ATTACKS ON IRAQ IS CRITICAL. PARTY POLICY DELIBERATION COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SHIGERU ITO YESTERDAY TOLD THE REPORTERS THAT IRAQI FORCE'S INVASION OF THE KURDISH RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT "WAS AN IMPERMISSIBLE ACT," BUT REGARDING U.S. TROOPS' MISSILE-ATTACKS, HE INDICATED HIS CONCERN OVER THE U.S.' SOLE INTERVENTION, CONTINUING: "ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL RULES AND BASED ON EFFORTS TO FORM AN INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS. FURTHERMORE, NOTING, "THE U.S.' FLAG DOES NOT ALWAYS GIVE A GUARANTEE FOR ACTION. WHAT IS NECESSARY IS THE U.N. FLAG," HE SHOWED THE PERCEPTION THAT U.N. MEMBER NATIONS WERE NOT IN ADVANCE ASKED ABOUT THEIR OPINIONS NOR WERE OPINIONS EXCHANGED SUFFICIENTLY.

SAKIGAKE: URGES BOTH SIDES TO BE CIRCUMSPECT

SAKIGAKE'S POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

KISABURO TOKAI YESTERDAY RELEASED A STATEMENT, AND IN IT, REFERRING TO THE IRAQI FORCES, HE TOOK A SWIPE AT IRAQ, NOTING: "IT IS NEVER ACCEPTABLE FOR THEM TO USE ARMED FORCE AND INVADE THE KURDS' SELF-RULE AREA AND BRING ABOUT CASUALTIES. WE DEMAND THEY WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY FROM THERE." IN ADDITION, REGARDING THE U.S. FORCES' ACTION, HE SAID, "IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) RESOLUTION A GROUNDS FOR ACTION; WE SUPPORT IT." BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, HE STRESSED: "WE STRONGLY DESIRE BOTH (THE U.S. AND IRAQ) WILL BE MORE CIRCUMSPECT TO AVOID THE FIRES OF WAR SPREADING BEYOND THAN THIS LEVEL."

IN THE SAKIGAKE, SOME MEMBERS ARE CRITICAL OF BOTH THE U.S. AND IRAQ.

SHINSHINTO WITHHOLDS ITS STANDPOINT

A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) HAS AVOIDED MAKING CLEAR ITS STANCE ABOUT THE U.S. TROOPS' SECOND STRIKES AT IRAQ, NOTING: "WE WOULD LIKE TO EXCUSE OURSELVES FROM MAKING A COMMENT." A LEADER OF THE PARTY POLICY DELIBERATION COUNCIL STATED LAST EVENING: "WE CANNOT MAKE A COMMENT BECAUSE NO ACCURATE INFORMATION HAS COME FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY."

ON SEPTEMBER 3, THE SHINSHINTO, THROUGH HIROSHI NAKAI TASKED WITH FOREIGN POLICY IN THE PARTY'S "TOMORROW'S CABINET," ISSUED A COMMENT: "WE WOULD LIKE TO EXCUSE OURSELVES FROM ISSUING AN OFFICIAL COMMENT, BUT (ATTACKS ON IRAQ) GAVE THE IMPRESION THAT THEY OCCURRED ALL OF SUDDEN." THE REASONS WHY THE PARTY HAS FALLEN BACK ARE FIRST OF ALL DUE TO A LACK OF INFORMATION, AND SECOND DUE TO ITS JUDGMENT THAT IT IS AN OPEN QUESTION WHETHER THE U.S. FORCES' ACTIONS THIS TIME CAN OBTAIN SUPPORT VISIBLY
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FROM THE INTERNAIONAL COMMUNITY.

IN THE PARTY, SOME TAKE THE VIW THAT "IN THE END, IT WOULD BE JUDGED TO BE UNAVOIDABLE" (SENIOR MEMBER OF FORMER KOMEI). ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME OTHERS ARGUE: "SINCE THE MATTER IS LINKED TO THE PROBLEM OF U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA, A PRUDENT JUDGMENT SHOULD BE MADE" (PARTY LEADER).

PRIME MINISTER: GIVES SUPPORT WITH RESERVATIONS TO
SECOND-WAVE ATTACKS

REFERRING TO THE U.S.' SECOND-WAVE MISSILE-STRIKE AT
IRAQ, PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO YESTERDAY STATED:
"IF IT IS NECESSARY TO ATTAIN THE GOAL AS IS IN THE UN
RESOLUTION, (I WILL SUPPORT IT). I BASICALLY ASSUME THE
SAME STANCE (AS IN THE FIRST STRIKE)." HE THEN EXPRESSED
HIS POSITION OF SUPPORTING IT LIKE THE FIRST-WAVE ATTACK.
BUT HE HAS NOT MADE IT CLEAR WHETHER HE AGREES WITH THE
U.S. SIDE'S CLAIM THAT ITS MILITARY ACTIONS WERE ALL
CONNECTED TO IMPLEMENTING THE UN RESOLUTION, SO
UNDENIABLY HIS RESPONSE AS AN ALLY IS SOMEWHAT
IRRESOLUTE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE MISSILE-ATTACKS, THE PRIME
MINISTER REVEALED THAT YESTERDAY MORNING, CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES DEMING OF THE U.S. EMBASSY MADE CONTACT WITH
ADMINISTRATIVE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SADAYUKI HAYASHI,
AND INDICATED HIS CONCERN OVER MOVES OF IRAQI FORCES. IN
ADDITION, LAST EVENING, THE PRIME MINISTER SHOWED HIS
INTENTION TO STUDY WHETHER THERE ARE ANY CONTRADICTIONS
BETWEEN THE U.S. FORCES' ATTACKS AND THE UNSC RESOLUTION.

DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KAZO WATANABE IN A NEWS
CONFERENCE HELD YESTERDAY STATED: "AT THIS POINT, WE
UNDERSTAND THAT THE U.S.' MILITARY ACTIONS ARE
APPROPRIATE, BUT THERE ARE MANY UN RESOLUTIONS. OUR
COUNTRY NOW NEEDS TO EXAMINE WHICH UN RESOLUTIONS ARE
BEING MET. WE WILL PROCEED WITH THIS WORK WHILE SEEKING
EXPLANATIONS FROM THE U.S."

ONE REASON WHY THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS UNABLE TO DECLARE
ALL-OUT SUPPORT IS THAT ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED
THEIR CONCERNS OVER THE U.S.' ATTACKS. ANOTHER REASON IS
INTERNATIONAL OPINION HAS NOT YET BEEN UNIFIED FOR
SUPPORTING THE U.S.. IN FACT, INFORMAL DISCUSSION IN THE
UNSC OVER A DRAFT OF RESOLUTION DENOUNCING IRAQ HAS NOT
YET REACHED A CONCLUSION. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, "THE
SITUATION IS DIFFERENT FROM (THAT OF THE GULF WAR)," BUT
SOME INDICATE THAT "(JAPAN'S) SUPPORT WITH RESERVATIONS
MANIFESTS THE IRRESOLUTE STANCE OF JAPANESE DIPLOMACY"
(SENIOR LDP MEMBER).

U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN BACK UP EXPANDED ACTIONS AGAINST
IRAQ (ASAHI - PAGE 1)

REGARDING THE UNITED STATES' SECOND RAID OF IRAQ ON THE
MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 4, IT WAS REVEALED FROM AN
ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THAT
THE U.S. NAVY 7TH FLEET'S DESTROYER HEWITT (DISPLACEMENT:
8,000 TONS FULL LOAD), WHICH IN EFFECT HOMEPORTS AT THE
U.S. NAVAL BASE LOCATED AT YOKOSUKA CITY IN KANAGAWA
PREFECTURE, HAD BEEN ENROLLED IN THE TASK FORCE DEPLOYED
IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES AT AIR
DEFENSE COMMAND FACILITIES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF IRAQ.
JAPAN AND THE U.S. FORMALLY RATIFIED AT THE TWO

COUNTRIES' SUMMIT MEETING THIS APRIL THAT THE U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN WOULD COVER NOT ONLY THE "FAR EAST" BUT ALSO THE ENTIRE "ASIA-PACIFIC REGION," INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST, IN THE USFJ'S SPHERE OF ACTIVITIES. IN THE FIRST EMERGENCY AFTER THAT, IT WAS LEARNED AGAIN THAT THE U.S. NAVAL SHIPS BASED AT JAPAN HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE MIDDLE EAST OPERATIONS.

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ACCORDING TO THE U.S. NAVAL FORCES JAPAN AND OTHER SOURCES, THE USS HEWITT LEFT YOKOSUKA ON JUNE 3 FOR PATROL ACTIVITIES IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND LAUNCHED TWO CRUISE MISSILES THERE IN THE SECOND ATTACK ON IRAQ. THE NUCLEAR-POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER CARL VINSON, WHICH BACKED UP THE OPERATIONS THIS TIME, HAD ALSO SET SAIL THE DAY BEFORE THAT. MOREOVER, THE SUBMARINE JEFFERSON CITY, WHICH LEFT YOKOSUKA WITH THE CARL VINSON, FIRED TWO CRUISE MISSILES IN THE GULF AS WELL.

THE HEWITT, A NEWLY BUILT SHIP ASSIGNED TO YOKOSUKA IN 1990, IS EQUIPPED WITH TWO TOMAHAWK CRUISE MISSILE LAUNCHERS, AND IT PARTICIPATED ALSO IN THE ATTACK ON IRAQ IN JANUARY, 1993.

JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL: DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE FUTENMA ISSUE AT 2 PLUS 2 MEETING (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

IN HOKKAIDO TO INSPECT UNITS, DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) DIRECTOR GENERAL HIDEO USUI ON THE 4TH HELD A BRIEFING SESSION WITH NEWS REPORTERS AT A HOTEL IN CHITOSE CITY IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED THE NOW DEADLOCKED ISSUE OF TRANSFERRING FACILITIES FROM THE U.S.' FUTENMA AIR STATION TO OTHER PARTS OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE. HE STATED, "IT IS FAIRLY DIFFICULT TO COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF DIRECTION ON THIS BY THE 19TH. HE EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT GIVEN THE PRESENT SITUATION, A RESOLUTION AT THE 2 PLUS 2 MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON ON THE 19TH WOULD BE DIFFICULT.

ON THE PROBLEM OF TRANSFERRING FUTENMA FACILITIES, HE RE-EMPHASIZED THAT IN THE VIEW OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, THE OPTIMUM LOCATION WOULD BE KADENA AIR BASE. IN ADDITION, HE SAID, "IN CONSIDERATION OF THE DIFFICULTY IN TERMS OF OPERATION AND RESPONSE DURING A CONTINGENCY,

PERHAPS THE U.S. SIDE IS UNABLE TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE JUDGMENT," REVEALING THAT COORDINATION ON THIS PROPOSAL IS ENCOUNTERING PROBLEMS WITHIN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

NORTH KOREA ASKS JAPAN FOR MORE RICE AID; JAPAN RESPONDS CAUTIOUSLY (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 3)

YESTERDAY A SOURCE FAMILIAR WITH NORTH KOREAN AFFAIRS REVEALED THE CONTENTS OF A CONTACT BETWEEN JAPANESE AND DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA) FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIVISION DIRECTORS.

THE SESSION WAS HELD ON AUGUST 28 AND 29 IN BEIJING. ATTENDING WERE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NORTHEAST ASIA DIVISION DIRECTOR KORO BESSHO FROM THE JAPANESE SIDE AND NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S JAPAN DIVISION DIRECTOR LI CHOL JIN.

THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REFUSED TO CONFIRM THE CONTACT. BUT ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE MADE A REQUEST OF THE JAPANESE SIDE FOR MORE RICE AID TO DEAL WITH THE DAMAGE FROM FLOODS. THE JAPANESE SIDE, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED A CAUTIOUS STANCE TOWARD ADDITIONAL RICE AID, INSISTING, "WHAT WE NEED FIRST IS TO GRASP THE REAL SITUATION OF THE DAMAGE AND FOOD SHORTAGE."

THE PURPOSE OF THE DIVISION DIRECTOR-LEVEL CONTACT WAS TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR RESUMING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO NORMALIZE DIPLOMATIC TIES. ALTHOUGH THE NORTH SHOWED EAGERNESS TO RESTART THE NORMALIZATION TALKS, SAYING, "WE WANT TO IMPROVE BILATERAL TIES," AND THE JAPANESE SIDE REPLIED, "WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO DO SO," THE SESSION FAILED TO BRING ANY DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS SUCH AS RAISING THE LEVEL OF THE CONTACTS TO THE ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DEPUTY DIRECTOR-LEVEL.
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MEANWHILE, IN ORDER ALSO TO HEIGHTEN THE ATMOSPHERE FOR RESTARTING THE BILATERAL TALKS, THE JAPANESE OFFICIAL CALLED ON THE NORTH TO ACCEPT "FOUR-PARTY TALKS" THAT INCLUDE NORTH KOREA, THE UNITED STATES, CHINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THE NORTH KOREAN OFFICIAL, HOWEVER,

DID NOT MAKE CLEAR HIS COUNTRY'S INTENTION, COMMENTING, "REGARDING WHETHER WE WILL CCEPT FOUR-PARTY TALKS, WE ARE CONSIDERING THAT OPTION IN A DIFFERENT SECTION." NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON WHEN NEXT DIVISION-LEVEL CONTACT WILL TAKE PLACE.

YESTERDAY FOREIGN MINISTER SENIOR OFFICIAL COMMENTED: "THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE OBJECTIVE SITUATION REGARDING JAPANESE-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS. WE WANT TO MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT LINE IN THE FUTURE." THE POSSIBILITY IS HIGH THAT THE JAPANESE SIDE WILL PROPOSE HOLDING ANOTHER SESSION LATER THIS YEAR.

PRIME MINISTERQS ODA ADVISORY PANEL WANTS INCREASE IN SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION (YOMIURI - PAGE 3)

THE EXTERNAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAIGAI KEIZAI KYOURYOKU SHINGIKAI, AN ADVISORY PANEL TO THE PRIME MINISTER CHAIRED BY TOKYO UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR EMERITUS CHIE NAKANE) PRESENTED ITS OPINION PAPER, "ON PROMOTION OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA)," TO PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO YESTERDAY. WITH ARGUMENTS RISING FOR A REVIEW OF ODA, STARTING WITH THE HUGE OUTLAYS, THE PANEL POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR IMPLEMENTING AID MORE EFFICIENTLY AND MORE EFFECTIVELY. THE PROPOSALS' SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDED: 1) STRENGTHENING SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION, BY WHICH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT HAVE REACHED A CERTAIN LEVEL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSIST OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; AND 2) ACTIVATING THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE (SOCIAL CAPITAL).

THE OPINION PAPER IS A REVISION OF A PREVIOUS REPORT THAT FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE ODA CHARTER IN 1992, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE CHANGES IN THE SITUATION SINCE THAT TIME.

ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, THE BASIC PRINCIPLE PROPOSED IS "ALLOCATION THAT EMPHASIZES THE AREAS WHERE JAPAN HAS THE CAPABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY APPLY ITS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE." IT CALLS ON JAPAN TO IMPLEMENT AN INDEPENDENT ODA WHICH WILL BRING TO LIFE JAPAN'S HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND KNOW-HOW.

ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION, THE PAPER POINTS OUT THAT WITH THE ECONOMIC GAPS AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WIDENING, JAPAN SHOULD EXTEND AID SO THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN BE APPLIED TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT URGES THAT WHEN JAPAN PROMOTES THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE-SECTOR-INVOLVED INFRASTRUCTURE, LINKING UP WITH PRIVATE COMPANIES, IT BE CAREFUL TO AVOID THE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT THIS MIGHT BE JAPAN'S EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEME.

LABOR UNIONS SHAKEN BY NEW PARTY PHENOMENON; CONCERN ABOUT FURTHER SPLITS (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

IN RAISING THE FLAG TO LAUNCH HIS NEW PARTY, YUKIO

HATOYAMA HAS CUT HIS TIES TO THE EXECUTIVES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY. TRADE UNIONS NOW FIND THEMSELVES WAVERING IN THEIR RESPONSE. ALTHOUGH MOST OF SDP-AFFILIATED TRADE UNIONS, WHICH HAD INDICATED A STANCE OF POSITIVELY SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED NEW HATOYAMA PARTY, HAVE CHANGED THEIR POLICY LINE AND NOW ARE TAKING A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE. SOME UNIONS STILL REMAIN POSITIVE TOWARD SUPPORTING THE NEW PARTY CONCEPT. TRADE UNIONS THAT SUPPORTED THE FORMER UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 TKYO 008255

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DEMOCRATIC SOCIAL PRTY (DSP) ARE FIRMLY MAINTAINING THEIR USUAL STAGE OF CALMLY WATCHING THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE ISSUE, BUT THEY ARE NOW PINNING HIGH HOPES FOR HATOYAMA'S PARTY TAKING ON AN OPPOSITION-PARTY COLORING

THE "NEW DEMOCRATIC AND LIBERAL PARTY FORMATION PROMOTION TRADE UNIONS COUNCIL" AND THE "COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS THAT ARE IN ALLIANCE WITH THE SD," COMPRISED OF 33 TRADE UNIONS THAT SUPPORT THE SDP, HELD A JOINT MEETING ON AUGUST 30 AND DECIDED TO CONFER ON THEIR STRATEGY AFTER HATOYAMA'S PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES HAVE BECOME CLEAR.

THERE IS NO UNANIMITY AMONG TRADE UNIONS ABOUT A CONCRETE RESPONSE TO THE NEW HATOYAMA PARTY. THE JAPAN POSTAL WORKERS' UNION (ZENTEI) AND THE FEDERATION OF ELECTRIC MACHINE WORKERS' UNIONS (DENKI ROREN), WHICH DECIDED AT THEIR REGULAR CONVENTIONS HELD IN JULY TO SUPPORT HATOYAMA'S NEW PARTY, ARE TAKING A POSITIVE STANCE TOWARD IT. SINCE MANY OF THEIR MEMBERS WHO ARE DIET MEMBERS ARE SUPPORTING THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW PARTY CONCEPT, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REMAIN MONOLITHIC EVEN IF THOSE DIET MEMBERS JOIN THE NEW HATOYAMA PARTY.

AT A REPRESENTATIVES' COUNCIL HELD ON THE 2ND, KATSUTOSHI SUZUKI, CHAIRMAN OF DENKI RENGU, UNDERScoreD THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO RALLY TOGETHER UNDER THE NEW HATOYAMA PARTY AND RELEASED THE VIEW THAT HIS UNION WILL CONDONE ITS DIET MEMBERS, SUCH AS AKIHIRO OHATA, WHO ARE PRESSING AHEAD WITH THE NEW PARTY CONCEPT, TAKING PART IN THE NEW PARTY. DENKI RENGU AND ZENTEI CONVEYED TO THEIR DIETMAN MEMBERS, "EVEN IF YOU STEP IN LINE WITH HATOYAMA, OUR TRADE UNIONS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR MOVE."

IN CONTRAST, THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF PRIVATE RAILWAY

WORKERS' UNIONS OF JAPAN (SHITETSU SOREN), WHICH DOES NOT HAVE LOWER HOUSE MEMBERS AS ITS UNION MEMBERS, IS NEGATIVE TOWARD THE NEW PARTY CONCEPT, NOTING, "WE CAN FIGHT IN COOPERATION WITH THE SDP." THE ALL JAPAN PREFECTURAL AND MUNICIPAL WORKERS' UNION (JICHIRO) IS FORCED INTO DIFFICULT RESPONSES, FEARING THAT ITS DIETMAN MEMBERS MIGHT SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS -- ONE THAT SUPPORTS THE NEW PARTY CONCEPT AND THE OTHER THAT SUPPORTS THE EXECUTIVES OF THEIR PARTIES.

WHAT SDP-AFFILIATES ARE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT THE DIETMEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF ZENTEI, DENKI ROREN AND OTHER TRADE UNIONS COME TO BELONG TO DIFFERENT PARTIES AS A RESULT OF VARIOUS TRADE UNIONS ACTING INDIVIDUALLY. TO AVOID SUCH A SITUATION FROM OCCURRING, THEY HAVE LINED UP OVER TAKING A UNIFIED MEASURE AS SDP-AFFILIATED TRADE UNIONS.

IN THE MEANTIME, TRADE UNIONS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED THE FORMER DSP, HAVE CLEARLY REJECTED EXTENDING SUPPORT TO THE NEW HATOYAMA PARTY, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN ALREADY MAKING PREPARATIONS TO SUPPORT THE SHINSHINTO IN THE NEXT LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, SOME ARE "WELCOMING THE NEW PARTY, PROVIDED THAT THE NEW PARTY CONTRIBUTES TO THE FORMATION OF THE SECOND FORCE THAT WOULD COUNTER THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY" (SENIOR YUAI KAI MEMBER), SUCH AS HATOYAMA GOING ALONG WITH A NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION AGAINST THE CABINET.

SOME LABOR UNIONS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR EXPECTATIONS OF HATOYAMA. IN A SPEECH MADE AT THE REGULAR CONFERENCE OF THE CONFEDERATION OF JAPAN AUTOMOBILE WORKERS' UNIONS (JIDOSHA SOREN) HELD IN TOKYO ON THE 4TH, CHAIRMAN TERUTO TOKUMOTO TOUCHED ON THE NEW HATOYAMA PARTY AND HINTED AT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPORTING IT, REMARKING, "WE ARE WILLING TO EXTEND SUPPORT TO THE NEW PARTY, DEPENDING ON ITS POLICY MEASURES AND CANDIDATE MEMBERS, ALTHOUGH WE WILL CENTER OUR AXIS ON THE SHINSHINTO." IF THE NEW HATOYAMA PARTY INCREASINGLY TAKES ON AN OPPOSITION PARTY
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COLORING, SOME TRADE UNIONS IN AREAS WHERE THE SHINSHINTO HAS NO IMPRINT MAY START CONSIDERING RENDERING SUPPORT.

RESPONSES OF INFLUENTIAL TRADE UNIONS TO NEW HATOYAMA

PARTY

SDP AFFILIATES

ZENTEI POSITIVE
DENKI RENGU POSITIVE
JICHIRO WAIT AND SEE
ZENDENTSU WAIT AND SEE
SHITETSU SOREN NEGATIVE
FORMER DSP-AFFILIATES

JIDOSHA SOREN LIKELY TO SUPPORT
ZENSEN (NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEXTILE
INDUSTRY WORKERS' UNIONS) WAIT AND SEE
DENRYOKU SOREN (FEDERATION OF ELECTRIC
WORKERS' UNIONS OF JAPAN) WAIT AND SEE
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ASAHI: GENERAL ELECTION EXPECTED TO OCCUR WITHIN OCTOBER;
20TH OR 27TH AS LIKELY VOTING DAY; PRIME MINISTER FIRMS
UP HIS INTENTION; LOWER HOUSE TO BE DISSOLVED POSSIBLY IN
LATE SEPTEMBER (TRANSLATION BELOW)

NIHON KEIZAI: LDP NOW READYING ITSELF FOR GENERAL
ELECTION IN OCTOBER; DIET DISSOLUTION MORE LIKELY TO
OCCUR AT OUTSET OF EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION
(TRANSLATION BELOW)

TOKYO SHIMBUN: THINKING ABOUT U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY BEFORE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL REFERENDUM: HISTORY OF HARDSHIPS NOW AT CROSSROADS; EXPECTATIONS PLACED ON U.S. PUBLIC OPINION AS TO WITHDRAWAL OF BASES

MAINICHI: HIV SCANDAL: DANGER RECOGNIZED IN 1984 BY FORMER HEALTH MINISTRY OFFICIAL DIVISION DIRECTOR MATSUMURA, WHO LEFT "UNTREATED BLOOD PRODUCTS" UNTOUCHED; CONSULTATIONS WENT ON IN THE MINISTRY'S STUDY PANEL

YOMIURI: PRIME MINISTER FIRMS UP HIS INTENTION TO DISSOLVE DIET IN OCTOBER; DISSOLUTION MOST LIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED AT BEGINNING OF EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION; ELECTION DATE LIKELY TO BE IN LATE OCTOBER OR IN NOVEMBER; THAT DIRECTION ACCEPTED BY SDP AND SAKIGAKE LEADERS; THREE-PARTY HEADS MEETING TO OCCUR NEXT WEEK; OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR LDP MEMBERS WHO HAVE LONG HOPED FOR GENERAL ELECTION

SANKEI: PRIME MINISTER ENVISIONS DIET DISSOLUTION IN OCTOBER; LIKELY TO ANNOUNCE AT OUTSET OF EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION; FINAL DECISION TO BE MADE AFTER ASCERTAINING DEVELOPMENTS OF "OKINAWA PROBLEM"; STRONG OPPOSITION STILL REMAINS IN SDP, SAKIGAKE

PRIME MINISTER DECIDES TO CALL SNAP ELECTION, POSSIBLY ON OCTOBER 27 (ASAHI - TOP PLAY)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO YESTERDAY DECIDED TO CONVENE THE EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION POSSIBLY LATER THIS MONTH AND IMMEDIATELY DISSOLVE THE LOWER HOUSE. THE DECISION WAS REVEALED BY SEVERAL SOURCES CONNECTED TO THE RULING PARTIES. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL NOW START COORDINATION WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ARRIVED AT THE JUDGMENT THAT AN EARLY DIET DISSOLUTION WOULD BE WISE FOR THE RULING PARTIES TO CREATE A SITUATION ADVANTAGEOUS TO THEM WITH VOICES THE LDP CALLING FOR AN EARLY DISSOLUTION BECOMING THE PREVAILING VIEW IN THE PARTY, AND THE OPPOSITION CAMP ABOUT TO LAUNCH AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE RULING CAMP REGARDING THE ISSUES OF HIKING THE CONSUMPTION TAX RATE AND THE "ALLEGED SECRET MONEY CONTRIBUTION " INVOLVING LDP SECRETARY GENERAL KATO. THE LIKELY ELECTION DATE WILL BE EITHER OCTOBER 20 OR 27. HOWEVER, SOME UNCERTAIN FACTORS REMAIN IN SETTING SCHEDULES, SUCH AS THAT NO PROSPECT FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE OKINAWA PROBLEM IS LOOMING. IN ADDITION, IT IS NECESSARY TO WATCH THE MOVES OF THE SDP AND THE SAKIGAKE, WHICH ARE AIMING AT FORMING A NEW PARTY.

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO DISSOLVE THE DIET IN THE EARLY PART OF THE REGULAR SESSION THAT CONVENES NEXT JANUARY, CALCULATING THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE PROSPECTS FOR HIS REELECTION MORE CERTAIN, BY CARRYING OUT A SERIES OF DIPLOMATIC EVENTS, SUCH AS FRENCH PRESIDENT CHIRAC'S VISIT TO JAPAN IN NOVEMBER, AND COMPILING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT

FISCAL YEAR UNDER THE "LDP-SDP-SAKIGAKE" FRAMEWORK.

HE NOW HAS REWRITTEN THE SCENARIO AND DECIDED ON AN EARLY DIET DISSOLUTION, CONSIDERING THE PRESENT SITUATION IN WHICH: (1) THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS STRONGLY REACTING UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 08 TOKYO 008300

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AGAINST THE CONSUMPTION TAX HIKE SLATED FOR NEXT APRIL AS DECIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND RULING PARTIES, AND THE SHINSHINTO HAS DECIDED TO SUBMIT A BILL CALLING FOR FREEZING THE RATE; AND (2) THE SHINSHINTO IS GEARED UP FOR AN ALL-OUT WAR IN THE DIET OVER THE PROBLEM OF AN ILLICIT MONEY CONTRIBUTION TO SECRETARY GENERAL KATO. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS JUDGED THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE HIS REELECTION MORE CERTAIN, WHILE MAINTAINING THE COALITION FRAMEWORK OF THE LDP, SDP AND SAKIGAKE, AN EARLY DISSOLUTION OF THE DIET WOULD BE THE PREFERRED WAY. SEVERAL OTHER FACTORS, SUCH AS EXPECTATIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE OKINAWA PROBLEM WITHOUT ANY MAJOR TURMOIL, HAVE INFLUENCED THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION. IN ADDITION, ELECTION PREPARATIONS BY THE LDP ARE GOING RELATIVELY SMOOTH, AND SOLID CABINET SUPPORT RATES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED IN VARIOUS OPINION POLLS.

LDP PUSHING FOR OCTOBER GENERAL ELECTION
(NIHON KEIZAI - TOP PLAY)

JUDGING THAT AN EARLY DISSOLUTION OF THE LOWER HOUSE AND THE SUBSEQUENT GENERAL ELECTION ARE NOW CERTAIN, THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) HAS BEGUN TO ASSUME A STANCE OF CLEARING THE DECKS FOR ACTION WITH A GENERAL ELECTION IN OCTOBER IN MIND. SECRETARY GENERAL KOICHI KATO HAS CONVEYED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY DIET DISSOLUTION TO INFLUENTIAL PARTY MEMBERS. THE VIEW IS STRONG THAT AT THE EARLIEST, THE EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION WILL BE CONVENED LATER THIS MONTH TO BE IMMEDIATELY DISSOLVED AND THE VOTING DAY WILL BE SET FOR EITHER OCTOBER 20 OR 27. SOME UNCERTAIN FACTORS REMAIN, SUCH AS MOVES BY THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY AND THE FATE OF THE OKINAWA PROBLEM, BUT PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO IS EXPECTED TO SHORTLY REACH A FINAL DECISION ON SCHEDULING A DIET DISSOLUTION AND A GENERAL ELECTION, BEARING SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE IN HIS PARTY IN MIND.

DIET-DISSOLUTION-SEEKING LDP EXECUTIVES STREAM INTO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (KANTEI) HAS SEEN A LIVELY PROCESSION OF SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) VISITING PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO ONE AFTER ANOTHER. AT ONE TIME IT WAS UNUSUAL TO SEE POLITICIANS AT THE KANTEI, THE BUREAUCRATS ALONE STANDING OUT. THE PRIME MINISTER IS APPARENTLY DRAWING THEM IN DUE TO THE VARIOUS OBSERVATIONS FLYING ABOUT REGARDING HIS TRUE INTENTION REGARDING A LOWER-HOUSE DISSOLUTION AND GENERAL ELECTION.

THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE 1ST HELD TALKS WITH LDP SECRETARY GENERAL KOICHI KATO AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FINANCE MINISTER WATARU KUBO. ON THE 3RD HE MET WITH TOMIICHI MURAYAMA, HEAD OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP), SECRETARY GENERAL KATO AND SEVERAL UPPER HOUSE MEMBERS WHO ARE SENIOR LDP MEMBERS. ON THE 4TH, FORMER LDP DEPUTY PRESIDENT KEIZO OBUCHI VISITED HIM. DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL HIROMU NONAKA AND ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL SHUSEI TANAKA (SAKIGAKE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL) VISITED HIM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

LDP SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UPPER HOUSE MURAKAMI STRAIGHTFORWARDLY PROPOSED AN EARLY DIET DISSOLUTION TO THE PRIME MINISTER, SAYING, "(THE LOWER HOUSE) SHOULD BE DISSOLVED AT THE OUTSET OF THE EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION." HE URGED HIM TO MAKE A DECISION, "THE LOWER HOUSE IS WAVERING. THE UPPER HOUSE CAN MAKE THE RIGHT JUDGMENT," BUT THE PRIME MINISTER REMAINED SILENT, SIMPLY SAYING, "I WOULD LIKE TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING A REPLY TO THAT PROPOSAL."

IN THE MEANTIME, FORMER SAKIGAKE CHIEF MASAYOSHI TAKEMURA, WHO IS TAKING A CAUTIOUS STAND TOWARD THE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 08 TOKYO 008300

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ISSUE, KEPT A LOW PROFILE ALL THE WAY, COMMENTING, "I WILL SUPPORT THE HASHIMOTO ADMINISTRATION TO THE UTMOST." THE PRIME MINISTER, HOWEVER, DID NOT MAKE ANY PROMISES. THE PRIME MINISTER IS WHOLLY OCCUPIED WITH COLLECTING ENOUGH MATERIALS FOR REACHING A JUDGMENT. AS PART OF THAT EFFORT, HE HEARD FISCAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATIONS FROM KUBO AND TANAKA AS WELL AS TO "COLLECT" INFORMATION ON

THE SITUATION IN THE SDP AND THE SAKIGAKE, WHICH ARE IN A COMMOTION OVER THE NEW HATOYAMA PARTY PROBLEM.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ONCE RIDICULED, "HE IS DOING NOTHING," BECAUSE HAVING NO CLOSE TIES AMONG DIET MEMBERS, HE AT ONE TIME CONFINED HIMSELF TO THE KANTEI ON HIS OWN DURING THE REGULAR DIET SESSION. THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTENTION REGARDING A DIET DISSOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN CONVEYED TO THE LDP AT ALL, CREATING A SARCASTIC SITUATION WHERE SENIOR PARTY MEMBERS ARE PAYING A DAILY VISIT TO THE KANTEI.

CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KAJIYAMA, WHO IS CLOSEST TO THE PRIME MINISTER, YESTERDAY AT AN UPPER HOUSE LDP STUDY MEETING HINTED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS UNABLE TO MAKE UP HIS MIND ON THE DIET DISSOLUTION ISSUE, NOTING, "THE PRIME MINISTER IS USUALLY FULL OF ENERGY, BUT RECENTLY HE SOMETIMES LOOKS GLOOMY. HE IS HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTIES." AT THE SAME TIME, HE POINTED OUT, "IT IS THE MATTER OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S SELECTION RIGHT. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER WAY THAN TO FOLLOW IF THE PRIME MINISTER DECIDES (TO DISSOLVE THE DIET) TOMORROW." THE KANTEI WILL LIKELY BE INUNDATED WITH VISITORS FOR SOMETIME TO COME.

HASHIMOTO TO PUT EVERY EFFORT INTO PERSUADING OKINAWA GOVERNOR IN MEETING ON THE 10TH (MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

NOW THAT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) HAS OPTED FOR A GENERAL ELECTION THIS YEAR, THE OUTLOOK IS THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO AND OKINAWA GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA, SET FOR THE 10TH, WILL HAVE A GREAT INFLUENCE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION. THE PRIME MINISTER, ONCE THERE IS SOME PROSPECT FOR (RESOLUTION OF) THE OKINAWA PROBLEM, APPARENTLY INTENDS TO PLUNGE INTO THE DISSOLUTION OF THE LOWER HOUSE AND GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO DO SO, THE CONDITION WILL BE A SHIFT IN THE STANCE OF THE GOVERNOR ON THE ISSUE OF REPEATED REFUSALS TO SIGN AS PROXY. IF THE PRIME MINISTER OBTAINS THE COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNOR AND SOOTHES THE UNHAPPY VOICES IN THE COALITION OVER THE OKINAWA PROBLEM, HE COULD INDUCE MORE FLEXIBILITY TOWARD AN EARLY DISSOLUTION FROM THE NOW NEGATIVE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND SAKIGAKE PARTY. UNDER SUCH A SITUATION, INTEREST IN INTENSIFYING OVER THE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE GOVERNOR, THE QUESTION BEING WHAT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT CAN BE CREATED THAT WILL WORK TOWARD A DECISION ON THE TIMING OF THE DIET DISSOLUTION.

U.S. CHARGE DEMING POSITIVE ON RESOLUTION OF OKINAWA ISSUES (SANKEI - PAGE 2)

SECRETARY GENERAL KOICHI KATO OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) ON THE EVENING OF THE 5TH HELD TALKS WITH UNITED STATES EMBASSY'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DEMING FOR ABOUT A HOUR AT THE PARTY HEADQUARTERS. IN THE SESSION, THE TWO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE PROBLEM OF U.S. MILITARY

BASES ON OKINAWA, THE IRAQI SITUATION AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL AFFAIRS. THE CHARGE INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO SEE A SETTLEMENT OF THE OKINAWA PROBLEM, SUCH AS THE REDUCTION OF U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES ON OKINAWA. HE STATED, "DISCUSSIONS IN THE SACO (JAPAN-U.S. SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON OKINAWA) HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EFFORTS MADE SO THAT WE WILL OBTAIN FRUITFUL RESULTS." KATO REQUESTED: "I WANT (THE U.S. GOVERNMENT) TO CAREFULLY LISTEN TO THE JAPANESE UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 08 TOKYO 008300

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GOVERNMENT'S VIEW."

U.S. FLOATS IDEA OF TRANSFERRING FUTENMA HELIPORT TO OKINAWAQS CAMP SCHWAB (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

REGARDING THE PROBLEM OF CONSTRUCTING AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT SOMEWHERE, TO ACCOMPANY THE U.S. FORCES' FUTURE REVERSION OF FUTENMA AIR STATION IN OKINAWA, IT WAS LEARNED ON SEPTEMBER 5 THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS SOUNDED OUT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON THE U.S. MARINE CORPS' CAMP SCHWAB AS A CANDIDATE SITE FOR THE HELIPORT RELOCATION. THE U.S. SIDE HAD WANTED TO HAVE IT CONSTRUCTED IN THE KADENA AMMUNITION DEPOT AREA, BUT THIS IDEA FACES STRONG OPPOSITION FROM OKINAWA PREFECTURE. AS FOR THE OPTION OF RELOCATING IT TO KADENA AIR FORCE BASE, HERE THE STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION IS COMING FROM THE U.S. SIDE. SO, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO FIND A THIRD OPTION. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, THE JAPANESE SIDE STILL MAINTAINS THAT A TRANSFERAL TO KADENA AFB IS "THE MOST LIKELY WAY TO OBTAIN OKINAWA PREFECTURE'S PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING." ACCORDINGLY, THE JAPANESE AND U.S. SIDES' RESPECTIVE STANCES REMAIN FAR APART. ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13, THE JAPAN-U.S. SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE (ON FACILITIES AND AREAS IN OKINAWA) (SACO) WILL HOLD A WORKING GROUP MEETING, BUT ITS COORDINATION OVER THE FUTENMA ALTERNATIVE FACILITY WILL LIKELY RUN INTO DIFFICULTY.

ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT SOURCE, JAPAN AND THE U.S. HELD INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS AT AN AUGUST 2 SACO MEETING OVER THE ISSUE OF WHERE TO CONSTRUCT AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT, AND THERE THE JAPANESE SIDE PROPOSED RELOCATION TO KADENA AFB. THE U.S. SIDE WAS RELUCTANT FOR "THERE ARE MAJOR PROBLEMS FROM THE ASPECTS

OF SAFETY, NOISE, AND OPERATIONS." ON THE OTHER HAND, THE U.S. SIDE PROPOSED TO LOOK ALSO INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF OTHER CANDIDATE PLACES, AND BOTH SIDES AT WORKING-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS DECIDED TO LOOK INTO THE IDEA OF RELOCATION TO CAMP SCHWAB IN PARALLEL WITH THE PROPOSAL OF TRANSFERAL TO KADENA AFB.

TOKYO AND WASHINGTON ARE GOING TO INCORPORATE A FUTENMA ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT SITE IN SACO'S FINAL REPORT THAT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED THIS NOVEMBER, BUT PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE AIMING TO OUTLINE IT AT A SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (TWO-PLUS-TWO) MEETING OF THE TWO COUNTRIES' FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 19.

THEREFORE, SACO AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEFENSE COOPERATION (SDC), WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE "GUIDELINES FOR JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION," WILL HOLD THEIR RESPECTIVE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS IN TOKYO ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13, WHEREBY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE GOING TO ENTER INTO FINAL-STAGE COORDINATION.

HOWEVER, THE U.S. SIDE HAS NOW MADE A 'COUNTERPROPOSAL' IN CONCRETE TERMS. THIS CAN BE TAKEN AS THE U.S. SIDE'S SHOWING OF A SEVERE POSTURE OVER AGAIN TOWARD THE JAPANESE SIDE'S PROPOSAL OF TRANSFERAL TO KADENA. IN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, A SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IS SAYING, "IF KADENA IS NO GOOD AFTER ALL, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER PLACE." YET, THERE ARE MANY NEGATIVE VIEWS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, ONE OFFICIAL REMARKING, "IN THE CASE OF THE SCHWAB IDEA, WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO RECOVER LAND FROM THE SEA." SO, THE JAPANESE SIDE NOW STRONGLY PREDICTS THAT "IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SETTLE THE ISSUE AT THE TWO-PLUS-TWO MEETING" (ACCORDING TO A TOP-LEVEL OFFICIAL OF THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY).

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO AND OKINAWA PREFECTURE'S UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 08 TOKYO 008300

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GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA ARE TO MEET IN THE WAKE OF THE PREFECTURE'S REFERENDUM SET FOR SEPTEMBER 8, BUT REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT'S TAKING OF PROCEDURES FOR ITS

CONTINUED FORCIBLE USE OF (EXPROPRIATED) LAND LOTS CURRENTLY OFFERED TO THE U.S. MILITARY BASES IN THE PREFECTURE, GOVERNOR OTA HAS NOW SET FORTH HIS RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SEEING PROGRESS IN THE SCHEDULED JAPAN-U.S. CONSULTATIONS. FOR THIS REASON, AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN THE RULING COALITION IS NOW VOICING CONCERN AS WELL: "THE JAPAN-U.S. CONSULTATIONS' FACING TOUGH GOING MAY REFLECT ON THE PROBLEM OF MAKING FORCIBLE USE OF THE BASE LAND LOTS."

PRIME MINISTERQS PANEL PROPOSES PKO LAW REVISION
(ASAHI - PAGE 1)

A SET OF PROPOSALS, WHOSE MAIN FEATURE IS THE ALLOWING OF THE USE OF WEAPONS UPON THE "COMMANDER'S DECISION" WAS FINALIZED YESTERDAY BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE COOPERATION HEADQUARTERS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, IN THE COURSE ITS REVIEWING THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (PKO) COOPERATION LAW. THE REPORT THEN WAS SUBMITTED TO PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO. IN RESPONSE TO THE FINDINGS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ENGAGE IN THE WORK OF REVISING THE LAW THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RULING PARTIES. BUT AS TO THE USE OF WEAPONS, IT IS LIKELY TO COME UNDER CRITICISM THAT IT MAY LEAD TO ALLOWING THE USE OF WEAPONS ABROAD, EVEN THOUGH SUCH HAS BEEN PROHIBITED BY ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION. IN ADDITION, SOME ISSUES STILL REMAIN TO BE FURTHER DISCUSSED ON THE OPERATIONAL SIDE. IT APPEARS THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL COMPLICATIONS BEFORE A REVISION OF THE BILL IS FORMULATED.

UNDER THE CURRENT LAW, IT IS STIPULATED THAT EACH SDF OFFICER CAN USE WEAPONS ONLY WHEN THERE ARE REASONS ENOUGH TO JUDGE IT WOULD BE UNAVOIDABLE TO USE WEAPONS FOR DEFENDING ONE'S OWN LIFE AND THE LIVES OF OTHER UNIT MEMBERS WITH HIM.

ON THAT POINT, THE REPORT SUGGESTED A POLICY LINE THAT "WITHIN THE SCOPE THAT WILL NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS CONSTITUTIONALLY, (THE USE OF WEAPONS) SHOULD BE JUDGED BY THE COMMANDER." THE REASON FOR THIS SUGGESTION IS BECAUSE "FROM OUR EXPERIENCES IN CAMBODIA AND OTHER PLACES, WE LEARNED IT IS A HEAVY PSYCHOLOGICAL BURDEN FOR EACH SDF OFFICER WHEN A DECISION IS ENTIRELY LEFT TO THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE JUDGMENT" (KOJIRO TAKANO, CHIEF OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE HEADQUARTERS).

IN CONNECTION WITH ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION, HE EXPLAINED: "IT DOES NOT REQUIRE MODIFICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONVENTIONAL INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 9."

HOWEVER, THE REPORT DOES NOT TOUCH ON SUCH MATTERS AS WHAT LEVEL OF BINDING FORCE THE COMMANDER'S DECISION WILL HAVE AND BY WHAT KIND OF MEANS HIS DECISION WILL BE RELAYED. STUDIES WILL THEN BE CONTINUED AT THE HEADQUARTERS. AS ITEMS NECESSARY FOR REVISION, THE REPORT ALSO INCLUDES: (1) MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTION MONITORING WHEN IT IS CARRIED OUT

BY ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN THE U.N. LIKE THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (OSCE); AND (2) ALLOWING COOPERATION FOR SUPPLIES OF GOODS, SUCH AS PHARMACEUTICALS AND FOODS EVEN IF A CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED, IN CASE OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RESCUE OPERATIONS, SUCH AS RESCUING REFUGEES.

BUT PROPOSAL TO ALLOW COMMANDERS DISCRETION TO ORDER USE OF ARMS RAISES QUESTIONS (ASAHI -PAGE 2)

(COMMENTARY) THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE COOPERATION HEADQUARTERS AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 08 TOKYO 008300

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YESTERDAY COMPLETED A SET OF PROPOSALS THAT INCLUDE ALLOWING THE USE OF WEAPONS UPON A "UNIT COMMANDER'S JUDGMENT," BUT AS BRAKES ON THE USE OF WEAPONS, THE REPORT STOPS AT SUCH AN AMBIGUOUS EXPRESSION AS "WITHIN THE SCOPE THAT WILL NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS CONSTITUTIONALLY." A SERIOUS PROBLEM STILL REMAINS UNRESOLVED.

ON THE SUGGESTION FOR REVISING THE PREVIOUS STIPULATION THAT STATES USING WEAPONS IS LEFT TO AN "INDIVIDUAL'S JUDGMENT," THE SECRETARIAT EXPLAINED:

"IN THE PAST AS WELL, OUR INTERPRETATION WAS THAT AN ORGANIZED RESPONSE ITSELF MADE UPON A UNIT COMMANDER'S ORDER WHEN OUR SIDE IS ATTACKED WILL NOT VIOLATE ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION. BUT THERE ARE CASES WHICH ARE DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH AS TO WHETHER THEY COME UNDER THE USE OF WEAPONS THAT IS PROHIBITED BY THE CONSTITUTION. SO, USING WEAPONS HAS BEEN RE STRICTED TO A RESPONSE UPON AN INDIVIDUAL'S JUDGMENT."

THEREFORE, THE SECRETARIAT'S POSITION IS THAT THE REVIEW THIS TIME WILL NOT BRING ABOUT A CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM.

BUT UNDER THE NEW POLICY LINE, WITH WHAT KIND OF METHODS "DISTINCTION" WILL BE MADE CLEAR? UNLESS SUCH METHODS ARE SHOWN IN CONCRETE TERMS, CONNECTIONS WITH THE CONSTITUTION WILL NEVER BE THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED.

IN FACT, EVEN AFTER THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED, DIFFERENT OPINIONS REMAIN IN THE GOVERNMENT AS TO THE

INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE ACTUAL OPERATIONS OF THE LAW. SOME IN THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) ARE UNHAPPY, ONE OFFICIAL COMPLAINING: "THE JDA WANTS TO REGARD A COMMANDER'S JUDGMENT AS AN 'ORDER,' BUT THE CABINET LEGISLATION BUREAU WILL NOT ACCEPT OUR REQUEST."

TECHNICALLY, THERE SEEM TO ARISE THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS:
(1) IF A UNIT COMMANDER'S JUDGMENT DIFFERS FROM HIS UNIT MEMBERS', WILL THE COMMANDER'S JUDGMENT BIND HIS MEMBERS? AND (2) IF UNIT MEMBERS DO NOT FOLLOW THE COMMANDER'S JUDGMENT, WILL THE MEMBERS BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT?

ON THE OTHER HAND, POLITICIANS ARE NOT YET READY TO MOVE AHEAD WITH DISCUSSION IN RESPONSE TO THE DETAILS OF THE REPORT. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) SAYS IN A STATEMENT BY SECRETARY GENERAL KANJU KATO, "UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, THERE IS NO NEED TO RESTUDY THE PRINCIPLE ON THE USE OF WEAPONS," BUT LOOKING AT THE RULING PARTIES AS A WHOLE, MOST MEMBERS TAKEN THE REPORT THAT "NOW IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO BRING UP A NEW SUBJECT" (LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TAKU YAMASAKI). AS IT STANDS, IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE PUT OFF UNTIL A FRAMEWORK FOR A NEW ADMINISTRATION IS SET AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION.

FOREIGN MINISTRY PLANNING TO UNFREEZE GRANT AID TO CHINA
(ASAHI - PAGE 1)

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) YESTERDAY FIRMED UP ITS POLICY INTENTION OF LIFTING THE FREEZE ON GRANT AID TO CHINA. JAPAN HAS SUSPENDED GRANT AID, EXCEPT FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, SINCE LATE AUGUST 1995, IN PROTEST OF CHINA'S NUCLEAR TESTING. MOFA EXPLAINS THAT THE REASON FOR RESUMING SUCH AID WAS IN CONSIDERATION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S DECLARATION AFTER ITS NUCLEAR TEST IN LATE JULY THAT IT WOULD DISCONTINUE FURTHER NUCLEAR TESTING, "IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT CHINA WILL NO LONGER CONDUCT NUCLEAR TESTING." THE MINISTRY INTENDS TO EXPLAIN THE PLAN TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COORDINATION COUNCIL OF THE THREE RULING PARTIES AND TO OBTAIN ITS APPROVAL. BUT SINCE THERE STILL REMAINS A NEGATIVE VIEW IN THE RULING PARTIES TOWARD RESTARTING GRANT AID, A UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 08 TOKYO 008300

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FORMAL DECISION WILL NOT BE COME SMOOTHLY.

WHEN CHINA CONDUCTED AN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST ON JUNE 8 THIS YEAR, IT ANNOUNCED IT WOULD CARRIED OUT ANOTHER TEST BEFORE SIGNING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT) AND SUSPEND ALL NUCLEAR TESTING AFTER THAT. AFTER CARRYING OUT ANOTHER ONE ON JULY 29, IT STATED: "WE WILL FREEZE ALL FURTHER NUCLEAR TESTING." IN THE CTBT SESSION AT THE EARLY STAGE, CHINA WAS UNABLE TO FIND COMMON GROUND WITH COUNTRIES THAT CALLED FOR THE NEED FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR TESTING FOR LARGE-SCALE ENGINEERING WORKS, AS WELL AS FOR TEST SITE SURVEYS IN CASE ILLEGAL TESTING IS CONDUCTED. BUT AT THE END, IT CHANGED ITS POLICY LINE AND PARTICIPATED IN THE VOTE ON THE PROPOSED CTBT.

INSURANCE TALKS TO RESTART IN MID-MONTH
(MAINICHI - PAGE 9)

DURING THE UNOFFICIAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON THE 4TH BETWEEN EISUKE SAKAKIBARA, INTERNATIONAL FINANCE BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF), AND AMBASSADOR SHAPIRO OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE (USTR), IT WAS DECIDED THAT JAPAN-U.S. WORKING-LEVEL INSURANCE TALKS WOULD RESUME IN MID-SEPTEMBER AT THE EARLIEST. BUT, SOME OFFICIALS STATE THE GULF IS STILL WIDE OVER NEW ENTRIES INTO THE THIRD SECTOR -- THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN LIFE INSURANCE AND NON-LIFE INSURANCE. THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE NOW TOO OCCUPIED TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO INSURANCE TALKS, WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER COMING UP IN THE U.S. AND WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION ENTERING THE HOME STRETCH IN JAPAN. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, INSURANCE TALKS MAY BE PROLONGED.

THE STICKING POINT IN THE BILATERAL INSURANCE TALKS IS HOW TO EASE REGULATIONS ON NEW ENTRIES INTO THE THIRD SECTOR BY SUBSIDIARIES OF LIFE AND NON-LIFE INSURERS. THE U.S. HAS INSISTED ON PRESERVATION OF REGULATIONS ON NEW ACCESS, AS A MEASURE TO EASE EXPECTED CATAclysmic CHANGES IN THE THIRD SECTOR. JAPAN HAS CALLED FOR RESERVING REGULATIONS ON NEW ENTRIES IN THE CANCER INSURANCE MARKET BUT FOR REMOVING, IN PRINCIPLE, THOSE FOR THE ACCIDENT INSURANCE, WHICH IS HANDLED BY LEADING NON-LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

MOF ON AUGUST 27 GRANTED BUSINESS LICENSES TO 17 NON-LIFE INSURANCE SUBSIDIARIES ESTABLISHED BY LIFE INSURERS AND LIFE INSURANCE SUBSIDIARIES BY NON-LIFE INSURERS TO ALLOW THEM TO ENTER EACH OTHER'S TURF THROUGH SUBSIDIARIES, STARTING ON OCTOBER 1.

IN ISSUING BUSINESS LICENSES, MOF ADDED THE PROVISIO THAT "ON NEW ENTRIES INTO THE THIRD SECTOR, SOME REGULATIONS MIGHT BE ENFORCED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER." BY SHOWING THE DEADLINE FOR A FINAL DECISION, THE MINISTRY APPARENTLY IS AIMING TO DRAW OUT A CONCESSION OF THE U.S.

BUT IT SEEMS TO BE DIFFICULT TO PULL FORTH A CONCESSION FROM THE U.S. ACCORDING TO A FINANCIAL SOURCE, THE U.S. PURPOSE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS IS TO PROTECT THE VESTED INTERESTS OF SOME U.S. INSURANCE COMPANIES, WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED (THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION) IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS, SO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS PERSISTED WITH PRESERVING REGULATIONS ON NEW ACCESS TO THE ACCIDENT INSURANCE MARKET, WHICH IS THE MAJOR EARNINGS SOURCE FOR U.S. INSURERS.

IN CASE THE TALKS SEE NO PROGRESS, MOF IS GOING TO LIBERALIZE NEW ENTRIES INTO THE ACCIDENT INSURANCE MARKET IN PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, REGARDING OVERSEAS ACCIDENT INSURANCE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE THROUGH THE "CORPORATION ASSOCIATION," A GROUP OF SMALL TO MEDIUM-SIZE COMPANIES, WHICH ARE A MAJOR SOURCE OF INCOME FOR U.S., MOF IS UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 08 TOKYO 008300

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WILLING TO KEEP THE REGULATIONS ON NEW ENTRIES FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD, OUT OF CONSIDERATION TO THE U.S.

SHOULD JAPAN DECIDES TO LIBERALIZE NEW ENTRIES INTO THE ACCIDENT INSURANCE, THE U.S. MAY START INVESTIGATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT. IN SUCH A CASE, WITH ONE YEAR OF INVESTIGATION, THE TALKS WOULD GO DEEPER INTO A MAZE.

EARLY SETTLEMENT AT JAPAN-U.S. INSURANCE TALKS DIFFICULT; U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN INDICATES

(WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 4, TOSHIO HARA) UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN MONDALE IN A SPEECH DELIVERED IN WASHINGTON ON THE 4TH STRESSED THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE U.S. TOUGH TRADE POLICY APPROACH TOWARD JAPAN. HE STATED, "WITHOUT RELATION TO THE DECREASE IN ITS TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN, THE U.S. WILL CHALLENGE VARIOUS MARKET BARRIERS THAT HAVE BEEN ERECTED BY JAPAN." REFERRING TO JAPAN-U.S. INSURANCE TALKS, THE AMBASSADOR STATED, "THE U.S. IS CONCERNED THAT THE 1994 ACCORD HAS NOT BEEN ABIDED BY. THIS ACCORD HAS ENTANGLED THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TALKS." WITH THIS, HE INDICATED THAT AN EARLY SETTLEMENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT.

THE AMBASSADOR REGARDED AS A VIOLATION OF THE ACCORD THE

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S POSTURE OF ALLOWING, WITHOUT FULL DEREGULATORY MEASURES, SUBSIDIARIES OF LIFE INSURERS TO ENTER THE THIRD-SECTOR MARKET. HE SAID; "THE 1994 ACCORD STIPULATES THE TIMING FOR DEREGULATION IN PRINCIPLE SECTORS AND FOR NEW ENTRIES INTO THE THIRD SECTOR."

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59% (TRANSLATION BELOW)

NIHON KEIZAI: MITSUI PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, MITSUI
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SECOND LARGEST CHEMICAL COMPANY IN JAPAN; AGREEMENT
REACHED IN OUTLINE; AIM TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL

COMPETITIVENESS; COORDINATION UNDERWAY TO USE "MITSUI CHEMICALS" AS CORPORATE NAME

TOKYO SHIMBUN: OKINAWA OPTS FOR "REDUCTION OF BASES"; SHOWN BY 89 PERCENT OF VOTERS OR 53 PERCENT OF THE ELECTORATE; FIRST PREFECTURAL REFERENDUM WITH TURNOUT RATE OF 59.53 PERCENT. LIKELY TO IMPACT CENTRAL POLITICAL WORLD WITH POSSIBILITY OF DISSOLUTION OF THE LOWER HOUSE

MAINICHI: 90 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO CAST VOTES IN OKINAWA PREFECTURAL REFERENDUM GIVE APPROVAL TO "REDUCTION OF BASES"; TURNOUT RATE OF 59.53 PERCENT EXCEEDS A MAJORITY OF VOTERS.

YOMIURI: TURNOUT RATE OF 59 PERCENT IN OKINAWA PREFECTURAL REFERENDUM; APPROVAL SHOWN BY 89 PERCENT FOR REDUCTION OF BASES AND REVIEW OF SOFA; THEIR VOICES NOW PRESSING THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO MAKE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO BRING SUCH ABOUT; GOVERNOR OTA: "I TAKE THE RESULTS SERIOUSLY"

SANKEI: 89 PERCENT SHOW APPROVAL WITH VOTING RATE OF 59 PERCENT IN OKINAWA PREFECTURAL REFERENDUM ASKING ABOUT REDUCTION OF BASES; SLIGHTLY EXCEEDS A MAJORITY OF THE ENTIRE ELECTORATE; TURNOUT RATE BELOW THAT OF "JUNE PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION"

OKINAWA PREFECTUYRAL REFERENDUM: WITH A 59 PERCENT TURNOUT, 89 PERCENT OF OKINAWANS WANT BASE REDUCTION AND SOFA REVIEW (ASAHI - TOP PLAY)

THE FIRST PREFECTURE-WIDE REFERENDUM IN JAPAN WAS CARRIED OUT YESTERDAY ON THE QUESTION OF OKINAWANS WANT REALIGNMENT AND REDUCTION OF UNITED STATES MILITARY BASES AND A REVIEW OF THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA). WITH A TURNOUT RATE AT 59.53 PERCENT, 89.09 PERCENTS OF THOSE WHO CAST BALLOTS SHOWED APPROVAL, REACHING A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORATE. THE OUTCOME REFLECTS THE WILL OF THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE BORNE A HEAVY BURDEN FROM THE OVERCONCENTRATION OF U.S. BASES THERE, BASED ON THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY. GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA WILL RELAY POLLING RESULTS TO PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO IN THEIR MEETING SET FOR THE 10TH AND HE WILL ALSO INFORM THE OUTCOME TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT POSSIBLY ON THE 11TH. THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT "HAS TAKEN THE RESULTS SERIOUSLY," AND INTENDS TO DEVOTE MORE OF ITS ENERGIES INTO GRAPPLING WITH THE PROBLEM OF REALIGNING AND REDUCING U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA. THE OKINAWA BASES ISSUE, WHICH HAS BEEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT AS A MAJOR AGENDA FOR NATIONAL POLITICS SINCE GOVERNOR OTA ANNOUNCED LAST SEPTEMBER HE WOULD REFUSE TO SIGN AS PROXY THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR FORCED USE OF LAND BY U.S. BASES, HAS NOW REACHED AN IMPORTANT PHASE BEFORE THE FINAL SETTLEMENT IN THAT THE PREFECTURAL POPULATION'S WILL HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR, IN THE WAKE OF THE PROXY-SIGNING LAWSUIT HAVING BEEN DECIDED IN FAVOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

DOUBTS REMAIN ABOUT OKINAWAN VOTE (ASAHI - PAGE 1)

(ANALYSIS) THE FIRST PREFECTURE-WIDE REFERENDUM IN THE NATION WAS A KIND OF GAMBLE FOR OKINAWA. IT LITERALLY CAN SHOW "OKINAWA'S CONSENSUS" TO BOTH THE JAPANESE AND UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 08 TOKYO 008369

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS, BUT IF THE REFERENDUM ENDED WITH A LOW TURNOUT RATE, IT WOULD ALLOW THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PREFECTURAL SIDE'S SITUATION. THEREBY IT MIGHT DEAL A BLOW TO THE NOW-WIDESPREAD CAMPAIGN "INVOLVING ALL OF THE ISLAND PREFECTURE" CALLING FOR REDUCTION OF BASES. THOSE WHO CAST BALLOTS SHOWING APPROVAL EXCEEDED A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORATE, AND THIS RESULT CAN BE COMPARED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE TOWN REFERENDUM HELD IN MAKI TOWN IN NIIGATA PREFECTURE OVER THE PROBLEM OF CONSTRUCTING A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. THE REFERENDUM THIS TIME CAN SAFELY BE SAID TO BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT ONLY BARELY, AS A POLITICAL "CARD" TO SHOW THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

WHEN A RAPE CASE OF A SCHOOLGIRL BY U.S. SERVICEMEN OCCURRED LAST SEPTEMBER, NO ONE PRESUMED THE "HISTORIC DAY" (GOVERNOR OTA) WOULD COME ONE YEAR LATER FOR THE OKINAWAN CITIZENS TO CHANGE THEIR FUTURE BY THEIR OWN WILL. THE FACTORS THAT BROUGHT THE SITUATION TO THIS POINT WERE THE GOVERNOR'S "REFUSAL TO DO PROXY-SIGNING" AND BACKLASH FROM THE PREFECTURAL PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR AND WHO ASSERT, "WE CANNOT ENDURE IT ANY LONGER." POLLING RESULTS DEMONSTRATED THE "PUBLIC'S WILL" IN THE PREFECTURE.

BUT THE OUTCOME OF THE REFERENDUM AT THE SAME TIME MADE CLEAR THE SERIOUS REALITY FACING THE "ISLAND PREFECTURE OF BASES." THE GOVERNOR STATED, "I CAN HIGHLY EVALUATE THE RESULTS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION OTHER CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES WHICH DO NOT HOUSE BASES," BUT THE TURNOUT RATE IN THE GINOWAN CITY WHICH HAS FUTENMA AIR STATION, A FACILITY WHICH HAS BEEN AGREED TO BE RETURNED, WAS ALMOST THE SAME AS THE PREFECTURAL AVERAGE TURNOUT RATE. IN CITIES OR TOWNS WHICH HOUSE BASES, THE VOTING RATE DID NOT INCREASE AS MUCH AS EXPECTED. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WAS 54.73 PERCENT IN OKINAWA CITY WHICH HOUSES KADENA AIR BASE AND 51.67 PERCENT IN KIN TOWN WHERE CAMP HANSEN IS INSTALLED. IN SOME AREAS, THOSE WHO

CAST BALLOTS OPPOSING (BASES REDUCTION) REACHED MORE THAN 15 PERCENT TO OVER 20 PERCENT.

THESE RESULTS CAN BE READ AS MIRRORING THE "HESITATION" OF THOSE WHO HAVE SO FAR BEEN FORCED TO LIVE, DEPENDING ON BASES, EVEN THOUGH THEY DO NOT LIKE BASES. IN ADDITION IT CAN BE GATHERED THAT THE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE THE SITES OF BASES PREMISED ON TOTAL RETURN OF BASES' SITES AS DECLARED BY THE PREFECTURE HAS CAUSED THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE BASES-LED ECONOMY TO HARBOR A SENSE OF FEAR (ABOUT THE FUTURE). IN THIS CONTEXT, THE OUTCOME OF THE RETURNS MAY LEAVE WEIGHTY HOMEWORK FOR BOTH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND OKINAWA PREFECTURE. (YOSHIO SATO OF THE LOCAL NEWS SECTION)

COMMENTARY -- DOUBTS REMAIN ABOUT OKINAWAN VOTE
(YOMIURI -PAGE 1)

THE PREFECTURAL-WIDE REFERENDUM WAS THE FIRST EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE OKINAWAN RESIDENTS TOWARD THE EXCESSIVE BURDEN OF U.S. BASES IN THE 51 YEARS SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II. THE FACT THAT A MAJORITY OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS APPROVED (REDUCTION OF THE BASES AND A REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA)), ONCE AGAIN SUGGESTS THE STRONG EXPECTATIONS OF THE OKINAWANS TOWARD REALIGNMENT AND REDUCTION OF THE BASES. THE GOVERNMENT NOW IS PRESSED TO MAKE EVEN MORE EFFORTS TO FILL THE GAP (IN EXPECTATIONS) BETWEEN THE CENTER AND THE PREFECTURE, PREMISED ON OUR COUNTRY'S NATIONAL SECURITY NOT BEING HARMED.

ALTHOUGH THE NOTION OF TRANSFERRING PARTS OF THE BASE FUNCTIONS TO MAINLAND JAPAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF REALIGNING AND REDUCING THOSE BASES HAS SET OF A SERIES OF OBJECTIVES FROM POSSIBLE MAINLAND SITES FOR SUCH TRANSFERS, THE RESULTS OF THE JUST-COMPLETED REFERENDUM UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 08 TOKYO 008369

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CAN BE SAID TO RAISE THE QUESTION ALSO FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HOW CAN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY SHARE THE BURDEN, WITHOUT STICKING SOLELY TO REGIONAL INTERESTS, WITH RESPECT TO THE COST OF NATIONAL SECURITY, WHICH NOW IMPOSES AN EXCESSIVE BURDEN ON OKINAWA PREFECTURE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FACT IS ALSO THAT THERE REMAIN

SOME MAJOR DOUBTS ABOUT THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL REFERENDUM.

WHAT IS NOTEWORTHY IS THAT THE TURNOUT RATE WAS BELOW THE 66.36 PERCENT RATE IN THE PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION IN JUNE, WHICH THE RULING PARTY IN THE PREFECTURE HAD MADE THE TARGET NUMBER IN THE REFERENDUM. THAT LOW TURNOUT CAN BE THOUGHT OF AS CAUSED BY THE THINKING THAT ALTHOUGH THE REFERENDUM "QUERIED APPROVAL OR DISSAPPROVAL," THERE WAS NO POINT OF DISPUTE "IT BEING DECIDED FROM THE START."

IN THAT SENSE, THE THEME ITSELF IN THE REFERENDUM PERHAPS DAMPENED THE TURNOUT OF PREFECTURAL VOTERS.

THE BASE PROBLEM, AS WELL AS THE QUESTION OF CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN NIIGATA IN A REFERENDUM IN MINATO-MACHI ON AUGUST 4, WERE SIMILARLY QUESTIONING THE COUNTRY'S BASIC POLICIES OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND ENERGY, RESPECTIVELY. BASICALLY, SUCH QUESTIONS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR REFERENDUM BY THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

EVEN IF THE SENTIMENTS OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN BE UNDERSTOOD, WHAT HAS TO BE AVOIDED IS HARMING THE GREATER INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRY'S PEACE AND SECURITY BY ROCKING THE NATIONAL SECURITY BASE THAT IS FOUNDED ON THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY ARRANGEMENT, BY, FOR EXAMPLE, (RESPONDING TO) THE LOCAL INTERESTS AND SENTIMENTS OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE.

U.S. WORRIED OKINAWAN VOTE MAY PROMOTE ANTI-BASE MOOD; TO WATCH GOVERNMENT RESPONSE (MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

(WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 8, MASATO KISHIMOTO) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS TAKE THE POSITION OF STAYING AWAY FROM THE OKINAWA PREFECTURE REFERENDUM BECAUSE IT IS A "DOMESTIC PROBLEM IN JAPAN" (HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL), HAS YET TO MAKE ANY FORMAL COMMENT. BUT WHAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WORRIES MOST ABOUT IS THAT THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE'S DESIRE TO REDUCE U.S. MILITARY BASES MIGHT LEAD TO AROUSING "ANTI-AMERICAN AND ANTI-U.S. MILITARY-BASE SENTIMENTS." GIVEN SUCH A CIRCUMSTANCE, IT IS NOW CAREFULLY WATCHING THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSES IN THE FUTURE.

THE MAINTAINING OF 100,000-STRONG U.S. FORCE IN EAST ASIA IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF U.S. STRATEGY TOWARD ASIA. JAPAN, WHERE 47,000 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE NOW STATIONED, SHOULDERS THE CENTRAL RESPONSIBILITY. OKINAWA, IN WHICH A HALF OF THOSE ARE NOW SERVING, OCCUPIES A CRITICAL STRATEGIC LOCATION VIS-A-VIS CHINA, THE TAIWAN STRAITS AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA). SINCE THE U.S. HAS LOST SUBIC AND CLARK BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES, OKINAWA HAS NOW BECOME VITAL FOR THE U.S. TO EXERT ITS GREAT INFLUENCE OVER ALL OF EAST ASIA.

THE U.S. SIDE HAS STRESSED: "JAPAN'S OFFERING OF LAND

LOTS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES IS A CENTRAL PART OF THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENT"; AND, "THE U.S. HAS SERIOUSLY DEALT WITH SUCH PROBLEMS AS THE NOISE POLLUTION SO THAT OKINAWAN CITIZENS' BURDEN WILL BE REDUCED." THIS MEANS THAT THE U.S. APPARENTLY HAS APPREHENSIONS THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA, WHICH IS A "DOMESTIC ISSUE" BETWEEN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND OKINAWA PREFECTURE, MIGHT DEVELOP INTO A PROBLEM OF ANTI-U.S. MILITARY BASE SENTIMENT BY THE UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 08 TOKYO 008369

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OKINAWAN AND JAPANESE PEOPLE.

THE U.S. ALSO CANNOT IGNORE THE LOCAL RESIDENTS' VIEWS. OKINAWA'S COOPERATION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MILITARY FACILITIES. SINCE AN ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR THE HELIPORT OF THE FUTENMA AIR STATION CANNOT BE FOUND OTHER THAN ON OKINAWA, THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE'S VIEWS WILL IMPACT ON THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT AND THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

IF ANTI-U.S. MILITARY BASE SENTIMENTS HEIGHTEN, THERE WILL BE A POSSIBILITY THAT THE "REDEFINED" U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY COOPERATION MIGHT BE FUNDAMENTALLY SHAKEN. IN ADDITION, THERE IS THE DANGER THAT SUCH MIGHT TOUCH OFF AN CALL IN THE U.S. FOR MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM JAPAN. IN THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, THE CALL FOR AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL LIKELY STRENGTHEN.

SDP SECRETARY GENERAL SAYS JAPAN SHOULD NOW CONSIDER REVISING THE SOFA (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

REGARDING THE OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC REFERENDUM IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE, THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S SECRETARY GENERAL KOICHI KATO STATED IN HIS ANSWER TO A QUESTION FROM THE PRESS ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 8: "I'M TAKING IT SERIOUSLY, AND THE RULING PARTIES ALSO WILL BACK UP THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS FOR REALIGNING AND REDUCING THE U.S. MILITARY BASES THERE." THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S SECRETARY GENERAL KANJU SATO AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOUCHED ON THE ISSUE OF REVIEWING THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT, AND SUGGESTED: "WE SHOULD CONSIDER REVISING THE SOFA PACT ITSELF, GOING FURTHER THAN TO IMPROVE SPECIFIC APPLICATION." THE

SAKIGAKE PARTY'S REPRESENTATIVE SHOICHI IDE COMMENTED, "WE'LL MAKE SINCERE EFFORTS WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT CANNOT CONTINUE TO EXIST WITHOUT THE PREFECTURAL PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING." THE NEW FRONTIER PARTY (SHINSHINTO) RELEASED A COMMENT BY MUTSUKI KATO, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN THE 'TOMORROW CABINET' OF THE NFP, SAYING THAT THE GOVERNMENT "SHOULD TAKE A SINCERE VIEW OF THE RESULTS, AND SHOULD DEVOTE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO RESOLVE BASE ISSUES." THE JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY RELEASED CHIEF OF SECRETARIAT KAZUO SHII'S STATEMENT: "IT'S A HISTORICAL RESULT THAT SHOWED THE TOTAL CONSENSUS OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE'S PEOPLE DESIRE TO BE FREE FROM THE HEAVY PRESSURE OF THE U.S. MILITARY BASES THERE."

JDA: NO CHANGE IN EFFORT TO SHRINK BASES; FUTENMA REVERSION MUST BE SPEEDED UP (SANKEI - PAGE 5)

REGARDING THE OUTCOME OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE'S PUBLIC REFERENDUM ON THE PROPRIETY OF REALIGNING AND REDUCING THE U.S. MILITARY BASES IN THE PREFECTURE, THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY IS CALMLY TAKING IT THAT "THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S MAKING EFFORTS (FOR REDUCTION)" (ACCORDING TO A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION AGENCY). EVENTUALLY, HOWEVER, THE TURNOUT OF VOTERS, INITIALLY ESTIMATED AT "AROUND 70 PERCENT" (JDA'S SENIOR OFFICIAL), WAS LOWER THAN EXPECTED. JDA REGARDS THIS FACT AS THE LOCAL POPULATION'S APPRECIATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND FOR THE OKINAWA PROBLEM. SO, THE GOVERNMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS COURSE OF ACTION TO DATE, WILL EXPEDITE COORDINATION WITH THE U.S. SIDE OVER THE FUTENMA AIR STATION REVERSION ISSUE AND ALSO INTENDS TO CALL FOR GOVERNOR MASAHIKO OTA TO COOPERATE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S TAKING OF PROCEDURES FOR ITS CONTINUED FORCIBLE USE OF LAND LOTS CURRENTLY OFFERED TO THE U.S. MILITARY.

ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 8, JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL HIDEO USUI STATED IN HIS ANSWER TO A PRESS REPORTER'S QUESTION ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE: "NOW THAT THE NUMBER OF UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 08 TOKYO 008369

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VOTES (IN FAVOR OF BASE REALIGNMENT AND REDUCTION) REACHED A MAJORITY, THE PREFECTURAL PEOPLE'S WILL IS SHOWN TO THE WHOLE NATION IN THE VOTING." SO REMARKING,

THE JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL SHOWED HIS UNDERSTANDING FOR THE FACT THAT A MAJORITY OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE'S PEOPLE IS CALLING FOR BASE REALIGNMENT AND REDUCTION.

REFERRING TO THE TURNOUT OF VOTERS, JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL USUI ALSO REMARKED, "WE CAN'T NECESSARILY SAY IT'S LOW." BUT HIS ANALYSIS IS THAT "SUCH INDICATES THEIR OPINION TELLING US (IN THE GOVERNMENT) TO DO OUR BEST."

JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL USUI THUS IMPLIED HIS RECOGNITION THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS UP UNTIL NOW ARE APPRECIATED.

AS FOR THE PROBLEM OF CONSTRUCTING AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT FOR THE FUTENMA AIRFIELD, JDA SOUNDED OUT THE U.S. SIDE EARLY THIS AUGUST ON ITS PROPOSAL OF INTEGRATING FUTENMA'S HELIPORT FUNCTIONS INTO KADENA AIR FORCE BASE FOR SUCH, ACCORDING TO A SENIOR JDA OFFICIAL, WOULD BE "EASILY ACCEPTABLE ALSO TO OKINAWA." IN MID-AUGUST, JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL USUI VISITED LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES THAT WERE ON THE LIST OF CANDIDATE SITES FOR THE U.S. MILITARY'S TRANSFERAL OF LIVE-FIRE ARTILLERY TRAINING ACROSS PREFECTURAL HIGHWAY ROUTE 104 TO THE MAINLAND (OF JAPAN), WHERE HE ASKED THOSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE AND THEN MADE AN APPEAL ON THE GOVERNMENT'S "UTMOST EFFORTS."

MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, THE U.S. SIDE REMAINS RELUCTANT ABOUT SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT INTEGRATION IDEA IN SPITE OF SUCH "EFFORTS" MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT. MOREOVER, THE PLANNED TRANSFERAL OF ARTILLERY TRAINING TO THE MAINLAND ALSO IS NOW FACING OPPOSITION FROM THOSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES ON THE LIST OF CANDIDATE SITES. AS SEEN FROM SUCH FACTS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS YET TO OBTAIN ANY MORE SPECIFIC RESULTS THAN THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT AN APRIL MEETING OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE (ON FACILITIES AND AREAS IN OKINAWA) (SACO).

THE GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, WILL UNDERScore ITS STANCE OF GIVING FIRST CONSIDERATION CONTINUOUSLY TO RESOLVING SUCH PENDING ISSUES AS THE FUTENMA PROBLEM TOWARD A CABINET-LEVEL JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (TWO-PLUS-TWO) MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 19TH OF THIS MONTH. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO A MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO AND THE GOVERNOR ON SEPTEMBER 10, AND WILL PRUDENTLY PROBE THE PREFECTURE'S RESPONSE.

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BUDGE IN POLICY GOAL OF MOVING FUTENMA HELIPORT TO KADENA
(MAINICHI - PAGE 1, SEPT. 8 EDITION)

THE GOVERNMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 7 HAS ADOPTED A POLICY COURSE OF STICKING TO ITS "KADENA AIR BASE UNIFICATION PLAN" TO DEAL WITH THE PLANNED REVERSION OF FUTENMA AIR STATION IN THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE SESSION (TWO-PLUS-TWO) TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19 AMONG THE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES

THE GOVERNMENT THINKS THE KADENA UNIFICATION PLAN IS THE APPROACH "MOST LIKELY TO WIN OKINAWA'S COOPERATION." (DEFENSE AGENCY OFFICIAL). IN ADDITION, AIR SELF-DEFENSE FORCE (ASDF) SPECIALISTS HAVE DRAWN A CONCLUSION THAT THE KADENA PLAN IS "TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE." THE U.S. SIDE, HOWEVER, IS STILL RELUCTANT ABOUT THE PLAN. CONDITIONS SUGGEST THAT THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REACH ANY AGREEMENT IN THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT TALKS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE AROUND SEPTEMBER 24.

THE JAPAN-U.S. SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE (SACO) PRODUCED ITS INTERIM REPORT IN APRIL, SUGGESTING THAT CONSTRUCTING AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT SHOULD BE A CONDITION FOR THE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 08 TOKYO 008369

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REVERSION OF FUTENMA AIR STATION. LATER, IT WAS ALSO REVEALED THAT THE U.S. HAD CALLED FOR A RUNWAY AS WELL, AND THAT IDEA CAUSED A STIR AMONG OKINAWANS. AS A RESULT, THE GOVERNMENT REACHED A CONCLUSION THAT THE ONLY WAY POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN OKINAWA'S UNDERSTANDING WAS TO COME UP WITH AN EXISTING AIR BASE AS AN ALTERNATIVE RELOCATION SITE. AS A RESULT, SINCE THE END OF JUNE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE U.S. SIDE TO LOOK SERIOUSLY INTO THE PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A HELIPORT AND A RUNWAY IN KADENA AIR BASE (1,997 HECTARES FOR THE AIR FORCE), WHICH HAS LAND SPACE FOUR TIMES FUTENMA AIR STATION (481 HECTARES FOR THE MARINE).

IN A AUGUST 2 SACO SESSION, THE U.S. SIDE CLAIMED THAT OPERATING FIGHTERS AND ROTORCRAFT AT ONE SITE WOULD BE "EXTREMELY DIFFICULT" IN TERMS OF MAINTAINING SAFETY, NOISE CONTROL, AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS.

THE U.S., HOWEVER, HAS NOT YET COME UP WITH ANY "PARAMETER" REQUIRED FOR AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT, DESPITE ITS PROMISE TO DO SO WITHIN AUGUST. JAPAN, OF COURSE, IS WAITING FOR U.S. ACTION, REASONING, "WE CANNOT BELIEVE THE U.S. THEORY UNLESS (DEFENSE AGENCY OFFICIAL). IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT THINKS THE U.S.-SUGGESTED CAMP HANSEN PLAN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO WIN OKINAWA'S UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE SUCH WOULD REQUIRE CONSTRUCTING NEW AIR FORCE FACILITIES THAT MAY BRING ABOUT SOME ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN LEANING TOWARD THE JUDGMENT: "THE U.S. MILITARY HAS NOT YET

CLEARLY SPELLED OUT ITS EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL PLAN, SO THE TALKS HAVE NOT MADE ANY PROGRESS. WE CANNOT TURN TO OTHER PLAN JUST BECAUSE THE U.S. DOES NOT LIKE THE KADENA UNIFICATION PLAN. REACHING A CONCLUSION WITHIN SEPTEMBER WOULD BE DIFFICULT" (SENIOR DEFENSE OFFICIAL). (NATSUKI MOTOTANI)

SECRET U.S.-JAPAN AGREEMENT REACHED ON CONSIDERING MOVING HELIPORT TO KADENA AIR BASE
(YOMIURI - PAGE 1, SEPT. 8 EDITION)

IT WAS REVEALED ON THE 7TH THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES TO FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION ON THE JAPANESE-PRESENTED KADENA AIR BASE UNIFICATION PLAN AS AN TO APPROACH TO THE ALTERNATIVE FUTENMA HELIPORT CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, A CONDITION REQUIRED TO HAVE U.S. FUTENMA AIR STATION BACK. THE ACCORD WAS REACHED IN OUTLINE IN THE SECRET TALKS HELD IN THE U.S. ON AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1 BETWEEN TWO JAPANESE OFFICIALS -- MASAKI ORITA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) AND MASAHIRO AKIYAMA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEFENSE POLICY BUREAU OF THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) -- AND U.S. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CURT CAMPBELL. THE U.S. ARMED FORCES, HOWEVER, ARE STILL ADAMANTLY DETERMINED TO OPPOSE SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN. SO THE U.S. SIDE BELIEVES THAT A HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL DECISION IS NECESSARY TO SEAL THE PLAN. THIS SUGGESTS THAT DURING HIS PLANNED U.S. TRIP TO ATTEND THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY LATER THIS MONTH, PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO MAY DISCUSS THE KADENA UNIFICATION PLAN WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON AND, IF THE PRESIDENT AGREES, THE TWO LEADERS MAY SEAL THE DEAL.

IN THE SESSION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CAMPBELL, THE JAPANESE SIDE PRESENTED A PLAN CONTAINING:

- 1) ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT CONSTRUCTION IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA APART FROM THE RUNWAY IN KADENA AIR BASE; AND
- 2) CONSTRUCTION OF HELICOPTER TRAINING FACILITIES OUTSIDE KADENA AB. IN ADDITION, THE JAPAN SIDE PRESENTED ITS RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS INDICATING A CERTAIN DEGREE OF UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 08 TOKYO 008369

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SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS POSSIBLE BETWEEN AIR FORCE UNITS BELONGING TO KADENA AB AND A MARINE HELICOPTER UNIT MOVING IN FROM FUTENMA AIR STATION, REASONING, "AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT AND MARINE HELICOPTERS WOULD TAKE DIFFERENT AIR ROUTES" (GOVERNMENT SOURCE).

ADDITIONALLY, REGARDING THE "CAMP SCHWAB PLAN," JAPAN SUGGESTED THAT A LONG RUNWAY WOULD REQUIRE A MAJOR LAND RECLAMATION WORK AND SUCH WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS OKINAWA'S UNDERSTANDING IS OBTAINED.

THE U.S. SIDE SHOWED UNDERSTANDING TOWARD JAPAN'S EXPLANATION. THE TWO SIDE REACHED AGREEMENT TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON THE KADENA UNIFICATION PLAN TOWARD THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY COMMITTEE SESSION (TWO-PLUS-TWO) TO BE HELD IN THE U.S. ON SEPTEMBER 19.

THE U.S. SIDE, HOWEVER, IS SAID TO HAVE RECEIVED STRONG OPPOSITION FROM THE U.S. MILITARY AND SUGGESTED A NEED FOR A POLITICAL DECISION, POSSIBLY BY PRESIDENT CLINTON, TO ACCEPT JAPAN'S PLAN.

INSURANCE TALKS MAY HEAT UP AS FOREIGN INSURERS SEEK ACCESS TO SPECIAL FIRE-INSURANCE AREA
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 3)

SOURCES HAVE REVEALED THAT THE FOREIGN MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION HAS REQUESTED THE JAPAN HOUSING CORPORATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT-AFFILIATED LOAN-RELATED AGENCIES TO EXPAND THE UNDERWRITING RATE OF FOREIGN NON-LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR "SPECIAL FIRE INSURANCE," WHICH ONES ARE OBLIGATED TO CONTRACT WHEN THEY ARE PROVIDED HOUSING LOANS BY GOVERNMENT-AFFILIATED ORGANS. TO TAKE THE CASE OF THE JAPAN HOUSING CORPORATION, FOREIGN NON-LIFE INSURERS' UNDERWRITING RATE IS AT THE ONE PERCENT LEVEL, LOWER THAN THAT THEY HOLD IN THE FIRE INSURANCE MARKET. THE ASSOCIATION CLAIMS THAT SUCH A STATE INFRINGES ON WHAT WAS AGREED UNDER THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES INSURANCE ACCORD, WHICH STIPULATES FAIR TREATMENT OF FOREIGN COMPANIES. THE ASSOCIATION IS PREPARING TO WORK UPON THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE STEPS IN THIS MATTER. THIS ISSUE MIGHT BECOME A NEW SOURCE OF TROUBLE IN THE ONGOING BILATERAL INSURANCE TALKS.

SEED FOR DISPUTE IN JAPAN-U.S. INSURANCE TALKS

OUT OF THE CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL FIRE INSURANCE, 98 PERCENT ARE LOANS BY THE JAPAN HOUSING CORPORATION. THE INSURANCE IS ALSO ATTACHED TO LOANS BY THE OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION, PENSION WELFARE SERVICE PUBLIC CORPORATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION PROJECT CORPORATION.

JAPANESE AND FOREIGN NON-LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES JOINTLY UNDERWRITE SPECIAL FIRE INSURANCE, AND EACH GOVERNMENT-AFFILIATED AGENCY REVIEWS ITS UNDERWRITING ALLOCATIONS ONCE A YEAR.

THE JAPAN HOUSING CORPORATION HAS DECIDED EACH FIRM'S ALLOCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RATING METHOD BASED ON EACH NON-LIFE INSURER'S MARKET SHARE, FIRE-ACCOUNTABILITY RESERVES, AND OPERATING ASSETS. THE FOREIGN MARINE AND FIRE ASSOCIATION CLAIMS: "IT HAS GIVEN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO JAPANESE FIRMS BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ONLY DOMESTIC OPERATING ASSETS AND EXCLUDING OVERSEAS ASSETS." THE ASSOCIATION HAS CALLED FOR REVISING THE CURRENT CALCULATION METHOD IN THE COURSE OF REVIEWING ALLOCATIONS IN OCTOBER AND RAISING THE FOREIGN SHARE FROM THE CURRENT 1.2 PERCENT TO THE LEVEL HELD IN THE FIRE INSURANCE MARKET (3.9 PERCENT).

THE FOUR ORGANIZATIONS EXCEPT FOR THE JAPAN HOUSING CORPORATION HAVE NOT CLARIFIED TO NON-LIFE INSURERS THEIR CALCULATION METHODS. THE ASSOCIATION IS ALSO POISED TO UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 08 TOKYO 008369

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SEEK THEM TO DISCLOSE THEIR STANDARDS.

MEANWHILE, THE JAPAN HOUSING CORPORATION IS GOING TO DECLINE THE REQUEST, ARGUING "OUR RATING METHOD IS REASONABLE."

THE INSURANCE ACCORD INKED IN 1994 BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENT INCLUDES THE PROVISION, "THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENT-AFFILIATED ORGANS, INCLUDING THE JAPAN HOUSING CORPORATION, TO ALLOCATE UNDERWRITING TO FOREIGN NON-LIFE INSURERS BASED ON FAIR AND TRANSPARENT STANDARDS." IN CASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S ORGANS END IN FAILURE, THE FOREIGN MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION INTENDS TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS.

PREMIUMS FOR SPECIAL FIRE INSURANCE FOR FY1994 TOTALED 101.7 BILLION YEN, ACCOUNTING FOR MORE THAN 30 PERCENT (ON A PREMIUM BASIS) IN THE HOUSING-FIRE INSURANCE MARKET. IN THIS MARKET, PROFIT EARNING EFFICIENCY IS HIGH FOR NON-LIFE INSURERS WITHOUT AGENT COMMISSIONS UNNECESSARY. GOVERNMENT-AFFILIATED ORGANS' DECISIONS OF ALLOCATION RATES HAVE HAD A GREAT IMPACT IN THE NON-LIFE INSURANCE MARKET. CRANE

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OKINAWA GOVERNOR TO REQUEST SUCH WHILE ASCERTAINING
SPECIFIC MEASURES; MOVING TOWARD POLITICAL SETTLEMENT; TO
MEET PRIME MINISTER TODAY (TRANSLATION BELOW)

NIHON KEIZAI: STREAMLINING OF SPECIAL CORPORATIONS
(TOKUSHI HOJIN) STILL FAR AWAY; 2.9-PERCENT INCREASE IN
BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL 1997 EVEN AFTER THREE SUCH
CORPORATIONS CONSOLIDATED; FIXED NUMBER ALSO INCREASES BY

235 PERSONS

TOKYO SHIMBUN: HATOYAMA, KAN TO RALLY FORCES TO FORM A NEW PARTY; PARTICIPATION AS INDIVIDUALS IN "SDP-SAKIGAKE-HATOYAMA PARTY"

MAINICHI: FORMATION OF "NEW KAN-HATOYAMA PARTY" AGREED; TO LAUNCH IT JUST BEFORE DISSOLUTION OF LOWER HOUSE, INVOLVING SDP, SAKIGAKE; ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE TO BE SET UP ON 22ND

YOMIURI: KAN, HATOYAMA TO APPEAL TO OTHER POLITICIANS TO JOIN NEW PARTY; AGREEMENT REACHED TO RALLY A THIRD FORCE; ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE TO BE SET UP TOMORROW; TO COVER WIDE-RANGE OF POLITICAL FORCES

SANKEI: HIV SCANDAL: EXPLANATIONS GIVEN IN JANUARY 1985 IN THE MINISTRY; FORMER ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR TESTIFIES REGARDING "GARO (?) REPORT"; SHIOKAWA, MATSUMURA ALSO ATTENDED; THE WHOLE MINISTRY HAD BEEN INVOLVED

OKINAWA GOVERNOR TO PRESS PRIME MINISTER FOR DIET ACTION AND CONCRETE MEASURES (ASAHI - TOP PLAY)

OKINAWA GOVERNOR MASAhide OTA YESTERDAY FIRMED UP HIS INTENTION TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT EITHER FOR A CABINET DECISION OR A DIET RESOLUTION CLEARLY INDICATING ITS STEPS TO SOLVE THE BASE PROBLEM AND AN OKINAWA REHABILITATION PACKAGE FROM A MEDIUM- TO LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE. THE GOVERNOR WILL TRANSMIT HIS DECISION TO THE GOVERNMENT DURING HIS TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO TODAY. AFTER SEEING THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE, GOVERNOR OTA IS EXPECTED TO MAKE HIS FINAL DECISION REGARDING "PUBLIC NOTICE AND INSPECTION" FOR THE FORCIBLE USE OF LAND LOTS BY THE U.S. ARMED FORCES BY SEPTEMBER 19, WHEN THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY COMMITTEE SESSION (TWO-PLUS-TWO) WILL BE HELD ON THE OKINAWA BASE ISSUE, WHILE KEEPING AT ALL TIMES A WATCHFUL EYE ON THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE FUTENMA AIR STATION REVERSION PROGRAM. THE OKINAWA BASE ISSUE NOW ROCKING THE BEDROCK OF THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT HAS FINALLY SHIFTED TOWARD POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

IN THE HASHIMOTO-OTA TALKS TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC STEPS TO THE BASE REDUCTION PROGRAM AND AN OKINAWA ECONOMIC REHABILITATION PACKAGE. THE GOVERNOR IN RETURN IS LIKELY TO LOOK CLOSELY INTO SUCH STEPS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT SUCH ARE ACCEPTABLE, AND (IF THEY ARE FOUND TO BE ACCEPTABLE) HE WILL CALL (EITHER FOR A CABINET DECISION OR A DIET RESOLUTION) TO MAKE SURE THAT SUCH STEPS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT FAIL.

POSSIBLE REASONS FOR HIS DOING SO:

1. BECAUSE THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A FIRM PROMISE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER KEPT ITS PROMISE DESPITE THE

PREFECTURE'S EFFORTS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

2. A LOWER-HOUSE DISSOLUTION AND A GENERAL ELECTION SEEM TO BE NEAR, AND THE "SPECIAL LEGISLATION ARGUMENT" HAS UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 07 TOKYO 008427

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NOT DIED OUT IN ORDER TO LET THE U.S. ARMED FORCES CONTINUE TO USE THEIR FACILITIES. THE OVERALL OUTLOOK IS UNCLEAR.

3. WITH A MAJORITY OF THE OKINAWANS VOTING FOR BASE REDUCTION IN THE LOCAL REFERENDUM ON THE 8TH, THE GOVERNOR NOW HAS THE OKINAWANS' CONFIDENCE IN HIS BASE POLICY.

HASHIMOTO TO SUGGEST TO OTA NEW PANEL ON OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT (YOMIURI - PAGE 1)

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO YESTERDAY DECIDED TO MAKE A PROPOSAL IN HIS TALKS WITH OKINAWA GOVERNOR OTA SLATED FOR THE 10TH FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CONSULTATIVE ORGAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND OKINAWA PREFECTURE TO LOOK INTO MEASURES TO DEVELOP OKINAWA. GOVERNOR OTA IS ALSO EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIMILAR REQUEST. AS IT STANDS, THE POSSIBILITY IS STRONG THAT THE TWO SIDES WILL REACH AN AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH AN ADVISORY PANEL.

AS A FEATURE OF SUCH AN ORGAN, THE PROPOSAL IS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE GOVERNOR TO PARTICIPATE, BUT IN REALITY, THE PANEL WILL MOST LIKELY CONSIST OF LOWER WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS. IT IS EXPECTED TO STUDY SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT MEASURES, SUCH AS DEREGULATORY STEPS AND THE IMPROVEMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF A FREE TRADE ZONE, AS REQUESTED BY THE PREFECTURAL SIDE.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL ALSO EXPRESS HIS INTENTION TO POSITIVELY RENDER SUPPORT TO THE "INTERNATIONAL CITY INITIATIVE" -- THE CENTERPIECE OF DEVELOPMENT MEASURES NOW BEING MAPPED OUT BY OKINAWA, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF POSITIONING SUCH IN A LONG-RANGE PLAN, SUCH AS THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED NEW COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (JIKIZENSO).

AS TO THE CONSOLIDATION AND REDUCTION OF UNITED STATES

MILITARY BASES IN OKINAWA, WHICH OKINAWA RESIDENTS SUPPORTED IN THE PLEBISCITE ON THE 8TH, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL SHOW HIS DETERMINATION TO WORK ON THE U.S. SO THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE IN THE FUTURE AS WELL.

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO ON THE EVENING OF THE 9TH MET AT A JAPANESE-STYLE RESTAURANT IN TOKYO WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER MIYAZAWA AND FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL HIROSHI MITSUZUKA OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP), FORMER PRIME MINISTERS KAIFU AND HATA OF THE SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) AND FORMER KEIDANREN (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ASSOCIATIONS) GAISHI HIRAIWA. IN THE DISCUSSION, THE PRIME MINISTER ASKED THEM FOR COOPERATION FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE OKINAWA PROBLEM, NOTING, "THE OKINAWA PROBLEM STARTED OFF WITH THE INVASION OF RYUKYU (NOW OKINAWA) BY THE SATSUMA DOMAIN (NOW KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURE). IF THEY SAY THAT THE PROBLEM GOES BACK TO SUCH AGGRESSION AND ITS DISPOSITION, I DO NOT KNOW WHAT ANSWER TO MAKE. THE PROBLEM IS WE HAVE BOXED OKINAWA INTO A SITUATION WHERE THEY HAD TO CALL A PREFECTURAL REFERENDUM."

PRIME MINISTER TO OFFER OTA NEW TAX BREAKS FOR RESIDENTS NEAR BASES (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO WILL MEET OKINAWA GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA AT HIS OFFICE THIS EVENING. THE PRIME MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO EXPRESS HIS DETERMINATION TO STEP UP HIS EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE FREE TRADE ZONE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WHICH THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTING IN DEALING WITH THE OKINAWA BASE ISSUE. AFTER THE MEETING, HE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE AN OKINAWA PROMOTIONAL PACKAGE. IN YESTERDAY'S SPEECH, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SEIROKU KAJIYAMA REVEALED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD START UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 TOKYO 008427

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CONSIDERATION OF THE IDEA OF LARGELY INCREASING LOCAL ALLOCATION TAX GRANTS FOR COMMUNITIES THAT HOUSE BASES.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD DECIDE THE TIMING FOR DISSOLVING THE LOWER HOUSE AND HOLDING A GENERAL ELECTION AFTER ASCERTAINING PROGRESS ON OKINAWA ISSUES. THE OUTCOME OF TODAY'S TALKS WILL GREATLY

INFLUENCE THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

IN TODAY'S MEETING, THE GOVERNOR WILL REPORT ON THE RESULT OF THE OKINAWA REFERENDUM ON THE 8TH AND SEEK: (1) ECONOMIC PROMOTIONAL MEASURES FOR OKINAWA FOCUSING ON DEREGULATION; AND (2) EMPLOYMENT MEASURES FOR WORKERS AT THE BASES. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL PROMISE HIS WILLINGNESS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND THEN EXPRESS HIS DETERMINATION TO FACILITATE THE REALIGNMENT, CONSOLIDATION, AND REDUCTION OF BASES.

CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KAJIYAMA IN A SPEECH IN TOWN YESTERDAY STATED, "IF A SECURITY ITEM IS ADDED TO THE STANDARD FISCAL-DEMAND AMOUNT OF EACH PREFECTURE AND MUNICIPALITY, WHICH IS CALCULATED BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS IN DISTRIBUTING LOCAL ALLOCATION TAX GRANTS, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT WILL BE ADDED."

A STANDARD FISCAL-DEMAND AMOUNT IS USED AS A STANDARD IN CALCULATING LOCAL ALLOCATION TAX GRANTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THERE ARE ITEMS FOR POLICE, ENGINEERING, EDUCATION AND OTHER EXPENSES. KAJIYAMA'S STATEMENT SUGGESTED THAT "SECURITY" BE ADDED TO THE LIST, WITH AN AIM TO BOOST FISCAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES IN A PREFECTURE WHICH HOUSES APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT OF ALL U.S. MILITARY BASES IN JAPAN.

CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY CITES NEED FOR NEW PANEL AFTER SACO ENDS (YOMIURI - PAGE 3)

CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KAJIYAMA STATED YESTERDAY MORNING THAT THE SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON OKINAWA (SACO), WHICH IS AIMED TO DISCUSS BASE ISSUES INCLUDING THE RELOCATION OF FACILITIES IN FUTENMA AIR STATION, "IS NOW PUTTING ITS ENERGY INTO DRAWING UP A REPORT, ON THE PREMISE OF FINALIZING IT BY NOVEMBER. THIS INITIAL COMMISSION REMAINS UNCHANGED. A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. IS NECESSARY IN NOVEMBER AND AFTER. EVEN AFTER THE (STICKING) HELIPORT-RELOCATION ISSUE IS RESOLVED, THERE WILL BE NEED FOR DISCUSSION." HE PERCEIVED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SET UP A SUCCESSOR PANEL TO SACO. THIS WAS IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY THE PRESS CORPS AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENTIAL OFFICE.

IN YESTERDAY MORNING'S PRESS CONFERENCE AS WELL, KAJIYAMA, COMMENTING ON THE HELIPORT RELOCATION ISSUE, STATED, "WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE UTMOST EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE ISSUE BY NOVEMBER."

DETAILS OF GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL ON FUTENMA TRANSFER REVEALED (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

THE FOCUS OF THE ISSUE OF U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA IS NOW ON THE PROBLEM OF RELOCATING U.S. MARINE AIR STATION'S HELIPORT WITHIN THE PREFECTURE, AND THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN THIS CONNECTION REVEALED SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT ITS PLAN FOR RELOCATION TO KADENA AIR FORCE

BASE AS THE MOST LIKELY IDEA.

THE PLAN FEATURES THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) THE EXISTING U.S. MILITARY HOUSING ON KADENA AFB IS TO BE INTEGRATED, ACCORDING TO A PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTING HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS TO HOUSE THEIR RESIDENTS, AT CAMP ZUKERAN AND OTHER U.S. MILITARY HOUSING COMPOUNDS IN THE PREFECTURE, AND FOR THE MARINES A HELIPORT AND AN APRON ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE VACANT SITE OF THAT HOUSING AREA; (2) IN ORDER TO UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 TOKYO 008427

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ABATE THE PROBLEM OF MARINE HELICOPTER NOISE, MARINE HELICOPTERS TAKING OFF KADENA AFB ARE TO BE SUBJECTED TO STRICT RESTRICTIONS, SUCH AS HOVERING UP TO A CERTAIN ALTITUDE AND THEN LEAVING FOR OFF-THE-BASE AIRSPACE; AND (3) HELICOPTER TAKEOFF AND LANDING PRACTICE, CURRENTLY CARRIED OUT AT THE FUTENMA AIRFIELD, IS TO BE SHIFTED TO THE IE-JIMA SUB-AIRFIELD OR OTHER U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES.

JAPAN AND THE U.S. WILL HOLD A WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE (ON FACILITIES AND AREAS IN OKINAWA) (SACO) IN TOKYO THIS WEEK FOR FINAL-STAGE CONSULTATIONS ON SEVERAL TRANSFERAL PLANS, INCLUDING THE FOREGOING PLAN. WITHIN THE U.S. FORCES, HOWEVER, THERE IS A DEEP-ROOTED OBJECTION TO THE IDEA OF RELOCATION TO KADENA. SO, IT IS DELICATE WHETHER OR NOT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AN EARLY SETTLEMENT.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAD INITIALLY GIVEN THOUGHT ALSO TO THE IDEA OF CONSTRUCTING A HELIPORT IN THE KADENA AFB GOLF COURSE AREA. HOWEVER, THE U.S. FORCES BECAME RELUCTANT ABOUT THAT IDEA, REASONING THAT SUCH HAS PROBLEMS IN VIEW OF SAFETY SINCE CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT USING NAHA AIRPORT, LOCATED CLOSE TO KADENA AFB, AND MARINE HELICOPTERS WILL HAVE OVERLAPPING FLIGHT ROUTES IN THAT CASE, AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL WILL BECOME COMPLICATED.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS NOW WORKED OUT A NEW PLAN TO REDEVELOP THE VAST U.S. MILITARY HOUSING AREA ON KADENA AFB, AND SEEMS TO HAVE INFORMALLY SOUNDED OUT THE U.S. SIDE ON THIS PLAN. THIS PLAN ALSO WILL REQUIRE HOUSING RELOCATION AND HIGH-RISE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, SO THE U.S. FORCES WILL PRESUMABLY FROWN. ADDITIONALLY, PEOPLE RESIDING IN OKINAWA CITY, WHICH IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE

HELIPORT NEWLY PLANNED, ARE ALSO CERTAIN TO SHOW A NEGATIVE REACTION.

GOVERNMENT TO PROPOSE TRANSFER OF FUTENMA HELICOPTER TRAINING TO IE ISLAND
(ASAHI - TOP PLAY, SEPT.9 EVENING EDITION)

REGARDING THE PROBLEM OF RELOCATING FUTENMA AIR STATION'S HELIPORT FUNCTIONS ACCOMPANYING THE PLANNED REVERSION OF FUTENMA CURRENTLY AS THE FOCUS OF THE REALIGNMENT AND REDUCTION OF U.S. MILITARY BASES ON OKINAWA, IT WAS LEARNED ON SEPTEMBER 9 THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE A NEW SET OF OVERTURES TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ABOUT ABSORBING AND INTEGRATING THE 36TH MARINE AIR GROUP AND ITS FACILITIES, CURRENTLY BASED AT FUTENMA, INTO KADENA AIR FORCE BASE, AND TRANSFERRING THE MARINES' FUTENMA-BASED TRAINING TO THE MARINE SUB-AIRFIELD ON IE-JIMA, AN ISLAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE. THE JAPANESE SIDE HAS SO FAR INSISTED ON THE PLAN ITSELF FOR ABSORPTION AND INTEGRATION INTO KADENA, BUT THE U.S. SIDE FROWNED ON THAT IDEA WHILE POINTING OUT VARIOUS PROBLEMS FROM THE ASPECT OF THE SIZE OF AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT AND ALSO IN THE LIGHT OF ENSURING SAFETY. THE AIM OF THE NEW PROPOSAL IS TO MAKE UP FOR SUCH PROBLEMS. THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE TO GO AHEAD WITH COORDINATION, AIMING AT THE 19TH OF THIS MONTH WHEN A JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (TWO-PLUS-TWO) MEETING OF THE TWO COUNTRIES' RESPECTIVE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON. THE SPOTLIGHT NOW IS ON WHETHER THE U.S. SIDE WILL ACCEPT THE NEW PROPOSAL.

GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND COMPENSATION SYSTEM FOR VICTIMS OF U.S. SERVICEMEN-CAUSED ACCIDENTS (YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY REACHED A POLICY DIRECTION TO STEP UP THE COMPENSATION SYSTEM FOR VICTIMS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS OR CRIMINAL CASES CAUSED BY U.S. SERVICEMEN STATIONED IN JAPAN. THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO INCORPORATE ITS DECISION IN THE FINAL REPORT TO BE COMPILED IN UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 TOKYO 008427

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NOVEMBER BY THE SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE (SACO) ON FACILITIES ON OKINAWA. EVER SINCE THE SCHOOLGIRL RAPE INCIDENT IN OKINAWA LAST SEPTEMBER, OKINAWA HAS BEEN

WORKING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO REVISE THE JAPAN-U.S. STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA) SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE COMPENSATION FOR THE VICTIMS ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE. THE DECISION THIS TIME WILL BE PART OF THE IMPROVED APPLICATION OF THE SOFA.

ACCORDING TO THE SOFA, EITHER THE TWO GOVERNMENTS OR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE TO PAY COMPENSATION TO THE VICTIMS IN INCIDENTS CAUSED BY U.S. SERVICEMEN. UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM, SUCH COMPLAINS AS "THE LOW LEVEL OF U.S. COMPENSATION AS COMPARED WITH THE JAPANESE STANDARDS" AND "SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE PAYMENTS ARE MADE" HAVE BEEN OFTEN POINTED OUT.

IN RESPONSE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO SHOULDER PART OF SUCH COMPENSATION, ONLY IN SUCH CASES AS THAT THE U.S. COMPENSATION IS CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN THAT HANDED DOWN BY COURT IN A LAWSUIT FILED BY THE VICTIM AND THAT THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TAKING TOO MANY YEARS.

SPECIFICALLY, THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

1. THE JAPANESE SIDE WOULD OFFER A PAYMENT AS "A MONEY GIFT" TO THE VICTIM TO COVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE INDEMNITY DETERMINED BY COURT AND THE U.S. COMPENSATION; OR
2. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY THE COMPENSATION FOR THE U.S. SIDE IN THE EVENT THE PAYMENT BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS TAKING TOO LONG.

THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE IS PLANNING TO SECURE SACO-RELATED APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FY1997 BUDGET APART FROM REGULAR BUDGETARY REQUESTS.

U.S.-JAPAN SUMMIT MEETING SET FOR THE 24TH
(YOMIURI - PAGE 1)

IT WAS DECIDED YESTERDAY THAT PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO AND UNITED STATES PRESIDENT CLINTON WOULD HOLD A SUMMIT MEETING IN NEW YORK ON THE 24TH. COORDINATION OF SCHEDULES HAD BEEN ON HOLD DUE TO THE UPCOMING DIET DISSOLUTION AND GENERAL ELECTION IN JAPAN AND THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S. THE AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, WAS REACHED ON THE HOLDING OF TALKS, USING THE INTERVAL BETWEEN SPEECHES TO BE MADE BY THE TWO TOP LEADERS IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THAT DAY. THE PRIME MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO RETURN HOME EITHER ON THE EVENING OF THE 25TH OR THE MORNING OF THE 26TH.

AT THE SUMMIT MEETING, BOTH LEADERS WILL AFFIRM THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE EFFORTS FOR THE CONSOLIDATION AND REDUCTION OF U.S. MILITARY BASES IN OKINAWA, NOW IN THE SPOTLIGHT, SO THAT THE OUTCOME CAN BE INCORPORATED IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SPECIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON OKINAWA (SACO). THE PRIME MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO EXPRESS JAPAN'S

STANCE OF SUPPORTING U.S. AIRSTRIKES ON IRAQ, WHICH TOOK PLACE EARLIER IN THE MONTH.

THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S UN SPEECH ARE LIKELY TO INCLUDE: (1) A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (2) DISARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION; AND (3) REFORM OF THE UN. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO INTENDS TO TRY TO POPULARIZE HIS IMAGE OF BEING A LEADER WHO TAKES GREAT INTEREST IN PUBLIC WELFARE ISSUES.

RIGHT WING GROUP ERECTS ANOTHER LIGHTHOUSE ON SENKAKU ISLANDS (YOMIURI - PAGE 5)
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(HONG KONG, SEPTEMBER 9, RYOICHI HAMAMOTO) A NEW LIGHTHOUSE WAS CONSTRUCTED ON THE 9TH BY A JAPANESE POLITICAL GROUP ON THE SENKAKU ISLANDS (OR DIAOYU ISLANDS IN CHINESE), OVER WHICH JAPAN HAS CLAIMED SOVEREIGNTY. THE SAME GROUP ALREADY HAD BUILT A LIGHTHOUSE ON ONE OF THE ISLANDS IN MID-JULY, BUT HIT BY A TYPHOON, THE LIGHTHOUSE LEANED TO ONE SIDE, SO THE GROUP REMOVED IT AND BUILT A NEW ONE. THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A NEW LIGHTHOUSE WAS SHOT BY TELEVISION REPORTERS FROM TAIWAN AND HONG KONG, WHO FLEW OVER THE ISLANDS, AND IT WAS THEN TELEVISED IN A NEWS PROGRAM ON THE NIGHT OF THE 9TH. JAPAN'S CLAIM TO THE SENKAKU ISLANDS HAS BEEN STRONGLY PROTESTED IN HONG KONG. THE FACT THAT A NEW LIGHTHOUSE WAS BUILT WILL UNAVOIDABLY FEED THE GROWING ANTI-JAPANESE CAMPAIGN IN CHINA AND TAIWAN.

TELEVISION REPORTERS FROM TAIWAN AND HONG KONG WHO COVERED THE INCIDENT REVEALED TO THIS NEWSPAPER THAT SIX MEMBERS FROM A CERTAIN POLITICAL SET OFF BY BOAT FROM ISHIGAKI ISLAND IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE, AND NEARLY SEVEN HOURS LATER, THEY ARRIVED AT A SMALL NORTHERN ISLE OF THE SENKAKU ISLANDS, APPROXIMATELY 200 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM ISHIGAKI. THEY THEN BEGAN TO CONSTRUCT ANOTHER LIGHTHOUSE.

A CREW FROM TAIWAN TELEVISION, WHICH HAD CHARTERED A PLANE IN JAPAN, CIRCLED OVER THE ISLAND FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M., AND SHOT THE SCENE OF A NEW LIGHTHOUSE BEING BUILT AND THE OLD ONE, WHICH LEANED

TO ONE SIDE DUE TO THE TYPHOON, BEING PULLED DOWN NEXT TO THE NEW ONE.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO CHINA SATO CALLS FOR ADULT RESPONSE TO SENKAKU DISPUTE (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 3)

JAPAN AND CHINA ARE NOW APPROACHING A "DANGEROUS WATERSHED." ON SUCH MATTERS AS PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO RECENT VISIT TO YASUKUNI SHRINE, INFLUENTIAL CHINESE OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED A BARRAGE OF CRITICISM. THIS NEWSPAPER YESTERDAY INTERVIEWED AMBASSADOR TO CHINA YOSHIYASU SATO, WHO HAS TEMPORARILY RETURNED HOME TO ATTEND THE ASIA-OCEANIA AMBASSADORS CONFERENCE, AND ASKED HIM ABOUT THE CHINESE SIDE'S TRUE FEELINGS AND THE JAPANESE RESPONSE.

THE AMBASSADOR STATED: "I THINK THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN POLICY-MAKING IN THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD LIKE TO SEE LONG-TERM STABILITY IN JAPAN-CHINESE RELATIONS, AND EVEN IN LOCAL AREAS, THERE ARE SUCH THINGS AS A JAPAN-CHINA FRIENDSHIP HALL HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED." BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED, "IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME NEGATIVE MOVES FROM THE CHINESE SIDE," CITING SUCH SPECIFIC ISSUES AS JAPANESE PERCEPTIONS OF ITS HISTORICAL PAST, TAIWAN, AND THE SENKAKU ISLANDS.

THE AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT WHEN CHINA NORMALIZED RELATIONS WITH JAPAN IN 1972, "EXPECTING THAT JAPAN WOULD CORRECT ITS HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AND VIEW OF THE TAIWAN ISSUE, PREMIER CHOU ENLAI AT THE TIME DECIDED TO NORMALIZE DIPLOMATIC TIES, BUT THE REALITY HAS BEEN DIFFERENT. THIS IS THE CONCERN HARBORED BY CHINESE LEADERS." "WE JAPANESE NEED TO ADOPT AN APPROPRIATE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE," HE STRESSED.

ON THE TAIWAN ISSUE, HE SAID: "IN CHINA, SOME VIEW THAT JAPAN HOPES TAIWAN WILL BECOME INDEPENDENT," AND ADDING, "THE JAPANESE SIDE NEEDS TO DEEPEN ITS UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE ACTUAL SITUATION," HE SOUGHT UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE CONCERNS EXISTING IN CHINA.

ON THE SENKAKU ISLANDS ISSUE, THE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON BOTH SIDES TO TAKE A RESTRAINED APPROACH, NOTING: "BOTH UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 TOKYO 008427

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JAPAN AND CHINA NEED TO 'BEHAVE AS ADULTS.' IF THE TWO AVOID MAKING A RESPONSE THAT IMPAIRS THE OTHER, THAT WOULD LEAD TO STABILIZING THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP OVER THE LONG HAUL."

REGARDING THE PROBLEM OF UNFREEZING GRANT AID TO CHINA IN RESPONSE TO ITS DECLARATION OF DISCONTINUING NUCLEAR TESTING (MORATORIUM), HE AS AMBASSADOR ASSIGNED TO THAT COUNTRY EXPRESSED HIS FEELING, SAYING, "I STRONGLY DESIRE THAT IT WILL BE UNFROZEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SEND TWO OFFICIALS TO NORTH KOREA TO GRASP AID SITUATION (MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY DECIDED TO DISPATCH TODAY TWO OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) TO THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA). THE TWO WILL SURVEY ON WHETHER JAPAN'S HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE DAMAGE FROM FLOODS IS BEING EFFECTIVELY USED. IT IS EXTREMELY UNUSUAL FOR MOFA PERSONNEL TO ENTER NORTH KOREA WITHOUT ACCOMPANYING POLITICIANS. THEIR VISIT TO NORTH KOREA WILL LIKELY IMPACT ON THE NORTH'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AID, AS WELL AS ON THE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC NORMALIZATION TALKS.

THE TWO OFFICIALS, WHO ARE FROM THE NORTHEAST ASIA DIVISION AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND REFUGEES DIVISION'S AID OFFICE, WILL STAY THERE UNTIL THE 17TH. THEY, TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) THERE, WILL STUDY MAINLY IN THE DEVASTATED AREAS HOW JAPAN'S ASSISTANCE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE WELFARE OF THE NORTH KOREAN PEOPLE.

THE TALKS TO NORMALIZE DIPLOMATIC TIES REMAIN DEADLOCKED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, THE TWO COUNTRIES' FOREIGN MINISTRIES' DIVISION DIRECTORS HAVE MADE CONTACTS THIS YEAR TO PAVE THE WAY FOR RESTARTING NORMALIZATION TALKS. THE LAST SESSION WAS HELD ON THE 28TH AND 29TH IN BEIJING. IN THE SESSION, NORTH KOREA MADE A REQUEST OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FOR ANOTHER ASSISTANCE. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, STATED: "WE NEED TO MAKE A SURVEY ON HOW OUR PREVIOUS AID WAS USED." TO RESPOND TO JAPAN'S CLAIM, NORTH KOREA APPEARS TO HAVE ADMITTED THE MOFA OFFICIALS' ENTRY.

IN MOFA, REGARDING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE PLANNED DISPATCH OF ITS PERSONNEL AND ADDITIONAL RICE AID, SAID: "THEY ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MATTERS" (MOFA SOURCE). BUT IT SEEMS MOFA WILL SEND ITS PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT A FACT-FINDING SURVEY, WHICH IT DID NOT CONDUCT EVEN FOR THE LAST YEAR'S RICE AID, AIMING AT EXTENDING ANOTHER RICE AID TO THAT COUNTRY. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT VIEWS WILL BE EXCHANGED ON DIPLOMATIC NORMALIZATION TALKS BETWEEN THE MOFA OFFICIALS TO BE DISPATCHED AND NORTH KOREA'S FOREIGN MINISTRY. (TAKURO KAWADE) CRANE

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Japan-U.S.: Japanese Media Report Continued Contention Over
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[FBIS Report] Although both Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto
and Okinawa Governor Masahide Ota have publicly indicated that
plans for the return and relocation of Futenma heliport have not
yet been finalized, Japanese media reporting in recent days has
suggested that the heliport's relocation remains a contentious
issue.

Speaking at a press conference following their talks on 10
September, both Hashimoto and Ota touched briefly on the
Futenma issue.

-- According to a 10 September NHK-TV report on the press
conference that day, Hashimoto said that the Japanese Government
will "continue to consult the United States and at the same time
make every effort to resolve this issue while seeking the
understanding and cooperation of the local residents."

-- For his part, Ota similarly noted that "matters discussed by
the Special Action Committee for Okinawa--like the return of MCAS
Futenma--have yet to be finalized and the central government
intends to continue making every effort to settle the matter."

Press Commentary

Commenting on efforts to resolve the Futenma issue, the 8
September issue of Mainichi Shimbun, one of Japan's four major
newspapers, reported that the government aims to settle the issue
of relocating the heliport at the upcoming "two-plus-two"
meetings.

-- According to the newspaper, the Japanese Government has
decided to "make no compromises" and "to insist" on transferring the
heliport to Kadena Air Base.

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-- A senior Defense Agency official was quoted in the article as saying that this is the "best proposal to obtain cooperation from Okinawa."

-- Air Self Defense Force experts, according to Mainichi, conclude that this proposal is "technically possible."

At the same time, however, the paper reported that there is considerable opposition to the proposal, noting that, in addition to the United States, a number of Okinawa's mayors are against the relocation to Kadena.

-- According to the paper, the 7 September issue of the Okinawa daily, Ryukyu Shimpo, reported that Kadena Mayor Tokujitsu Miyagi has "openly expressed his anger" at the fact that Kadena residents may have to accept further suffering under the proposed relocation of the heliport to Kadena and that Kadena "resolutely disapproves of the relocation."

-- A day later, Mainichi said Ryukyu Shimpo reported a similar response from Okinawa City Mayor Shusei Arakawa and Chatan Town Mayor Choiichi Hentona.

-- Arakawa, for example, reportedly asserted that "it is absurd" that Okinawa City, Chatan, and Kadena must make "further sacrifices for national policies," while the Chatan Town Mayor Choiichi Hentona was quoted as criticizing the Japanese Government's attitude and saying that it was "regrettable" that the town residents' voices have not been taken into consideration.

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LEAD STORIES: MOST WEDNESDAY MORNING PAPERS GAVE TOP
COVERAGE TO THE TUESDAY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER
HASHIMOTO BY OKINAWA GOVERNOR OTA.

1. "GOVERNOR OTA MUST TAKE THE DETERMINATION TO RESOLVE
THE OKINAWA BASE PROBLEM" THE TOP-CIRCULATION, MODERATE
YOMIURI EDITORIALIZED (SEPTEMBER 11), "THERE WAS
SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE ON THE OKINAWA BASE ISSUE AT
YESTERDAY'S MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO AND
OKINAWA GOVERNOR OTA. WE HOPE THIS PROGRESS WILL HELP
SMOOTH THE WAY FOR THE BASE ISSUE TO REACH A SUCCESSFUL

CONCLUSION. HASHIMOTO TOLD OTA THAT THE U.S. AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD CONSOLIDATING AND REDUCING U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA AND THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WOULD SET UP A SPECIAL PANEL TO STUDY FUNDAMENTAL POLICIES FOR PROMOTING OKINAWA'S ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY.

"THE GOVERNOR REACTED POSITIVELY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS. WE WELCOME THESE DEVELOPMENTS AS CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE TWO LEADERS ARE COMMITTED TO ENDING TENSIONS BETWEEN THE CENTRAL AND PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE PERSISTED SINCE LAST YEAR... A DELAY IN OTA'S ACTION ON THE FORCED LEASING OF PRIVATE LAND FOR U.S. MILITARY BASES COULD SHAKE THE FOUNDATION OF THE U.S.-JAPAN MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY. THIS SERVES TO FAVOR ONLY ONE GROUP -- THE GROUP THAT WANTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OKINAWA AND MAKE IT A STRONGHOLD FROM WHICH TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SECURITY TREATY AND U.S. BASES. WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT GOV. OTA WILL MAKE A QUICK DECISION AND COMPLETE FORCED LEASING OF LAND FOR THE U.S. BASES."

2. "GOJ, OKINAWA MEET HALFWAY" THE LIBERAL ASAHI REMARKED (SEPTEMBER 11), "PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO'S PLEDGE AT HIS MEETING WITH GOVERNOR OTA MAY HAVE BEEN THE MAXIMUM RESPONSE HE COULD MAKE TO THE GOVERNOR'S APPEAL ON THE BASE ISSUE. CONCRETE PLANS FOR U.S. BASE REDUCTION AND CONSOLIDATION, INCLUDING THE RETURN OF FUTENMA AIRFIELD, ARE STILL NOT AVAILABLE. NEVERTHELESS, WE MUST COMPLIMENT PM HASHIMOTO FOR HIS PRESENTATION OF A FUNDAMENTAL POLICY -- CONCRETE AND IN RESPONSE TO THE WILL OF THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE PER THE OUTCOME OF THE SEPTEMBER 8 REFERENDUM -- THAT WILL ADDRESS THE OKINAWA BASE PROBLEM.

"MEETING THE PRESS, HASHIMOTO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING TRUST BETWEEN THE CENTRAL AND PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENTS. HIS REMARKS URGED GOVERNOR OTA TO CHANGE HIS ATTITUDE (OPPOSING THE RENEWAL OF LAND LEASES FOR U.S. MILITARY BASES). PM HASHIMOTO MUST TAKE ACTION QUICKLY TO IMPLEMENT WHAT HE SAID AT THAT PRESS CONFERENCE. THE OKINAWA BASE ISSUE FACES A CRITICAL POINT AT THE 2+2 U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY MEETING TO BE HELD OVER THE NEXT WEEKEND IN WASHINGTON. OKINAWANS AND MANY PEOPLE ON THE JAPANESE MAIN ISLANDS WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHING FOR CONCRETE RESULTS. THE YARDSTICK TO 'MEASURE' THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESOLUTION WILL BE THE EXTENT THIS MEETING RESULTS IN A REDUCTION OF THE SECURITY BURDEN IMPOSED ON THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE."

3. "POLITICAL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO PROMOTE OKINAWA'S ECONOMY AND END CONFUSION (ABOUT LEASES TO U.S. MILITARY BASE LAND)" THE BUSINESS-ORIENTED NIHON KEIZAI MAINTAINED (SEPTEMBER 11), "THE HASHIMOTO-OTA MEETING WAS VERY SIGNIFICANT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WORK HARDER TO REDUCE U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA AND PUT IN PLACE POLICIES TO STRENGTHEN A PREFECTURAL ECONOMY WHICH STILL DEPENDS ON U.S. BASES.

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT GOVERNOR OTA TAKE THE
POLITICAL DECISION TO PUT AN END TO CONFUSION AND DOUBTS
ABOUT THE LEASES DUE TO EXPIRE NEXT MAY FOR LAND ON 12
U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES."

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4. "OKINAWA WEIGHS HEAVILY ON JAPANESE POLITICS" THE
QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL NHK-TV'S COMMENTATOR HORI OPINED
(SEPTEMBER 10), "ALTHOUGH CONCRETE PLANS FOR U.S. BASE
CONSOLIDATION AND REDUCTION ARE NOT YET CLEAR, PM
HASHIMOTO DISCLOSED HIS COMMITMENT TO RESOLVE THE
OKINAWA PROBLEM DURING A MEETING WITH OKINAWA GOVERNOR
OTA TUESDAY AFTERNOON. IT WAS RATHER UNUSUAL WHEN
HASHIMOTO, AFTER THE MEETING, CALLED AN EXTRAORDINARY
CABINET MEETING AND ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT
THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD SET UP A SPECIAL PANEL TO
DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

"THE PRIME MINISTER IS TRYING TO WIN THE TRUST AND
CONFIDENCE OF THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE. BUT AFTER FIVE
DECADES OF HAVING AN EXCESSIVE SECURITY BURDEN IMPOSED
ON THEM, OKINAWANS WILL BE HARD TO WIN OVER. IN THE
MEANTIME, FORMIDABLE BARRIERS MUST BE OVERCOME BEFORE
SUCH ISSUES AS THE RELOCATION OF THE FUTENMA AIRFIELD,
THE MOVING OF LIVE ARTILLERY FIRE PRACTICES FROM OKINAWA
TO MAINLAND JAPAN, AND A REVIEW OF THE SOFA CAN BE
RESOLVED... NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
TO RESTRUCTURE A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST WITH OKINAWA AND
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(1) EDITORIAL: Thoughts at the Beginning of the Week: Japanese People and Their "Small Society Mentality"

TOKYO SHIMBUN (Page 7) (Full)
September 8, 1996

It seems that the tendency has been sweeping across the Japanese society recently to get closer only to those who share common interests but to remain aloof from others. But let us take a look at some harmful effects of this "small society mentality (sho-shakai shugi)."

Using cellular phones on the train is nothing unusual these days. The person yapping on the phone may well be discussing something important, but in most cases, the situation is quite annoying to those near the caller.

In the late hours around large train stations, we often witness young couples holding each other tightly. It is also not rare to see a young man and woman kissing each other on the train.

We often notice in amusement areas or department stores, self-service photo machines designed to produce sticker-type pictures. Taking pictures with close friends by using such a machine is now quite popular among young girls today.

At the same time, "bullying," or a handful of close friends picking on a specific person, is also a serious problem in school, at the workplace, and even among the aged.

Widespread Use of Telecommunications Devices One Factor

What all of these phenomena have in common is the cherishing of small groups of like-minded persons and the tendency to give the cold shoulder to those outside the group.

Food stands and various events put up by small collegiate groups are regular scenes at college festivals. In addition, local sports or hobby circles often carry out various activities at the UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 07 TOKYO 008506

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community level. Such a trend has been around for a long time.

But the "small-group mentality" seems to be gaining ground rapidly these days, owing to the widespread of such communications gizmos as personal computers, cellular phones, PHS (personal handyphone system) pocket pagers, and facsimile machines.

People today tend to create space and time that are devoted only to themselves and their "family members." "PC-freaks" are prime examples. Once they are engulfed in their own world, they become blind to anything else.

One would think that thanks to the Internet, the number of people oriented in the opposite direction of such a trend would increase, but unfortunately, such is not the case. The way personal computers are being used is self-centered, with many using their home computers only when and how they like.

The deep-rooted self-centered lifestyle weakens the mentality to distinguish what is "private" from what is "public." The decay of such a borderline is evident in those annoying cellular phone conversations in train cars, as well as by the impassioned embraces of young men and women in public.

It was a surprise to find that such a "self-centered mentality" has spread to the political world now.

Hatoyama's new party scheme has been criticized as "the brothers' party." To a certain extent, Yukio Hatoyama's thinking deserves criticism for abandoning former Sakigake president Masayoshi Takemura to join hands with his brother Kunio

Hatoyama.

Of course, depending on the Hatoyamas' efforts from now on, the image of the "new party being dominated by the two brothers" can be wiped out. In principle, any political party should not be made into a "personal group."

Politicians often appoint their family members to serve as a secretary or an official responsible for financial affairs, believing the any secrets would be in good hands.

But nepotism should be limited to private affairs only and such should not be allowed into such public affairs as politics.

Stemming from its insularism, the Japanese people tend to take care of their own affairs first before dealing with external matters. That is why the Japanese are regarded internationally as a people good at forming "small groups". It is true that the Japanese excel in producing small products, such as folding fans, miniature potted plants (bonsai), small cars, and transistor radios.

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Need of an "Open Society"

In his book *The Shrinking World of the Japanese* (Chijimi-shikou Nihonjin) (Published by Gakusei Sha), the Korean literary critic Li O Nyong pointed out that the nature of the Japanese was fully reflected in Takuboku Ishikawa's poem that goes: On the white-sandy beach of a small eastern-sea islet, I shed tears while playing with the crabs.

Li argued: "The vast eastern sea turned into a teardrop in the end, shrinking from being the sea, to an islet, to the seashore, to sands, to teardrops." According to Li, such is a microcosmic view of the shrinking-nature of the Japanese culture.

Needless to say, "being small" is not always bad.

E. F. Schumacher, who predicted the 1973 oil crisis in his book *Small Is Beautiful*, wrote: "People's humanity comes out only in small groups where they can understand each other" (Kodansha Gakujutsu Bunko).

What is important is not the scale of the group, but the level of awareness of constituents of the group, their thinking, and their behavior pattern. The environment surrounding the community should be comfortable for both the people living there and for those who intrude from outside.

The key to that goal is an "open society." In other words, even a small group needs to be open-minded toward outsiders, just like toward their own family members.

In that respect, the recent "small-community" mentality, which has been gaining ground in Japan recently, should not be taken lightly.

When Japan was still a "small country," such historical leaders as Yukichi Fukuzawa, Tenshin Okakura, Kanzo Uchimura, and Umeko Tsuda all called for Japan's need to adopt universal values.

The number of people who visited foreign countries has proliferated since the Meiji Era. Japan should utilize their experience fully to internationalize itself.

Relaxed Mentality Urged

"Even if the East and West fail to grasp matters essentially despite their mutual benefit, the two sides need to have relaxed feelings toward each other." (Book of Tea; Iwanami Bunko)

The above is a passage from Tenshin Okakura's book on the tea ceremony published in 1906 for foreign learners. His message to have "relaxed feelings" is applicable to us all.

We should definitely not allow a "small society mentality" to thrive, now that socialism has collapsed.

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(2) EDITORIAL: Support for the Middle-East Peace Process Should Be Expanded

NIHON KEIZAI (Page 2) (Full)
September 11, 1996

Chairman Arafat of the Palestinian self-rule government has arrived in Japan. Although he has visited Japan already twice before as head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), this is his first to Japan as the leader of the self-rule government since its start. The Middle-East peace process has been stagnant since the inauguration of the Israeli Netanyahu government. With an eye on the visit to the United States by Prime Minister Netanyahu, the Japanese Government invited Chairman Arafat to come to Japan about the same time in an effort to assist U.S. diplomacy toward a lasting peace in the Middle East. Japan's stance of appealing to an international audience is in no way insignificant.

The Middle-East peace process has taken on a structure of Israel, Palestine and the neighboring Arab countries consolidating a political framework, with their efforts being supported by economic assistance and investments through multilateral cooperation. The U.S. has taken the leadership on the political side. Regarding indirect assistance, Japan has shouldered an important role in order to continue the momentum for peace.

Since last summer, the Prime Minister has visited the Middle East once, and the Foreign Minister has made four visits there. Japan has been active also at the center of the multilateral talks designed to back up peace indirectly. On the Golan Heights, Japan's Self-Defense Forces (SDF) personnel have been participating in United Nations peace-keeping operations (PKO). Compared to circumstances before the peace process was launched, the position of the Middle East in Japan's foreign policy has certainly risen. Japan's diplomatic efforts are now steadily being praised by the international community.

In addition, international expectations for Japan have become increasingly greater. While the peace process has stalled now over the establishment of a new Israeli government, the Arab side's dissatisfaction has become stronger, claiming, "We can no longer bear nor compromise." In order to propel the momentum for peace, economic development must be rapidly promoted in that region as a "peace dividend."

The reason why the radical Islamic fundamentalism opposing the peace process has spread throughout the Middle-East region is because of such social and economic problems as serious unemployment among younger people and an increase in devastated cities. As the United States has pointed out, anti-terrorist measures alone cannot sustain stability in that region.

Multilateral economic cooperation needs to be strengthened so that private firms will be able to
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continue their investments in the region, which are starting to underwrite the development of that region.

(3) EDITORIAL: The Government and Okinawa Stepping Closer

ASAHI (Page 5) (Full)
September 11, 1996

Never before has any single session between Prime Minister and a local governor drawn so much attention domestically and internationally.

It was no surprise that yesterday's session between Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto and Okinawa Governor Masahide Ota monopolized attention, covering such weighty subjects as constitutionally-guaranteed equality, the Japan-U.S. security arrangement, and possible effects on the development of the political climate.

In his press meeting after the talks, Prime Minister Hashimoto expressed his determination to shoulder the burden and the pain the Okinawans have borne over the last half a century from the heavy concentration of U.S. bases there.

In addition, the Prime Minister vowed that his Administration would do its best for the planned realignment and reduction of the U.S. bases there, a review of the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces

Agreement (SOFA), as well as for boosting the Okinawa economy in collaboration with the local council.

He also clearly indicated Japan's policy direction to continue to discuss with the U.S. Government Asia's "military setup including the U.S. armed forces," an element crucial for the settlement of the base issue.

The Prime Minister's message reflected his desire to give a maximum response to the call of Governor Ota.

It is not that progress has been guaranteed for any specific issues, like the planned reversion of Futenma Air Station. Still, we evaluate highly Prime Minister Hashimoto's message that indicated clearly a basic policy direction toward the Okinawa problem based on the results of the Okinawa referendum carried out on the 8th.

Governor Ota did not mention whether he would continue to reject public notice and inspection for the forcible use of land lots by the U.S. armed forces.

But he reacted favorably to the Government's budgetary measures for an Okinawa rehabilitation package and the Prime Minister's stance, thereby hinting his desire to find a clue to bridging the gap with the Government.

It is well imagined that the Okinawans' reactions
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to yesterday's session vary greatly. Governor Ota, as a local leader, is being pressed to make the best possible decision in order to break the impasse and move the present situation forward.

The Prime Minister stressed "trust" with Okinawa in his press conference in an effort to elicit an about-face from Governor Ota.

The Government starting with the "Prime Minister and

the ruling camp should contemplate the meaning of this compromise, which is quite weighty. They should not take it that the heavy load has been removed for now, because such would definitely disappoint the people of Okinawa.

As the next step, the Prime Minister should expedite his work to come up with specific steps to realize his blueprint revealed yesterday.

The base reduction program will reach a climax from this weekend through next week, including the cabinet-level Japan-U.S. security session. The people of Japan, not to mention the Okinawans, are watching attentively the Prime Minister's ability to reduce the heavy burden borne by Okinawa for Futenma Air Station and other base facilities.

Winning Governor Ota's commitment is crucial for Prime Minister Hashimoto to determine the time frame for a lower-house dissolution and a general election. A mood suggesting a mutual compromise between the Government and Okinawa during the Hashimoto-Ota session is likely to accelerate the dissolution breeze blowing in Nagata-cho (Japan's Capitol Hill).

What is requested of each political party and every politician is to let the voters know clearly what is their thinking toward the Okinawa problem and the Japan-U.S. security arrangement behind it.

Politicians' negligence of such a step is in part responsible for the seriousness of the Okinawa issue and the pain of Okinawans.

Learning lessons from there should be translated into the next step.

(4) MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Nagata-cho Capitol District Turns to "Former Bureaucrat" to Handle the Okinawa Problem

EKONOMISUTO (Economist)
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As the problem of reducing and realigning the land used by the U. S. military bases on Okinawa becomes a major focus of political attention, an unexpected person has emerged from the shadows to act as point person between the Government and the prefecture. He is Atsushi Shimokobe (72 years), a former administrative vice minister for the National Land Agency, who was once called the "Development Tsar" because he has been connected with all of the postwar national land projects. He currently is

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executive director of Tokyo Marine Research
Institute, a Tokyo Marine and Fire Insurance-
affiliated think-tank.

On the eve of the inauguration of the Tanaka
Cabinet in 1972, he was serving as the director
general of the Planning Bureau of the Economic
Planning Agency, and so was deeply involved with
(Prime Minister Tanaka's) "Archipelago Reform
Concept." He is on friendly terms with Prime
Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto and Chief Cabinet
Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama, both of whom worked
directly under the late Kakuei Tanaka. He has been
advising successive governments on the promotion of
Okinawan development ever since Okinawa reverted to
Japan. As a result, he has a broad net of personal
contacts in Okinawa Prefecture, including Governor
Masahide Ota. So the chance has now come for him
to play a role in mending the strained relations
between the central government and Okinawa
Prefecture.

He conferred on the Okinawa problem with Hashimoto
and Kajiyama twice during July and August at the
Prime Minister's Residential Office (Kantei). He
apparently offered his advice on how to respond to
the Okinawa prefectural referendum and the question
of whether Okinawans want the presence of the U.S.
military bases, and on the contents of an Okinawa
promotional package. The reality is that the
Government is turning to "former super-bureaucrats"
(like him) not only on the problems of the recovery
from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and the
relocation of the capital functions but also on the
Okinawa problem.

Regarding the Japan-U.S. agreement on "reversion "
of the U.S. military airport, the Okinawan
residents' distrust of the central government has
become stronger, suspecting that an accord will be
concluded to "relocate the heliport" to another
U.S. base in the prefecture. Under such a
circumstance, will he be able to display his
mediator's ability?

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