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RULING CAMP NOW BEGINS (TRANSLATION BELOW)

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AND 12 MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES; RULING CAMP NOW IN
CONSULTATION TOWARD RELEASING FINAL REPORT IN DECEMBER;
PRIVATIZATION OF POSTAL INSURANCE SPECIFIED; SEPARATION
OF NATIONAL TAX ADMINISTRATION AGENCY ALSO UNDER STUDY

TOKYO SHIMBUN: ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PANEL'S INTERIM
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MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES; PRIVATIZATION OF POSTAL SERVICES
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REPORT; ADMINISTRATIVE SHIFT IN PREPARATION FOR THE 21ST
CENTURY; TO BE REORGANIZED INTO ONE OFFICE AND 12
MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES

SANKEI: ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PANEL DETERMINES INTERIM
REPORT; TO BE REALIGNED INTO ONE OFFICE AND 12 MINISTRIES
AND AGENCIES; FINAL REPORT TO APPEAR IN LATE NOVEMBER;
RULING CAMP'S DISCUSSION TO COME TO CLIMAX; POSTAL
INSURANCE TO BE PRIVATIZED, BUT NO SEPARATION OF
FINANCIAL AND BANKING FUNCTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM: PANEL ISSUES INTERIM REPORT
(ASAHI - TOP PLAY)

THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED COUNCIL ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM
(CHAIRIED BY PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO) YESTERDAY
ADOPTED AN INTERIM REPORT FEATURING THE REALIGNMENT OF
THE BUREAUCRACY FROM THE PRESENT 22 MINISTRIES AND
AGENCIES INTO ONE OFFICE AND 12 MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES
AND THE STRENGTHENING OF CABINET FUNCTIONS SO THAT THE
PRIME MINISTER CAN PROPOSE IMPORTANT POLICY MEASURES IN
CABINET MEETINGS. THE PRIME MINISTER WANTS TO FINALIZE
THE REPORT BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER IN ORDER TO SUBMIT
A BASIC BILL FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
TO THE REGULAR DIET SESSION TO CONVENE NEXT YEAR. THE
INTERIM REPORT INDICATES A GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR CUTTING
IN HALF THE PRESENT NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, BUT
DISCUSSION ON THE DOWNSIZING OF STATE-RUN SERVICES, SUCH
AS THE REALIZATION OF THE PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF AN
AGENCY SYSTEM (INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATIVE CORPORATION) TO
BREAK AWAY IMPLEMENTING ORGANS FROM MINISTRIES AND
AGENCIES, HAS YET TO BE PURSUED. IN THE RULING CAMP, THE
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY
STRONGLY RESENT POSTPONEMENT OF THE BREAKUP OF FISCAL AND
FINANCIAL FUNCTIONS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF).
IN THE MEANTIME, IN THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY THERE
ARE INCREASING MOVES AGAINST THE PROPOSED PRIVATIZATION
OF POSTAL INSURANCE SERVICE NOW UNDERTAKEN BY THE
MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND THE
SPLITTING OF THE CONSTRUCTION MINISTRY. COMPLICATIONS
ARE EXPECTED OVER COORDINATION OF A FINAL PLAN FOR FORMAL

ADOPTION.

OUTLINE OF INTERIM REPORT BY ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM
COUNCIL (STRENGTHENING OF CABINET FUNCTIONS)

- SPECIFICALLY MENTIONS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD BE ENDOWED WITH THE INITIATIVE ON BASIC POLICY MEASURES, WHICH IS TO BE REALIZED BY REFORMING THE CABINET LAW.

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ADOPTION OF A MAJORITY RULE IN CABINET
MEETINGS. (STREAMLINING OF THE PRESENT 22 MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES

INTO ONE OFFICE AND 12 MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES)

- THREE POSTAL SERVICES: PRIVATIZATION OF POSTAL INSURANCE; CONSOLIDATION OF CONDITIONS FOR EARLY PRIVATIZATION OF POSTAL SAVINGS; THE PRESENT STATE-RUN SYSTEM TO BE MAINTAINED FOR MAIL SERVICE.
- MOF'S FINANCIAL PLANNING AND FORMULATION FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THE CASE OF "MAINTAINING THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF THE MARKET." CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF BREAKING AWAY THE NATIONAL TAX ADMINISTRATION AGENCY.
- INTRODUCTION OF AN AGENCY (INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATIVE CORPORATION) SYSTEM IN ORDER TO MAKE IMPLEMENTING FUNCTIONS OF EACH MINISTRY AND AGENCY AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY. PROS AND CONS ARE INCLUDED ON WHETHER TO GIVE AGENCY PERSONNEL STATUS AS NATIONAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.
- REGARDING THE UPGRADING OF THE DEFENSE AGENCY TO A "MINISTRY," PROS AND CONS ARE INCLUDED.

(REVIEW OF ADVISORY COUNCIL)

- ABOLITION IN PRINCIPLE OF ADVISORY COUNCILS UNDER EACH MINISTRY THAT ARE IN CHARGE OF POLICY DELIBERATIONS AND THE DRAWING UP OF GUIDELINES.
- OPENING, IN PRINCIPLE, MEETINGS OR MINUTES.

(REFORM OF THE PUBLIC SERVANT SYSTEM)

- THE PUBLIC SERVANT SYSTEM RESEARCH COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING A UNIFIED PERSONNEL CONTROL SYSTEM FOR DIVISION-DIRECTOR-LEVEL OFFICIALS AND HIGHER AND RULES FOR RECRUITMENT AT THE CABINET SECRETARIAT.

TWO OPPOSITION PARTIES RAP INTERIM REPORT; UNION AGAINST
REVIEW OF GOVT POSTAL SERVICES (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

IN REACTION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM COUNCIL'S
INTERIM REPORT, THE SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY)
YESTERDAY RELEASED A CRITICAL STATEMENT IN THE NAME OF
KOSHIRO ISHIDA, THE PARTY'S "ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM
MINISTER," STATING: "IT LACKS THE BASIC VIEWPOINT OF
PARING DOWN GREATLY SWOLLEN ADMINISTRATIVE WORK, AND
REMAINS LOCKED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF TAMPERING WITH
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES AND CHANGING SIGNBOARDS. IT IS
SIMPLY A DISAPPOINTMENT." THE STATEMENT ALSO INDICATED:
"DISCUSSIONS AMONG THREE RULING PARTIES THAT ARE
ESSENTIALLY AGAINST STREAMLINING GOVERNMENT OFFICES MIGHT
ONLY DAMPEN THE SUBSTANCE, WHICH IS FAR FROM BEING
SUFFICIENT."

ALSO YESTERDAY, THE MINSHUTO (DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN)
RELEASED POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN YOSHITO
SENGOKU'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM
COUNCIL'S INTERIM REPORT: "IT IS A REFORM PLAN OF THE
BUREAUCRACY, BY THE BUREAUCRACY, FOR THE BUREAUCRACY. A
NEW STYLE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM FROM THE PEOPLE'S
VIEWPOINT SHOULD BE CREATED. MERELY REORGANIZING CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES WILL NOT ONLY RUN
COUNTER TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRUCTURING TREND BUT
WILL ALSO RESULT IN A HUGE GOVERNMENT."

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM COUNCIL MEMBER JINNOSUKE ASHIDA,
WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF RENGO (JAPANESE TRADE UNIONS
CONFEDERATION), IN A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY MADE THE
FOLLOWING COMMENT REGARDING THE COUNCIL'S CALL FOR
REVIEWING THE THREE POSTAL BUSINESSES: "WE MADE THE
CONCLUSION IN A HASTY MANNER WITHOUT CONDUCTING
DISCUSSIONS THOROUGHLY. POST OFFICES ARE ENJOYING THE
PEOPLE'S SUPPORT, AND THE THREE STATE-RUN BUSINESSES ARE
FUNCTIONING EFFICIENTLY." HE THUS SUGGESTED THAT HE IS
AGAINST THE OPTION OF REVIEWING THE THREE POSTAL
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BUSINESSES. LATER YESTERDAY, RENGO ISSUED SECRETARY
GENERAL ETSUYA WASHIO'S STATEMENT CRITICAL OF THE INTERIM
REPORT: "THE THREE POSTAL BUSINESSES SHOULD BE RUN BY
THE GOVERNMENT AS A SET. THE APPROACH OF MAKING THEM

INTO INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATIVE CORPORATIONS MIGHT RESULT IN NEW SPECIAL CORPORATIONS (TOKUSHU HOUJIN) AND OTHER PROBLEMS. WE MUST PROBE SUCH AN APPROACH MORE DEEPLY."

CABINET RESHUFFLE LIKELY SEPTEMBER 11
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 1)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO LATE ON THE 3RD MET WITH LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) SECRETARY GENERAL KOICHI KATO FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR TO DISCUSS A NEW LINEUP OF LDP EXECUTIVES AND A CABINET RESHUFFLE AFTER THE LDP PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. IN THE MEETING, KATO TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE PARTY HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THE MATTER ENTIRELY TO THE PARTY PRESIDENT. THE TWO ALSO CONFIRMED THAT IF PRESIDENT HASHIMOTO'S SECOND TERM BECOMES DEFINITE WITHOUT A VOTE ON THE 8TH, THE DAY THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, THE PARTY WILL HOLD A PLENARY MEETING OF PARTY MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF THE DIET ON THE 11TH TO FORMALLY APPROVE THE DECISION. ALL THIS SUGGESTS THAT A NEW LINEUP OF PARTY EXECUTIVES AND NEW CABINET MEMBERS ARE LIKELY TO BE DETERMINED ON THE 11TH.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL AAIN MEET WITH KATO ON THE 7TH AFTER RETURNING HOE FROM CHINA FOR FINAL COORDINATION ON PERSONNEL ATTERS. LATER YESTERDAY, KATO HELD A SESSION WIH FORMER PRIME MINISTER NOBORU TAKESHITA TO EXCHANE VIEWS ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION. EARLIER IN HE DAY, THE PRIME MINISTER HELD A MEETING WITH FRMER LDP VICE PRESIDENT KEIZO OBUCHI, HEAD OF THE OBUCHI FACTION TO WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER BELONS, AS WELL AS A TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH FORMERPRIME MINISTER YASUHIRO NAKASONE. OBUCHI IS EXPECTED TO LAND THE FOREIGN MINISTER POST IN A CABINET RESHUFFLE.

PRIME MINISTER OFF TO CHINA TODAY (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO WILL VISIT CHINA BEGINNING TODAY THROUGH THE 7TH. HIS CHINA TRIP CONSTITUTES PART OF THE PLANNED MUTUAL VISITS BY THE TWO COUNTRIES' LEADERS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL TIES. HE INTENDS TO BUILD MORE TRUSTING RELATIONS WITH CHINESE LEADERS INCLUDING PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN AND PREMIER LI PENG. HE ALSO PLANS TO CALL FOR A DIALOGUE CENTERING ON SECURITY AFFAIRS IN AN EFFORT TO FULLY REPAIR AND IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAD BEEN STRAINED OVER CHINA'S DEFIANT CARRYING OUT OF NUCLEAR TESTING, SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE SENKAKU ISLANDS, AND THE ONGOING REVIEW OF GUIDELINES FOR JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COOPERATION.

HASHIMOTO WILL VISIT CHINA FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE. IT WILL BE THE FIRST CHINA VISIT BY A JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER SINCE FORMER PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA VISITED IN MAY 1995.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED FOUR PRINCIPLES

TO BE USED AS HIS ADMINISTRATION'S BASIC POLICY IN ITS DIPLOMACY TOWARD CHINA. THE FOUR PRINCIPLES INCLUDE (1) MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, (2) STRENGTHENING OF BILATERAL DIALOGUE, (3) PROMOTION OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONS, AND (4) CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON ORDER. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS HIGHLY VALUED THOSE PRINCIPLES. HE WILL REVEAL HIS ADMINISTRATION'S MEASURES FOR BOOSTING COOPERATION WITH CHINA. THE MEASURES TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING HIS CHINA TRIP ARE: (1) EXPANSION OF SUCH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE AS CLEANING AIR AND WATER POLLUTION IN CHINA; AND (2) OFFERING OF YEN LOANS TO UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 TOKYO 007727

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CHINA FOR FISCAL 1997. HE WILL ALSO PLEDGE TO DISPOSE OF, AS THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY, CHEMICAL WEAPONS LEFT IN CHINA BY THE FORMER JAPANESE ARMY AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

TOUCHING ON THE ONGOING REVIEW OF JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SEIROKU KAJIYAMA REMARKED THAT THE TAIWAN STRAITS WERE INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF "EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN." WITH RESPECT TO THE KAJIYAMA STATEMENT, HASHIMOTO WILL, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S CRITICISM OF JAPAN, CONVEY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THE SPIRIT OF THE 1972 JOINT JAPAN-CHINA COMMUNIQUE WHICH SPECIFIES THAT JAPAN FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND RESPECTS THE POSITION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT THAT ASSERTS TAIWAN IS PART OF CHINESE TERRITORY.

ON THE 6TH, HE WILL BE THE FIRST JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT NORTHEAST CHINA (FORMALLY CALLED MANCHURIA). IN SHENYANG, HE WILL TOUR THE "SEPTEMBER 18 MEMORIAL MUSEUM" WHICH EXHIBITS DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE LUITIAOHU INCIDENT, WHICH BECAME A TRIGGER FOR THE MANCHURIAN INCIDENT. AFTER FINISHING THE TOUR, HE WILL REFER TO HIS PERCEPTIONS OF JAPAN'S HISTORICAL PAST. ON THE 7TH, HE WILL MAKE AN ON-SITE INSPECTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN DALIAN. HE WILL RETURN HOME THAT EVENING.

TOKYO, BEIJING REACH NEW FISHERIES PACT
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 1)

(BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 3, NORIMICHI IZUMI) PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO WILL AFFIRM WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT TO CHINA STARTING TODAY THAT JAPAN AND CHINA WILL SEAL A NEW BILATERAL FISHERIES PACT AT AN EARLY DATE IN RESPONSE TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. THIS MOVE FOLLOWS A CONCLUSION REACHED IN NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW ACCORD BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS IN BEIJING ON THE 3RD. THE ACCORD WILL COVER JAPANESE AND CHINESE EXCLUSIONARY ECONOMIC WATERS AS A WHOLE AND DEFINES THAT BOTH SIDES WILL CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS ON DEMARCATION OF THE BOUNDARY LINE BUT WILL TEMPORARILY SET A JOINT-CONTROL ZONE. REGARDING WATERS NEAR THE SENKAKU ISLANDS (CALLED THE DIAOYUTAI ISLANDS IN CHINESE), A MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK, THEY AGREED NOT TO INCLUDE THE ISLANDS IN THE JOINT-CONTROL ZONE BUT TO RETAIN CURRENT PARAMETERS.

THE AGREEMENT SETS THE JOINT-CONTROL WATERS (PROVISIONAL AREA) TO BE ESTABLISHED UNTIL THE BOUNDARY LINE IS DEMARCATED FOR BOTH COUNTRIES' EXCLUSIONARY ECONOMIC WATERS AS (1) A WATER AREA BETWEEN 300 AND 40' NORTH LATITUDE AND 270 N. IN THE EAST CHINA SEA; BUT (2) EXCLUDE WATERS WITHIN 52 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE STRAIGHT BASELINE. THE TWO COUNTRIES DECIDED TO INTRODUCE "COMMON RULES" FOR THE JOINT-CONTROL ZONE.

THE SENKAKU ISLANDS, SITUATED TO THE SOUTH OF 27 DEGREES N., ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE JOINT ZONE EVEN UNDER THE EXISTING ACCORD. AFTER THE NEW PACT TAKES EFFECT, "THE PRESENT FISHERIES ARRANGEMENT WILL BE APPLIED BASICALLY" FOR WATERS NEAR THE SENKAKU ISLANDS.

THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO AGREED TO ADOPT A RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT BASED ON THE "COASTAL COUNTRIES PRINCIPLE." UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, AFTER A COASTAL COUNTRY DECIDES THE OTHER SIDE'S FISHING QUOTAS AND FISHING OPERATION CONDITIONS, TAKING THE STATE OF RESOURCES INTO ACCOUNT, A COASTAL COUNTRY WILL ISSUE PERMISSION OR ENFORCE NO FISHING RULES. JAPAN WILL ALLOW CHINESE CUTTLEFISH FISHING BOATS' OPERATIONS TO SOME EXTENT FOR FIVE YEARS
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AFTER THE NEW ACCORD TAKES EFFECT.

JAPAN AND CHINA WILL ESTABLISH A "JAPAN-CHINA JOINT FISHERIES COMMITTEE." THIS COMMITTEE WILL DRAW OUT COMMON RULES FOR THE JOINT-CONTROL ZONE AND DISCUSS BOTH SIDES' FISHING OPERATIONS IN THE OTHER SIDE'S EXCLUSIONARY ZONE. THE NEW PACT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE EFFECT IN 1998. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PLACE A LIMIT ON FISHING QUOTAS IN ITS WATERS IN A BID TO PREVENT DEPLETING MARINE RESOURCES.

JAPANQS YSX PROJECT: BACKDOWN (YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) YESTERDAY REPORTED TO THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY COUNCIL (ADVISORY PANEL TO MITI MINISTER) THAT THE MINISTRY IN ITS FISCAL 1998 SPENDING WISH-LIST REQUESTED 170 MILLION YEN, DOWN 55 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER, AS EXPENSES FOR THE NEXT-GENERATION SMALL-SIZE PASSENGER AIRCRAFT (YSX) PROJECT, WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND BOTH JAPANESE AND AMERICAN AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS. THIS DECISION STEMS FROM THE JUDGMENT THAT THE PROJECT IS UNLIKELY TO BE SET IN MOTION RIGHT AWAY BECAUSE BOEING, WHICH HAD BEEN VIEWED AS THE MOST LIKELY PARTNER FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT, MERGED WITH MCDONNELL DOUGLAS, WHICH DEVELOPED THE "MD95."

HARBOR TALKS: STEVEDORING COODINATION CONTINUES
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 5)

WITH THE DEADLINE FOR THE INVOCATION OF SANCTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OVER THE ISSUE OF REVIEWING THE PRIOR CONSULTATION SYSTEM -- A LABOR-MANAGEMENT PRACTICE ADOPTED BY THE PORT SERVICE INDUSTRY -- JUST AHEAD ON 1:00 P.M. ON THE 4TH (12:00 A.M. ON THE 4TH, WASHINGTON TIME), THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (MOT) HAS CONTINUED UNTIL THE PRE-DAWN HOURS TODAY LAST-DITCH COORDINATION WITH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN SHIPPING LINES. SHIPPING LINES AND THE JAPAN HARBOR TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION (JHTA) ARE AT ODDS OVER A METHOD OF PRIOR CONSULTATIONS, BUT THE MOT IS MAKING EFFORTS TO FORGE CONSENSUS BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED. HOWEVER, SINCE THE U.S. FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC) IS POISED TO INITIATE SANCTIONS IF THEIR TALKS FAIL, WHETHER SANCTIONS CAN BE AVERTED OR NOT IS STILL A DELICATE QUESTION. THE KEY ISSUE OF A REVIEW OF THE PRIOR CONSULTATION SYSTEM IS THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW FORMULA THAT ALLOWS SHIPPING LINES TO HOLD DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL CARGO HANDLERS, BYPASSING THE JHTA, UNLIKE THE PRESENT CONSULTATION FORMULA, UNDER WHICH THE JHTA FUNCTIONS AS A POINT OF CONTACT. ADDITIONALLY, THE JAPAN SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION (JSA) AND THE JAPAN FOREIGN STEAMSHIP ASSOCIATION (JFSA) ARE INSISTING ON THE INCLUSION INTO A DRAFT ACCORD A RULE THAT ALLOWS SHIPPING LINES WHICH HAVE CHOSEN THE NEW FORMULA TO REVERT TO THE PRESENT ONE, IF THEY ENCOUNTER CONFUSION OVER LABOR-MANAGEMENT COORDINATION. THE JHTA IS REQUESTING DELETION OF THE "REVERSION RULE" FROM THE DRAFT ACCORD, REBUTTING, "WE

CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SMOOTH MANAGEMENT."

IT APPEARS THAT IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MOT AND SHIPPING LINES, WHICH STARTED ON THE EVENING OF THE 3RD, COORDINATION IS BEING PURSUED IN THE DIRECTION OF PUTTING THE HANDLING OF THE "REVERSION RULE" ON THE BACK BURNER FOR THE TIME BEING. THE MOT IS CONTINUING THE NEGOTIATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO WRING A COMPROMISE FROM BOTH SIDES, CITING, "WE ARE NOW FORGING FINAL COORDINATION IN ORDER TO STAVE OFF U.S. SANCTIONS." HOWEVER, ANY CONCLUSION IS BOUND TO BE CARRIED OVER TO THE VERY LAST MINUTE OF THE SANCTIONS DEADLINE."

MINSHUTO WAVERING ON NATIONAL SECURITY PLATFORM
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THE MINSHUTO (DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN) IS PROMOTING A COMPILATION OF BASIC POLICY PLATFORMS FOR FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICIES PRIOR TO THE EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION. BUT NOW THE PARTY IS WAVERING ON HOW TO RESPOND TO THE UNITED STATES-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. THE PHRASE, "A SECURITY TREATY WITH NO REGULAR STATIONING OF TROOPS," A SLOGAN THE PARTY HAS HELD UP SINCE ITS FOUNDATION, WAS ONCE DROPPED TO "AVOID A MISUNDERSTANDING," BUT NOW IT HAS COME BACK IN CONSIDERATION OF OPPOSITION (TO THE DELETION OF SUCH A PHRASE) FROM FORMER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP)-AFFILIATE LAWMAKERS. THIS REFLECTS CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE PRTY WHERE IT IS DIFFICULT TO BRING TOGETHER OPINIONS BECAUSE OF A DIVERSITY OF VIEWS ABOUT THE U.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. EARLIER IN THE PARTY'S STUDY SESSION, THE MIN OPPOSITION PARTY VIS--VIS THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) IN DIET DEBATES, BUT IT SEEMS MUCH MORE TIME IS NEEDED FOR IT TO STABILIZE ITS POSITIONS.

THE WORDING, "A SECURITY TREATY WITHOUT NO REGULAR STATIONING OF TROOPS," WAS INCLUDED IN "THINGS THE MINSHUTO AIMS AT," WHICH WAS COMPILED LAST SEPTEMBER AT THE TIME OF THE PARTY'S FOUNDATION, IN THE FORM OF THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSION: "WE WILL NOT CONSIDER THE PRESENCE OF U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN AS PERMANENT, BUT WILL PURSUE THE PEACE DIVIDEND, WITH THE VIEW THAT DUE TO CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, 'A SECURITY TREATY WITH NO

REGULAR STATIONING OF TROOPS' WILL BECOME ONE OPTION." SINCE THEN, THIS PHRASE HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF THE PARTY'S SECURITY POLICY.

BUT FROM THE BEGINNING, SOME CRITICIZED IT, REASONING, "THE MEANING IS UNCLEAR, AND EXPLANATIONS ARE INSUFFICIENT." IN CAMPAIGN PLEDGES FOR THE LOWER-HOUSE ELECTION LAST OCTOBER, THE PARTY ADDED TO THE PHRASE THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION: "WE WILL SUGGEST SHIFTING TO A SYSTEM THAT WILL NOT REQUIRE LARGE-SCALE DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. FORCES BY PREPOSITIONING OVERSEAS MATERIAL CONFIGURED TO UNIT SETS (POMCUS)." IN THE PARTY'S PRIORITY ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL 1997 SET THIS MARCH, THE PARTY WENT NO FURTHER THAN TO SAY "WE WILL STRIVE TO FORM SECURITY POLICY WHILE ALSO CONSIDERING THE SPECIFIC POSSIBILITY OF REALIZING A "POLICY APPROACH FOR HAVING 'SECURITY POLICY WITH NO REGULAR STATIONING OF TROOPS.'"

IN FORMULATING THE BASIC POLICY DIRECTIONS THIS TIME, SEIJI MAEHARA, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY'S SECURITY DEPARTMENT WHO HAILS FROM THE SAKIGAKE PARTY, RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT "A SECURITY TREATY WITH NO REGULAR STATIONING OF TROOPS": "THIS EXPRESSION HAS CAUSED A U.S. MISUNDERSTANDING THAT WE WILL SEEK IMMEDIATE AND FULL WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM JAPAN." AS A RESULT, IT WAS ONCE DECIDED NOT TO INCLUDE THIS PHRASE.

BUT IN CONSULTATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 2, DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TAKAHIRO YOKOMICHI AND OTHERS INSISTED: "IF WE DON'T EMPLOY THE EXPRESSION THAT HAS BEEN USED SINCE OUR PARTY'S FOUNDATION DESPITE CONTINUITY IN OUR BASIC POLICY LINES, THE MINSHUTO MIGHT BE SEEN AS HAVING CHANGED ITS SECURITY POLICY." IN THE END, REPRESENTATIVE KAN OFFERED A COMPROMISE PLAN THAT THIS PHRASE WOULD BE LEFT INTACT BUT IN ENGLISH, THIS PHRASE SHOULD BE TRANSLATED AS "CONDITIONAL STATIONING." THIS DISPUTE WAS THEN SETTLED.

THIS HAS NOW MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE PARTY DOES NOT NECESSARILY REFUSE ANY STATIONING OF U.S. TROOPS, BUT THAT (FOR SUCH STATIONING), IT WILL MAKE IT A CONDITION FOR JAPAN AND THE U.S. TO DISCUSS THE FORM AND THE TERM OF STATIONING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHANGES IN THE SITUATION. BUT THIS APPROACH IS LIKELY TO MEET WITH CRITICISM LIKE "IT ALLOWS TWO INTERPRETATIONS -- ONE FOR UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 TOKYO 007727

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DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND THE OTHER FOR THE U.S."

OFFSHORE HELIPORT: PRIME MINISTER ORDERS SETTLEMENT
(YOMIURI - PAGE 1)

REGARDING THE ISSUE OF CONSTRUCTING A SEA-BASED HELIPORT TO REPLACE THE U.S. MILITARY'S FUTENMA AIRFIELD IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE, PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO MADE UP HIS MIND ON SEPTEMBER 3 TO FINALIZE A PLAN WITHIN THE YEAR TO CONSTRUCT IT IN THE WATERS OFF CAMP SCHWAB (LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NAGO IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE), AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAS INSTRUCTED THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE DEFENSE AGENCY, TO DO THEIR BEST TO GAIN LOCAL CONSENT. IN RESPONSE, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED THAT DAY TO TAKE ACTION FOR A SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE YEAR.

THE GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO ITS COURSE OF ACTION, WILL REQUEST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO COME UP WITH AN INTERIM REPORT THIS MONTH REGARDING SUCH MATTERS AS THE U.S. MILITARY'S FUNCTIONS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFSHORE FACILITY. THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO PRESENT AN OUTLINE OF THE SEA-BASED INSTALLATION TO LOCAL RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF NAGO AND ALSO TO THOSE LIVING IN THE VICINITY OF CAMP SCHWAB IN OCTOBER AT THE EARLIEST, AS WELL AS THE OUTCOME OF ITS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND OTHER FINDINGS, AND WILL THEN FORMALLY SOUND OUT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ON ITS PLAN TO CONSTRUCT THE HELIPORT IN THE OFFING OF CAMP SCHWAB.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOVERNMENT ON SEPTEMBER 2 SET UP A TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL-LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES CONCERNED -- WHICH IS HEADED BY THE JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL -- FOR FUTENMA AIRFIELD RELOCATION, AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS HAD THE TEAM STUDY ANOTHER PACKAGE OF DEVELOPMENT/PROMOTIONAL MEASURES FOR NAGO CITY AND VICINITY. THE PRIME MINISTER IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT OKINAWA FOR A (GOVERNMENT SPONSORED) CEREMONY THERE ON NOVEMBER 21 IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF OKINAWA'S REVERSION TO JAPAN. ALONG WITH THIS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL LAUNCH A DRASTIC PACKAGE OF DEVELOPMENT/PROMOTIONAL MEASURES FOR THE WHOLE OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO SEEK THE UNDERSTANDING OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE'S GOVERNOR MASAHIDE OTA REGARDING THE PLANNED TRANSFER OF FUTENMA AIRFIELD'S FUNCTIONS TO THE OFFSHORE FACILITY INSIDE THE PREFECTURE. THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO OBTAIN CONSENT BY DECEMBER FROM OKINAWA PREFECTURE AND NAGO CITY WITH ITS PRESENTATION OF SUCH PROMOTIONAL MEASURES.
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PRIME MINISTER BRIEFS BEIJING ON JAPAN-U.S. GUIDELINES (ASAHI - TOP PLAY)

(BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 4, TSUTOMU WATANABE) PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO, NOW VISITING CHINA, HELD A MEETING WITH PREMIER LI PENG AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE IN BEIJING ON THE 4TH. REGARDING THE ONGOING JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES REVIEW, PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO EXPLAINED: "NO SPECIFIC REGION OR COUNTRY, SUCH AS CHINA, IS HYPOTHESIZED IN THE ONGOING DISCUSSION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES." HE THUS INDICATED THAT THE REVIEW WAS NOT HOSTILE TOWARD CHINA. FURTHERMORE, DESCRIBING THE TAIWAN ISSUE AS A "PROBLEM BETWEEN CHINESE PEOPLES," THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED CONSIDERATION TOWARD CHINA. IN RESPONSE, PREMIER LI PENG CALLED FOR "CAUTIOUS MEASURES," AND INDICATED THAT CHINA WOULD MAKE A FINAL JUDGMENT AFTER SEEING THE NEW DEFENSE GUIDELINES. THE TWO LEADERS ALSO AGREED TO HAVE TOP LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES VISIT EACH OTHER'S COUNTRY ONCE A YEAR IN THE FUTURE. THEY ALSO REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE EXCHANGES OF HIGH-LEVEL DEFENSE OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING IN THE MILITARY FIELD.

OUTLINE OF HASHIMOTO-LI MEETING (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 3)

(BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 4, HIROAKI ITO) THE FOLLOWING IS AN OUTLINE OF A MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO AND PREMIER LI PENG.

(EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES)

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO: I WOULD LIKE TO DEEPEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BY PROMOTING MUTUAL VISITS AT THE TOP LEVEL

BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO CARRY OUT A CLOSE SECURITY DIALOGUE AT THE HIGH LEVEL.

PREMIER LI PENG: CARRYING OUT MUTUAL VISITS AMONG LEADERS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. I AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO YOUR PROPOSAL FOR UPGRADING DEFENSE EXCHANGES TO A HIGH LEVEL.

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(TAIWAN PROBLEM)

PREMIER LI PENG: AS AN EXTENSION OF THE TAIWAN PROBLEM THERE IS THE JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY ISSUE. TAIWAN IS PART OF CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IF JAPAN AND THE U.S. DECIDE TO INCLUDE THE TAIWAN PROBLEM IN THEIR BILATERAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, THE CHINESE PEOPLE CANNOT ACCEPT IT.

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO: WE FULLY UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT CHINA'S POSITION THAT TAIWAN IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF CHINA, AND WE HAVE BEEN ABIDING THIS PRINCIPLE AS STIPULATED IN THE JAPAN-CHINA JOINT STATEMENT. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF SHIFTING OUR THINKING. WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE SO-CALLED "TWO CHINA" POLICY OR TAIWAN'S INDEPENDENCE, AND WE WILL NOT DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

(JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES REVIEW)

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO: NO SPECIFIC COUNTRY OR AREA, SUCH AS CHINA, IS HYPOTHESIZED IN THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES. WE BELIEVE THAT CHINA IS AIMING AT BRINGING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE TAIWAN ISSUE AS A PROBLEM BETWEEN CHINESE PEOPLES. THE ENTIRE SITUATION CONSIDERED, WE DO NOT THINK AN ARMED CONFLICT WILL ARISE OVER TAIWAN. SITUATIONS IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN (EMERGENCIES IN JAPAN'S VICINITY) MENTIONED IN THE DEFENSE GUIDELINES ARE NOT A GEOGRAPHICAL NOTION. THE CONCEPT INVOLVES THE NATURE OF SITUATIONS. ONCE OUR WORK IS PUT TOGETHER, WE WILL EXPLAIN TO CHINA.

PREMIER LI PENG: I HOPE YOU WILL ACT CAUTIOUSLY. WE WILL MAKE A DECISION BASED ON YOUR EXPLANATION (ABOUT YOUR FINAL REPORT ON THE DEFENSE GUIDELINES).

(HISTORICAL PERCEPTION)

PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO: FORMER PRIME MINISTER TOMIICHI MURAYAMA'S STATEMENT IN 1995 (IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED REMORSE AND APOLOGY FOR JAPAN-CHINA RELATIONS OF THE PAST) REFLECTS THE POSITIONS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT MIRRORS MY PERCEPTION AS WELL.

PREMIER LI PENG: I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO'S COMMENT ON HISTORY.

FOLEY VOWS TO ENHANCE U.S.-JAPAN TIES AS NEW ENVOY TO TOKYO (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

(WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 3, RYOSUKE HARADA) FORMER U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER FOLEY, NOW DESIGNATED AS AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, ISSUED A STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 3, IN WHICH HE SAID THAT HE "WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO ENHANCE THIS CRUCIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN." REFERRING TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S NOMINATION, FOLEY STATED THAT HE WAS "DEEPLY HONORED." ON THE OTHER HAND, FOLEY STRESSED HIS VIEW: "THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN ARE THE WORLD'S LARGEST ECONOMIES. THEIR CLOSE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC TIES AND THEIR PARTNERSHIP OF COOPERATION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND ON GLOBAL ISSUES MAKE THEIR RELATIONSHIP OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE."

OPINION: 73 PERCENT SEE CONTINUATION OF HASHIMOTO CABINET (YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

AS PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO'S REELECTION AS LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENT GROWS CERTAIN, IT HAS BEEN REVEALED THROUGH THIS NEWSPAPER'S NATION-WIDE OPINION POLL ON AUGUST 30 AND 31 THAT 70 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE EXPECT THE CONTINUATION OF THE HASHIMOTO CABINET FOR ANOTHER YEAR OR MORE. THE CABINET APPROVAL RATING UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 TOKYO 007803

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ALSO INCREASED BY 5.6 POINTS FROM A POLL CONDUCTED LAST MONTH TO 56.1 PERCENT -- THE THIRD HIGHEST FIGURE SINCE THE CABINET WAS INAUGURATED.

THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO THESE RESULTS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE THE EFFORTS OF THE COUNCIL ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM (GYOKAKU KAIGI, CHAIRED BY PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO) WHICH HAS HELD INTENSIVE DISCUSSION INTERMITTENTLY SINCE AUGUST 18 AND THE INCREASED STABILITY OF THE CABINET REFLECTING HASHIMOTO'S CERTAIN VICTORY FOR A SECOND TERM (AS LDP PRESIDENT). THE DISAPPROVAL RATING DROPPED 4.8 PERCENT TO 30.7 PERCENT.

ASKED ABOUT POLITICAL PARTIES, 40.1 PERCENT SAID THEY SUPPORTED THE LDP, REACHING THE 40 PERCENT RANGE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOUR YEARS SINCE THE SURVEY IN MAY 1993 CONDUCTED DURING THE MIYAZAWA CABINET. THOSE WHO CHOSE THE SHINSHINTO CONSTITUTED A RECORD LOW FOR THAT PARTY -- 4.2 PERCENT. THE SUPPORT RATE FOR THE JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH SAW A RISE IN ITS SUPPORT RATING FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE MONTHS UNTIL THE PREVIOUS ONE, EDGED DOWN TO 3.0 PERCENT. THE RATE FOR THE MINSHUTO (DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN) INCHED UP TO 2.7 PERCENT.

JAPAN SEEKING TO CONTINUE TALKS; FOCUS ON GOVQT ROLE (NIHONKEIZAI - PAGE 5)

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE 4TH LAUNCHED SANCTIONS AGAINST JAPAN IN A QUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ITS PRIOR CONSULTATION SYSTEM, WHICH THE STEVEDORE INDUSTRY ADOPTS AS A LABOR-MANAGEMENT PRACTICE. IN THIS CONNECTION, FOREIGN MINISTER YUKIHIKO IKEDA AND TRANSPORT (MOT) MINISTER MAKOTO KOGA YESTERDAY EVENING ISSUED A STATEMENT WHICH SAID: "WE WILL ASK THE U.S. TO IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW THE MEASURE." MOT WILL CONTINUE COORDINATION TODAY IN A BID TO BUILD CONSENSUS BETWEEN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN SHIPPING LINES AND THE STEVEDORE INDUSTRY. THE KEY POINT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IS WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT CAN STRENGTHEN ITS ROLE IN ORDER TO HAVE THE PROPOSED NEW NEGOTIATION FORMULA TAKE HOLD.

THE FIRST CASE OF THE APPLICATION OF THESE SANCTIONS, UNDER WHICH A SURCHARGE OF 100,000 DOLLARS IS LEVIED ON EVERY PORT CALL BY A JAPANESE FREIGHTER, IS K LINES' CONTAINER SHIP SCHEDULED TO ENTER TACOMA AT 6:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 5, U.S. LOCAL TIME (10:00 P.M. THE SAME DAY, JAPAN TIME). CHANCES ARE, HOWEVER, THAT IF AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN THE TALKS BETWEEN MOT AND DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN SHIPPING LINES, WHICH ARE TO RESUME THIS MORNING, THE SANCTIONS MIGHT BE SUSPENDED BEFORE A PUNITIVE MEASURE IS ACTUALLY TAKEN.

THE FOCAL POINT OF COORDINATION UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN THE INTRODUCTION OF AN OPTION BETWEEN A NEW FORMULA, WHICH ALLOWS SHIPPING LINES TO PURSUE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL CARGO HANDLERS, AND THE CURRENT FORMULA, UNDER WHICH THE JAPAN HARBOR TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION (JHTA), AN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF STEVEDORE COMPANIES, ACTS AS A POINT OF CONTACT. MOT HAS PLEDGED TO "MAKE ALL-OUT EFFORTS" TO PREVENT LABOR-MANAGEMENT TROUBLE FROM OCCURRING UNDER THE NEW FORMULA. IN THE MEANTIME, THE SHIPPING LINES ARE SEEKING A MEASURE THAT WILL GUARANTEE

THAT THE SYSTEM TAKE HOLD THROUGH STRENGTHENED GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT. COORDINATION OVER THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN ONGOING.

MOT HAD ONCE COME UP WITH A DRAFT ACCORD THAT OUTLINED THE INTRODUCTION OF AN OPTION SYSTEM IN LATE AUGUST. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO JHTA'S OPINION, IT LATER DELETED FROM THE DRAFT A RULE THAT ALLOWED SHIPPING LINES THAT CHOSE THE NEW FORMULA TO RETURN TO THE CURRENT ONE. WHETHER A COMPROMISE CAN BE FORGED BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES CONCERNED IS A DELICATE QUESTION.
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STEVEDORE ISSUE: U.S. SAYS: QREGRETTABLEQ
(SANKAI - PAGE 11)

REFERRING TO THE ONGOING TALKS BETWEEN THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY AND THE PORT INDUSTRY OVER THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE INDUSTRY'S LABOR/MANAGEMENT-RELATED "PRIOR CONSULTATION SYSTEM," WHICH REMAIN UNSETTLED, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY EVENING ISSUED A STATEMENT THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN TOKYO: "WE EXPRESS REGRT THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS YET TO WRAP UP AN AGREEMENT ON THE REINVENTION OF PORT PRACTICES."

DEFENSE SECRETARY COHEN TO VISIT JAPAN IN NOVEMBER
(YOMIURI - PAGE 5)

(WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 4, AKINORI UCHIDA) UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE COHEN WILL COME TO JAPAN IN NOVEMBER AS PART OF HIS TOUR OF FOUR ASIAN COUNTRIES. HE IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEFENSE AGENCY. THIS WAS REVEALED ON THE 4TH BY A U.S. GOVERNMENT SOURCE. SECRETARY COHEN PLANS TO VISIT CHINA, SOUTH KOREA, AND SINGAPORE, IN ADDITION TO JAPAN. HE IS EXPECTED TO SEEK CHINA'S UNDERSTANDING FOR THE REVISION OF "JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES," TOWARD WHICH CHINA HAS EXPRESSED ITS APPREHENSION, AS WELL AS TO CONFIRM BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN. HE APPARENTLY IS EXPECTED TO ACCELERATE THE WORK OF DRAWING UP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A HELIPORT TO REPLACE THE U.S. MILITARY'S FUTENMA AIRFIELD, WHICH PLAN

IS DUE AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

HIS SCHEDULED TRIP WILL BE SECRETARY COHEN'S SECOND VISIT TO JAPAN, FOLLOWING THE ONE IN APRIL.

TOP LINEUP LIKELY TO BE RETAINED (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 1)

IT WAS FIRMED UP ON THE 4TH THAT THE THREE CURRENT KEY EXECUTIVES OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) -- SECRETARY GENERAL KOICHI KATO (MEMBER OF THE FORMER MIYAZAWA FACTION), EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN YOSHIRO MORI (FORMER MITSUZUKA FACTION) AND POLICY RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TAKU YAMASAKI (FORMER WATANABE FACTION) -- WILL BE CHOSEN TO RETAIN THEIR PRESENT POSTS AS A NEW LINEUP OF PARTY EXECUTIVES AFTER PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO IS RE-ELECTED AS LDP PRESIDENT. AS A RESULT OF INTRAPARTY COORDINATION, THE DOMINANT VIEW WAS THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO RETAIN THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP ARRANGEMENT, WHICH HAS SUPPORTED THE PRIME MINISTER, IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH SUCH PRESSING ISSUES AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROGRAM IN COOPERATION WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND SAKIGAKE PARTY, AS WELL AS TO BOLSTER PARTY UNITY LEADING UP TO THE UPPER-HOUSE ELECTION NEXT SUMMER.

KATO EYEING POLICY DIALOGUE WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL KOICHI KATO DELIVERED A SPEECH IN OSAKA YESTERDAY. IN IT, HE REVEALED HIS WILLINGNESS TO ASK THE SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY) AND OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN ADDRESSING SPECIFIC POLICY MEASURES EVEN WHILE KEEPING THE PRESENT THREE-PARTY ARRANGEMENT -- THE LDP, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND SAKIGAKE. HE STATED, "WE MUST ALSO GIVE OUR EAR TO OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF THE MINSHUTO, TAIYOTO AND SHINSHINTO. WE WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HEADS OF THOSE PARTIES, THROUGH WHICH WE WANT TO CONSIDER THEIR BROAD-RANGING OPINIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC THEMES." KATO THUS REITERATED THE NEED TO WIDEN THE RANGE OF POLICY TALKS IN A BID TO PURSUE SUCH IMPORTANT ISSUES AS THE REVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES FOR UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 TOKYO 007803

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JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COOPERATION AND
ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM.

SECURITY PLATFORM: QU.S.-JAPAN ALLIANCE WITH CONDITIONAL
STATIONING OF U.S. TROOPSQ (MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

THE MINSHUTO (DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN) YESTERDAY
RELEASED ITS BASIC POLICY PLATFORMS FOR FOREIGN AND
SECURITY POLICIES. ACCORDING TO THEM, THE "FIRM
UPHOLDING" OF THE UNITED-STATES-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY IS
SPECIFIED. REGARDING U.S. FORCES STATIONED IN JAPAN, IT
IS NOTABLE THAT THE PLATFORMS GIVE A TWO-STAGE APPROACH:
ONE IS THAT "FOR THE TIME BEING," THE PARTY WILL
ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROVISION OF BASE SITES TO (THE U.S.)
NAVY AND AIR FORCE, BUT WILL CALL FOR A CUT AND A
WITHDRAWAL OF MARINES; AND THE OTHER IS THAT "IN THE
MEDIUM TO LONG TERM," THE PARTY WILL CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL
IN PRINCIPLE OF U.S. MILITARY BASES BUT WILL GUARANTEE
THAT U.S. FORCES WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE SELF-DEFENSE
FORCES' (SDF) FACILITIES. THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION WAS ON
WHETHER THE PARTY WOULD DELETE THE WORDING, "A SECURITY
TREATY WITH NO REGULAR STATIONING OF TROOPS," WHICH HAD
BEEN INCLUDED IN BASIC POLICIES ADOPTED AT THE TIME OF
THE PARTY'S FOUNDATION, BUT IT WAS IN THE END DETERMINED
TO LEAVE IT AS "THE FINAL GOAL FOR US TO ATTAIN AS WE
SEEK THE MOST SUITABLE WAY FOR TROOPS TO BE STATIONED
(HERE IN JAPAN)" (CO-LEADER YUKIO HATOYAMA).

THE PHRASE, "A SECURITY TREATY WITH NO REGULAR STATIONING
OF TROOPS" WAS ONCE INSERTED TO REPLACE "SECURITY WITH NO
MILITARY BASES" AT THE REQUEST OF A JUNIOR LAWMAKER
HAILING FROM THE SAKIGAKE PARTY. BUT THIS PHRASE GAVE
BIRTH TO TWO IMAGES: ONE WAS THE "PEACE AND DISARMAMENT
LINE" HARBORED BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP)-
AFFILIATED LAWMAKERS AND THE OTHER WAS AN "INDEPENDENT
DEFENSE ARGUMENT" AS WAS HELD BY SAKIGAKE-AFFILIATED
LAWMAKERS. FROM THE BEGINNING, THIS PHRASE WAS
CRITICIZED FOR "AMBIGUITY."

SINCE HATOYAMA ARGUED THE QUESTION OF "NO REGULAR
STATIONING OF TROOPS" IN A MONTHLY JOURNAL LAST FALL, THE
U.S. HAS VIEWED IT AS "SEEKING IMMEDIATE AND FULL
WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN" AND HAS BECOME
INCREASINGLY ALARMED TOWARD THE MINSHUTO. THIS ISSUE
BROUGHT ABOUT A TUG-OF-WAR BETWEEN SAKIGAKE-AFFILIATED
LAWMAKERS SEEKING TO DELETE "NO REGULAR STATIONING OF
TROOPS" AND SDF-AFFILIATED LAWMAKERS OPPOSING DELETION.
TO SETTLE IT, CO-LEADER NAOTO KAN SUGGESTED ADDING AN
ENGLISH TRANSLATION -- "CONDITIONAL STATIONING OF U.S.
TROOPS." AS A RESULT, BASIC POLICY PLATFORMS WERE
COMPILED. IN THE PARTY, HOWEVER, SOME ARE CRITICAL: "IT
IS STRANGE TO ALLOW TWO INTERPRETATIONS -- ONE FOR
DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND ONE FOR THE U.S." (JUNIOR
MEMBER).

THE MINSHUTO'S MAJOR COMMENTS AND VIEWS ON SECURITY

SEPTEMBER, 1996 WE WILL PURSUE THE PEACE DIVIDEND,
PARTY BASIC REGARDING "A SECURITY TREATY WITH
POLICY PLATFORMS NO REGULAR STATIONING OF TROOPS"
AS ONE OPTION.

OCTOBER, 1996 IF "SO-CALLED FAR-EAST
"MY BLUEPRINT FOR EMERGENCIES" CEASED TO OCCUR IN
POLITICAL POWER" NORTHEAST ASIA IT WOULD BE
CARRIED BY THE POSSIBLE, COMMENSURATE WITH SUCH
NOVEMBER ISSUE OF PROGRESS, TO REALIZE REALIGNMENT,
BUNGEI SHUNJU REDUCTION AND WITHDRAWAL OF U.S.
MILITARY BASES IN OKINAWA AND ON
MAINLAND JAPAN AND THEN TO SHIFT
TOWARD "NO REGULAR STATIONING OF
TROOPS."

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MARCH, 1997 WE WILL SEEK REDUCTION AND
MEMOS ON SECURITY WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND TROOPS, AND
POLICY ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WILL
CONTINUE TO OFFER LAND SITES. AS
A MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE
..... WE CAN VIRTUALLY REALIZE "A
SECURITY TREATY WITH NO REGULAR
STATIONING OF TROOPS," BY
TRANSFERRING U.S. MILITARY BASES
TO THE SDF BUT ALLOWING U.S.
FORCES TO USE SDF FACILITIES AS
WELL AS OFFERING REQUIRED
ASSISTANCE (FOR U.S. TROOPS).

SEPTEMBER, 1997 WE WILL PURSUE THE PEACE DIVIDEND,
BASIC POLICY VIEWING AS ONE OPTION "A U.S.-
PLATFORMS FOR JAPAN ALLIANCE WITH CONDITIONAL
FOREIGN AND STATIONING OF U.S. TROOPS."
SECURITY POLICIES

HATOYAMA GOES TO WASHINGTON (YOMIURI - PAGE 5)

MINSHUTO (DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN) CO-LEADER YUKIO
HATOYAMA WILL TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES BEGINNING ON
THE 6TH THROUGH THE 13TH. HE WILL GIVE SPEECHES AT THE
JAPAN SOCIETY AND THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH SUCH U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE TIMOTHY WIRTH. THE MINSHUTO HAS ALSO REVEALED THAT IT WILL SEND A DELEGATION TO CHINA LED BY DEPUTY HEAD KUNIO HATOYAMA FROM THE 10TH THROUGH THE 16TH.

FUTENMA RELOCATION: GOVRT TASK FORCE TO PRESENT PLAN THIS MONTH (ASAHI - PAGE 3)

THE GOVERNMENT'S FUTENMA AIRFIELD RELOCATION TASK FORCE, HEADED BY JAPAN'S DEFENSE AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL FUMIO KYUMA, HELD ITS FIRST MEETING AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SORIFU) ON THE 4TH FOR THE PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF A SEA-BASED HELIPORT TO REPLACE THE U.S. MILITARY'S FUTENMA AIR STATION LOCATED IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE. AT THE MEETING, THE TASK FORCE AFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION OF CREATING AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WITHIN THE YEAR FOR THE PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE OFFSHORE HELIPORT. ADDITIONALLY, THE TASK FORCE HAS CONFIRMED ITS COURSE OF ACTION FOR TIGHTENED COOPERATION AMONG ITS RELEVANT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES ON SUCH ISSUES AS WORKING OUT A PACKAGE OF LOCAL PROMOTIONAL MEASURES FOR NAGO CITY, WHERE THE HELIPORT IS PLANNED TO BE CONSTRUCTED. THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO PRESENT A BLUEPRINT OF THE HELIPORT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THIS MONTH AT THE EARLIEST TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

OZAWA SCOLDS UNION (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

"IF WE, POLITICIANS, HAVE TO LEND OUR EARS TO WHAT LABOR UNIONS SAY ALL THE TIME, WE CANNOT BE GREAT POLITICIANS. ONCE YOU DECIDE TO TRUST US, I WANT YOU TO ENCOURAGE US WITH SUCH WORDS AS 'DO YOUR BEST,'" SAID ICHIRO OZAWA, HEAD OF THE OPPOSITION SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER PARTY), IN A SPEECH HE GAVE AT A REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE ZENSEN DOMEI (JAPANESE FEDERATION OF TEXTILE, GARMENT, CHEMICAL, DISTRIBUTION AND ALLIED INDUSTRY WORKERS' UNIONS), A LABOR UNION SUPPORTING OZAWA, HELD IN YOKOHAMA CITY YESTERDAY. HE THUS EXPRESSED HIS DISPLEASURE ABOUT LABOR UNIONS' EXCESSIVE "INTERVENTION" IN HIS PARTY'S POLITICAL STANCE.

THE ZENSEN DOMEI, A LABOR UNION SUPPORTIVE OF THE NOW DEFUNCT DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY, INTENDS TO RUN ITS CANDIDATES FROM THE SHINSHINTO FOR THE UPPER HOUSE ELECTION SET FOR NEXT YEAR. OZAWA, HOWEVER, HAS OFTEN UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 TOKYO 007803

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VENTED HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH SOME LABOR UNIONS FOR THEIR APPROACH OF "ENGAGING IN TALKS WITH LDP MEMBERS WHILE SPEAKING ABOUT RALLYING NON-LDP FORCES." IN HIS SPEECH YESTERDAY, TOO, SUCH DISCONTENT WAS OBVIOUS.
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ASAHI: DAIWA SECURITIES SUSPECTED OF HAVING PAID OFF 50
MILLION YEN TO DEFENDANT KOIKE SINCE SUMMER, 1994; TOKYO
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PRESIDENT AND OTHERS; ALSO 10 MILLION YEN PAID OFF BY
NIKKO SECURITIES

NIHON KEIZAI: NEW CABINET LINEUP OUTLINED; PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO TO BE RE-ELECTED AS PRESIDENT TODAY; MURAOKA LIKELY AS CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY, MITSUZUKA TO STAY ON AS FINANCE MINISTER; OBUCHI, HORIUCHI MOST LIKELY TO BE FINANCE MINISTER, MITI MINISTER RESPECTIVELY (TRANSLATION BELOW)

TOKYO SHIMBUN: TWIN-ENGINE PLANE CRASH; ALL OF 10 PASSENGERS KILLED; BODY OF WOMAN IDENTIFIED AS COMING FROM KAGAWA PREF.; KYOTO UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR ALSO MIGHT HAVE BEEN ON BOARD? BORNEO ISLAND

MAINICHI: THREE MEDICAL CARE ORGANIZATIONS DONATED "21.4 BILLION YEN" AS POLITICAL FUNDS FOR 10 YEARS; TOWARD CENTRAL AND LOCAL POLITICAL CIRCLES

YOMIURI: TO ENACT ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM BASIC LAW; GOVERNMENT TO SUBMIT BILL TO REGULAR DIET SESSION; PHILOSOPHY AND RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE MADE CLEARER (TRANSLATION BELOW)

SANKEI: LDP WILL RE-ELECT HASHIMOTO AS PRESIDENT TODAY; FORMER LABOR MINISTER HORIUCHI TO BE PICKED AS MITI MINISTER

CABINET RESHUFFLE: -- NEW LINEUP TAKING SHAPE (NIHON KEIZAI - TOP PLAY)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO IS EXPECTED TO WIN HIS SECOND TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) WITHOUT A VOTE THIS MORNING. WITH HIS REELECTION IN MIND, A BLUEPRINT HAS BEEN PRODUCED THROUGH INTRA-PARTY COORDINATION FOR A NEW LINEUP OF LDP EXECUTIVES AND A NEW CABINET. ACCORDING TO IT, DIET AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KANEZO MURAOKA, A MEMBER OF THE OBUCHI FACTION TO WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO BELONGS, IS LIKELY TO BECOME THE NEW CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY, A PIVOTAL POST IN THE CABINET, AND FINANCE MINISTER HIROSHI MITSUZUKA IS LIKELY TO RETAIN HIS POST TO CONTINUE TO OVERSEE BUDGET COMPILATION FOR FY1998 IN VIEW OF THE FISCAL STRUCTURAL REFORM PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S POST, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A BREAKTHROUGH IN RUSSIAN POLICY, IS LIKELY TO BE GIVEN TO FORMER LDP VICE PRESIDENT KEIZO OBUCHI, AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) PORTFOLIO, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC STRUCTURAL REFORM, TO MITSUO HORIUCHI OF THE FORMER MIYAZAWA FACTION. A NEW CABINET WILL EMPHASIZE PURSUIT OF SIX REFORMS, SUCH AS ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL AND FINANCIAL REFORMS.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR ENTRY (YOMIURI - PAGE 5)

(FORMER OBUCHI FACTION)

KEIZO OBUCHI (12 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE) KANEZO MURAOKA (8) FUMIO KYUMA (6) TAKAO FUJII (2 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE, 3 TERMS IN UPPER HOUSE) MUNEO SUZUKI (5) FUKUSHIRO NUKAGA (5)

(FORMER MITSUZUKA FACTION)
HIROSHI MITSUZUKA (9) JUN'ICHIRO KOIZUMI (9) KAZUYA
ISHIBASHI (8) SHOZABURO NAKAMURA (7) SHIN SAKURAI (6)
KOJI OMI (5) TAKUJI KATO (5) SHOICHI NAKAGAWA (5)
NOBUTAKA MACHIMURA (5)

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(FORMER MIYAZAWA FACTION)
TSUTOMU KAWARA (9) MITSUO HORIUCHI (7) SEIICHI OTA (6)
SADAKAZU TANIGAKI (6) KOKI CHUMA (6)

(FORMER WATANABE FACTION)
KABUN MUTO (11) KOKO SATO (11) IHEI OCHI (10) BUNMEI
IBUKI (5) SHOZABURO JIMI (5) TAKAMORI MAKINO (5)

(FORMER KOMOTO FACTION) KAZUO TANIGAWA (11)

(UPPER HOUSE)
HIROSHI OHKI (3) MITSUHIRO UESUGI (2) KOKICHI SHIMOINABA
(2)

DOI VOWS TO SUSTAIN LDP-SAKIGAKE ALLIANCE
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 1)

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) CHAIRPERSON TAKAKO DOI,
REFERRING TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER HER PARTY WILL
REMAIN IN THE PRESENT RULING ALLIANCE EVEN AFTER PRIME
MINISTER HASHIMOTO IS REELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) IN HER SPEECH YESTERDAY AT
A CONVENTION OF THE SDP'S HOKKAIDO CHAPTER, REVEALED HER
VIEW: "SINCE THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SAID THAT HE HAS NO
INTENTION OF PUTTING AN END TO THE THREE-PARTY
ARRANGEMENT OF THE LDP, SDP AND SAKIGAKE PARTY, THE
FUNDAMENTAL SITUATION SURROUNDING THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS
UNCHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR'S GENERAL ELECTION." SHE
STRESSED IN HER REMARKS THE VIEW THAT HER PARTY WOULD
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT AS A NON-CABINET ALLY.

JAPAN, NORTH KOREA LIKELY TO AGREE TODAY ON JAPANESE
WIVESQ HOMECOMING (SANKEI - PAGE 1)

(BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 8, REPORTER RURIKO KUBOTA) ON THE

SECOND DAY OF THEIR NEGOTIATIONS YESTERDAY, THE LIAISON COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AND NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS SOCIETIES AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WHICH HAS BEEN HOLDING DISCUSSIONS ON THE ISSUE OF TEMPORARY VISITS TO JAPAN BY JAPANESE WOMEN MARRIED TO NORTH KOREANS, SWITCHED INTO WORKING LEVEL-NEGOTIATIONS. THE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED UNTIL THE EARLY HOURS OF THE 8TH TO WORK OUT DETAILS. FULL-SCALE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO GO BACK TO THE TABLE THIS MORNING. AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TODAY THAT THERE SHOULD BE 15 TO 18 JAPANESE WIVES IN THE FIRST GROUP. JAPAN HAS ASKED FOR AN OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR THEIR TEMPORARY HOME-COMING, BUT THE ISSUE IS LIKELY TO BE CARRIED OVER INTO THE NEXT LIAISON COUNCIL MEETING OR LATER.

AT THE MEETING HELD YESTERDAY, OFFICIALS HANDLING THIS ISSUE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES (DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL KUNIHICO MAKITA OF THE ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU FROM THE JAPANESE SIDE) HELD ON-AND-OFF NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS SAID THAT "THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE MAKING PROGRESS STEP BY STEP" (DEPUTY D/G MAKITA).

THE CONTENTS OF THE WORKING-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE YET TO BE CLARIFIED, BUT COORDINATION ON THE DETAILS OF A STATEMENT TO BE RELEASED AFTER AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN PRINCIPLE SEEMS TO BE ONGOING. IF THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES CONVERGE, FULL-SCALE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE RESUMED AS EARLY AS THIS MORNING. AS FOR THE SIZE OF THE FIRST GROUP TO VISIT JAPAN, THE JAPANESE SIDE ASKED FOR 15 OR SO WHILE THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE PROPOSED "A LITTLE MORE THAN THAT FOR THE FIRST GROUP" (NEGOTIATOR), BUT THE NUMBER IS LIKELY TO BE 15 TO 18.

THE JAPANESE SIDE SAYS, "WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK OF A JAPAN VISIT BY THOSE JAPANESE WIVES AS WELL AS THE REALIZATION OF THE FIRST GROUP'S VISIT" (SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL). IN VIEW OF UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 06 TOKYO 007847

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THE FACT THAT AT THE JAPANESE-NORTH KOREAN NEGOTIATIONS HELD ON AUGUST 21 AND 22, THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREED ON AN "EARLY REALIZATION OF (A VISIT BY THE FIRST GROUP) WITHIN A MONTH," THE POSSIBILITY IS HIGH THAT FRAMEWORK NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DEFERRED TO A LATER DATE.

GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING RICE AID FOR NORTH KOREANS (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED A STUDY ON RICE AID TO THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA) WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING 67,000 TONS, PROBABLY LATER IN THE MONTH, THROUGH THE UN AS A HUMANITARIAN MEASURE. THE ARRANGEMENT THE GOVERNMENT IS ENVISAGING IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT DISBURSES APPROXIMATELY 20 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE UN, AND THE UN PURCHASES GOVERNMENT RICE AND SENDS IT TO NORTH KOREA. THE FOREIGN, FINANCE AND AGRICULTURE MINISTRIES ARE NOW DOING FINAL COORDINATION. THE OUTLOOK IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL HOLD NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE RULING CAMP IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH OR LATER, AFTER MONITORING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISCUSSIONS BY THE LIAISON COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AND NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS SOCIETIES ON THE PROBLEM OF A TEMPORARY VISIT TO JAPAN BY JAPANESE WOMEN MARRIED TO NORTH KOREANS.

IN A BID TO RESUME BILATERAL NORMALIZATION TALKS, JAPAN AND NORTH KOREA HELD WORKING-LEVEL PRELIMINARY TALKS ON AUGUST 21 AND 22 AND FOUND COMMON GROUND REGARDING AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF NORMALIZATION TALKS AND THE TEMPORARY HOME-COMING OF THE FIRST GROUP OF THOSE JAPANESE WIVES WITHIN THE MONTH. THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEN SOFTENED ITS CAUTIOUS STANCE, JUDGING THAT IT HAD ELICITED CONCESSIONS TO SOME EXTENT FROM THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE.

DEFENSE & SECURITY ISSUES: -- SHIP INSPECTIONS TO REQUIRE U.N. RESOLUTION (MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

IN CONNECTION WITH ITEMS FOR COOPERATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE GUIDELINES TO DEAL WITH SITUATIONS IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN, THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE U.S. HAVE AGREED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICY LINES: 1) INSPECTING SUSPICIOUS SHIPS TO BE BASED ON A UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; 2) EXCLUDING FUEL SUPPLY, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF U.S. MILITARY PLANES HEADING FOR COMBAT OPERATIONS; AND 3) NOT CARRYING OUT ANY INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING ACTIVITY INVOLVING SPYING OPERATIONS DUE TO LINKAGE TO U.S. FORCES' COMBAT OPERATIONS. BUT AREAS FOR COORDINATION STILL REMAIN, SUCH AS EVACUATION OPERATIONS FOR NONCOMBATANTS AND HOW TO SPECIFY EMERGENCIES NEAR JAPAN.

AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN: LDP, SDP TO INCORPORATE THEIR RESPECTIVE VIEWS IN COALITION AGREEMENT (YOMIURI - PAGE 8)

LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN YAMASAKI AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) CHAIRMAN OIKAWA MET YESTERDAY IN TOKYO TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF THE ONGOING REVIEW OF THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES. ON THE QUESTION OF HOW TO INTERPRET "SITUATIONS IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN," THE TWO AGREED TO AIM AT A SETTLEMENT BY PUTTING

DOWN BOTH PARTIES' VIEWS IN THE ITEMS OF AGREEMENT TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE THREE RULING PARTIES. ON THE 9TH, THE RULING CAMP'S GUIDELINES REVIEW COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE JAPAN-CHINA SUMMIT FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA). IT IS LIKELY THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BY THE 11TH.

ON THE QUESTION OF "SITUATIONS IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN," THE DISPUTE HAS CONTINUED BETWEEN THE LDP, WHICH UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 06 TOKYO 007847

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ASSERTS, "THEY SHOULD NOT BE SPECIFIED GEOGRAPHICALLY," AND THE SDP, WHICH INSISTS, "TAIWAN SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE TARGETED AREA."

AFTER HIS MEETING (WITH OIKAWA), YAMASAKI TOLD THE PRESS CORPS: "ON THE PART OF THE LDP, WE CANNOT GO BEYOND WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED (DURING THE JAPAN-CHINA SUMMIT IN WHICH HE STATED NO SPECIFIC AREA WAS HYPOTHESIZED). THE SECURITY ISSUE IS NOT COVERED BY THE THREE-PARTY POLICY AGREEMENT REACHED LAST OCTOBER BUT IT IS AN AREA (FOR COOPERATION FROM OUTSIDE OF THE CABINET UNDER THE AGREEMENT)." HE THUS INDICATED THAT IN HIS VIEW, THERE WOULD BE NO EFFECT ON THE TRIPARTITE COALITION GOVERNMENT EVEN IF NO CONSENSUS IS REACHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERPRETATIONS OF SITUATIONS IN AREAS NEAR JAPAN."

JDA CHIEF: QSEARCH AND RESCUE ONLY IN NON-COMBAT AREASQ (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

JAPAN'S DEFENSE AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL FUMIO KYUMA GAVE A TOWN-MEETING SPEECH IN MIYAKONOJO CITY, MIYAZAKI PREFECTURE, ON THE 7TH, IN WHICH HE TOUCHED ON THE PROPRIETY OF CARRYING OUT SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS FOR U.S. SERVICEMEN IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN, A TOPIC NOW BEING STUDIED IN AN ONGOING REVIEW OF GUIDELINES FOR BILATERAL DEFENSE COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. REGARDING THIS ISSUE, THE JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL REMARKED: "OUR COUNTRY SHOULD NOT CARRY OUT SUCH ACTIVITIES IN COMBAT AREAS. WE INSTEAD SHOULD CARRY OUT SUCH ACTIVITIES IN OUR NEIGHBORING AREAS DISTINGUISHED FROM AREAS WHERE COMBAT OPERATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED." WITH THIS, KYUMA HAS

CLARIFIED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION OF HAVING A NEWLY PLANNED SET OF GUIDELINES INCORPORATE THE IDEA OF CONDUCTING (JAPAN'S) SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN NON-COMBAT AREAS ONLY."

SDF AIRLIFTS U.S. TROOPS (YOMIURI - PAGE 5)

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF TRAINING ON MAINLAND JAPAN BY UNITED STATES MARINES STATIONED ON OKINAWA SINCE THE RELOCATION OF EXERCISES, AN ADVANCE UNIT OF NEARLY 150 TROOPS WHO ARE TO ENGAGE IN LIVE-FIRE DRILLS AT THE YAUSUBETSU MANEUVERING GROUND (LOCATED IN THREE TOWNS -- BEKKAI, ATSUGISHI AND HAMANAKA) IN HOKKAIDO, ARRIVED BY A SELF-DEFENSE FORCE AIRPLANE AT NAKASHIBETSU AIRPORT YESTERDAY FROM OKINAWA. THIS IS THE FIRST TRANSPORT OF U.S. UNITS BY SDF AIRCRAFT.

THIS TRAINING WILL FOLLOW THAT EARLIER CARRIED OUT IN JULY AT THE KITAFUJI MANEUVERING GROUND IN YAMANASHI PREFECTURE AND CONTINUE FROM THE 18TH THROUGH THE 29TH. ABOUT 380 OR SO TROOPS COMING FROM U.S. MARINE DIVISIONS STATIONED ON OKINAWA WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAINING. AROUND NAKASHIBETSU AIRPORT, LABOR UNIONS, RESIDENTS AND OTHERS PROTESTED LOUDLY, BUT WITHOUT INCIDENT.

FUTENMA REVERSION: GOVERNMENT STARTS FULL-FLEDGED COORDINATION FOR OFFSHORE HELIPORT (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT HAS STARTED MOVING AHEAD WITH FULL-SCALE COORDINATION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HELIPORT TO REPLACE THE UNITED STATES MILITARY'S FUTENMA AIRFIELD IN OKINAWA. THE "FUTENMA AIRFIELD RELOCATION HEADQUARTERS" (CHAIRMAN BY DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) DIRECTOR GENERAL FUMIO KYUMA), WHICH HELD A FIRST MEETING ON THE 4TH, AIMS AT OBTAINING LOCAL RESIDENTS' APPROVAL BY PRESENTING THEM A PACKAGE OF PROMOTIONAL MEASURES FOR AREAS SURROUNDING NAGO CITY, THE TARGETED SITE. ADDING THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF), WHICH HOLDS THE BUDGET FOR CONSTRUCTION, TO THE HEADQUARTERS' MEMBERSHIP, THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 06 TOKYO 007847

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FORMULATE AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BY THE END OF THE YEAR, WHICH IS THE TARGET DATE AGREED BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS. IT WILL ALSO SET FORTH PROMOTIONAL

MEASURES FOR SUCH IMPORTANT AREAS AS PUBLIC WORKS. ALTHOUGH LOCAL VOICES OPPOSING THE PLAN HAVE COOLED DOWN, A MOVE CALLING FOR HOLDING A REFERENDUM IS NOW APPEARING. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, PROSPECTS HAVE YET TO BE OBTAINED AS TO WHETHER THE COORDINATION WILL GO AS SMOOTHLY AS THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS.

LDPQS YAMASAKI ADVOCATES UPGRADING JDA TO MINISTRY
(SANKEI - PAGE 3)

TAKU YAMASAKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL, GAVE A TOWN-MEETING SPEECH AT A HOTEL IN THE CITY OF NAGOYA ON THE EVENING OF THE 7TH. IN THAT SPEECH, YAMASAKI REFERRED TO AN INTERIM REPORT THAT WAS RECENTLY WORKED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PANEL WITH ITS PROPOSAL OF REORGANIZING CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES, AND STATED: "IN THE CASE OF THE DEFENSE AGENCY, I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. A GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR OUR COUNTRY'S NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE AGENCIES UNDER THE CABINET, AND I WONDER IF THAT IS PROPER ... SECURITY IS A COUNTRY'S BASIC NATIONAL POLICY, SO IT'S DESIRABLE THAT THE AGENCY BE REORGANIZED INTO A DEFENSE MINISTRY."

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM: GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE BASIC LAW
(YOMIURI - TOP PLAY)

THE GOVERNMENT REACHED A POLICY DECISION YESTERDAY TO SUBMIT A "BASIC ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURAL REFORM BILL" (TENTATIVE NAME) TO THE NEXT REGULAR DIET SESSION TO BE CONVENED NEXT JANUARY AFTER THE CONFERENCE ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM (CHAIRLED BY PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO) COMPLETES ITS FINAL REPORT, WHICH CENTERS ON THE REORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES, DUE OUT AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY ITS DETERMINATION TO INTRODUCE A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE IN THE YEAR 2001, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO INCLUDE IN THE BILL THE BASIC CONCEPTS BEHIND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM DESIGNATED TO BOLDLY OVERHAUL THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNCTIONS, THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY, AS WELL AS BASIC POLICY MEASURES TO STREAMLINE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

OPINION: 65 PERCENT SEE PROGRESS IN CHINAQS
DEMOCRATIZATION; HASHIMOTO CABINET SUPPORTED BY NEARLY
HALF (SANKEI - PAGE 2)

QUESTION: WHICH POLITICAL PARTY WILL YOU VOTE FOR IN THE
NEXT GENERAL ELECTION?

LDP	21.0 PERCENT
SHINSHINTO	4.8
MINSHUTO	3.4

JCP	5.4
SDP	3.0
NEW PARTY SAKIGAKE	0.2
TAIYO PARTY	0.2
OTHERS	1.0
NO ANSWER	2.0

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UNDECIDED	59.0
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QUESTION: DO YOU SUPPORT THE HASHIMOTO CABINET?

SUPPORT IT	48.6 PERCENT
DO NOT SUPPORT IT	38.8
CANNOT SAY WHICH	12.6

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK PRESENT JAPAN-CHINA RELATIONS ARE
IN GOOD SHAPE?

YES	36.2 PERCENT
NO	40.4
OTHER ANSWER, DON'T KNOW	23.4

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK DEMOCRATIZATION WILL MAKE
HEADWAY?

YES	65.2 PERCENT
NO	24.8
OTHER ANSWER, DON'T KNOW	10.0

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT FORMER PRINCESS DIANA
HAVING BEEN ALWAYS CHASED BY THE MASS MEDIA?

COULD NOT BE HELPED 30.8 PERCENT

FEEL COMPASSION 59.8

OTHER ANSWER, 'DON'T KNOW 9.4

(TELEPHONE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE TV PROGRAM "HOUDOU
2001" ON SEPTEMBER 4, OF 500 MEN AND WOMEN AGED 20 OR
OVER LIVING IN THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN AREA, AND AIRED ON
SEPTEMBER 7)

JAPAN TO GO AHEAD OF U.S. IN SETTING CO2 EMISSIONS TARGET
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 3)

AMBASSADOR FOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TANABE OF THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) STATED YESTERDAY THAT
PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO
SUBMIT JAPAN'S PROPOSAL EARLIER THAN THE UNITED STATES
REGARDING TARGETS FOR CUTS IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS --
THE BONE OF CONTENTION AT THE UN CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE
CHANGE TO BE HELD IN KYOTO IN DECEMBER. U.S. PRESIDENT
CLINTON IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL AFTER A MEETING
IN EARLY OCTOBER. JAPAN IS LIKELY TO COME UP WITH ITS
TARGETS BEFORE THAT MEETING, AT THE LATEST.

TANABE REVEALED THIS IN A PANEL DISCUSSION DURING THE
ASIA/PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE, WHICH STARTED THE
SAME DAY IN KOBE CITY. IN THE UPCOMING KYOTO CONFERENCE,
TARGETS WILL BE SET FOR REDUCING EMISSION OF GREENHOUSE
GAS, INCLUDING CO2, BY THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND. THE
PREPARATORY MEETING SET FOR LATE OCTOBER IN BONN IS
EXPECTED TO BECOME A CRUCIAL STAGE FOR NEGOTIATIONS.
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ASAHI: JAPAN, NORTH KOREA ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT ON
"JAPANESE WIVES' HOME VISITS"; 10 TO 15 WIVES WILL MAKE

BRIEF VISIT AS FIRST CONTINGENT IN A MONTH; EXPENSES TO BE PAID BY JAPANESE SIDE (TRANSLATION BELOW)

NIHON KEIZAI: JAPAN, U.S., EUROPE TO STANDARDIZE NEXT-GENERATION PORTABLE PHONES; TO REACH ACCORD WITHIN THIS FISCAL YEAR; COMMON TERMINALS WILL BE USED ACROSS THE WORLD

TOKYO SHIMBUN: HOMECOMINGS WILL BE REALIZED POSSIBLY IN EARLY OCTOBER; JAPAN, NORTH KOREA REACH CONSENSUS; NO SHOWING OF LIST OF JAPANESE WIVES; FIRST EVER VISIT IN 38 YEARS; FIRST CONTINGENT TO CONSIST OF 10 TO 15

MAINICHI: JAPAN, NORTH KOREA AGREE ON JAPANESE WIVES' HOMECOMINGS PROBLEM; FIRST GROUP WILL COME "IN A MONTH"; EVERY GROUP WILL BE COMPOSED OF 10 TO 50 OR SO PERSONS; PERIOD OF STAY WILL BE ONE WEEK

YOMIURI: 10 TO 15 JAPANESE WIVES WILL MAKE HOMECOMINGS IN A MONTH; AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN JAPAN AND NORTH KOREA ON "JAPANESE WIVES' HOME VISITS ISSUE"; NO SHOWING OF MEMBERS LISTED IN THE FIRST CONTINGENT

SANKEI: JAPANESE WIVES' HOME VISITS: FIRST CONTINGENT WILL COME IN A MONTH; JAPANESE, NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS SOCIETIES REACH AGREEMENT; GROUP OF 10 TO 15 MEMBERS WILL COME AND STAY FOR ONE WEEK

JAPAN, NORTH KOREA AGREE ON SPOUSESQ VISIT HOME
(ASAHI - TOP PLAY)

(BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 9, YOSHIHIRO MAKINO, RYUICHI KITANO)
AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED YESTERDAY BETWEEN JAPAN AND NORTH KOREA IN THE BILATERAL RED CROSS LIAISON MEETING, HELD AT A HOTEL IN BEIJING, TO REALIZE HOME VISITS OF ABOUT ONE WEEK'S DURATION BY THE FIRST GROUP OF 10 - 15 JAPANESE WIVES LIVING IN NORTH KOREA "POSSIBLY WITHIN ONE MONTH." BUT BECAUSE NORTH KOREA DID NOT PRODUCE A LIST OF JAPANESE WIVES ALLOWED TO VISIT JAPAN DURING THE SESSION, THE TWO COUNTRIES DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE A LIST AFTER WORKING OUT SPECIFIC ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AS FOR VISITS SUBSEQUENT TO THE FIRST GROUP, NORTH KOREA PROMISED TO SURVEY JAPANESE WIVES' WISHES AND TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES ACCORDINGLY SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE TEMPORARY HOME VISITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN DESIRES. THE AGREEMENT REACHED YESTERDAY IS EXPECTED TO SERVE AS THE FIRST STEP TO IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY THE UNITED NATION'S CALL FOR FOOD AID TO THE NORTH.

GOJ MAY AID NORTH KOREANS WITH FOOD THIS MONTH
(MAINICHI - PAGE 1)

THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY DECIDED TO CARRY OUT FOOD AID TO THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (NORTH KOREA) AS EARLY AS THIS MONTH. THE DECISION CAME FOLLOWING THE OUTCOME OF A LIAISON COUNCIL MEETING OF JAPANESE AND

NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS OFFICIALS HELD IN BEIJING, WHICH FINALLY MADE IT CERTAIN THAT THE HOME VISIT (TO JAPAN) BY THE FIRST GROUP OF JAPANESE WOMEN MARRIED TO NORTH KOREANS WOULD BE REALIZED BEFORE EARLY OCTOBER. THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW SET TO GO ALONG WITH A FOOD AID PLAN FOR THAT COUNTRY, WHICH PLAN HAD BEEN ON THE BACK BURNER, THROUGH THE UN. THE AMOUNT OF AID IS LIKELY TO BE VALUED AROUND 27 MILLION DOLLARS.

TOKYO CAUTIOUS ABOUT RESUMING NORMALIZATION TALKS WITH
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PYONGYANG (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 3)

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED WITH THE FACT THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON HOME VISITS BY THE FIRST GROUP OF JAPANESE WIVES (MARRIED TO NORTH KOREANS). AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO MAINTAIN A CAUTIOUS STANCE ABOUT RESUMING NORMALIZATION TALKS WHICH WILL NOW RECEIVE ATTENTION. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT THINK THE ENVIRONMENT IS RIGHT TO RESUME THE NORMALIZATION TALKS SINCE MANY UNSETTLED PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES REMAIN, SUCH AS THE ABDUCTION OF JAPANESE NATIONALS AND THE SMUGGLING OF STIMULANT DRUGS INTO JAPAN BY THE NORTH. IN ADDITION, JAPAN DOES NOT WANT TO STAND OUT (IN PURSUING NORMALIZATION) DUE TO CONSIDERATION FOR THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH KOREA. AS A RESULT, JAPAN IS EXPECTED TO WATCH NORTH KOREA'S MOVES CLOSELY FOR THE TIME BEING WHILE KEEPING AN EYE ON THE TREND OF PUBLIC OPINION.

JAPAN HAS BEEN IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA REGARDING NORTH KOREA POLICY. HOWEVER, SOME IN SOUTH KOREA, WHICH WANTS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN DIPLOMACY VIS-`-VIS NORTH KOREA, ARE ALARMED ABOUT RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN JAPAN-NORTH KOREA RELATIONS. A RECENT CHANGE IN NORTH KOREA'S STANCE IS TAKEN BY SOME AS A "DISTURBANCE STRATEGY." THE DOMINANT VIEW IN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS THAT "WE CANNOT PROPEL THE JAPAN-NORTH KOREA TALKS ALONE" (FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE) IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS IN FOUR-WAY TALKS WHICH THE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA PROPOSED AND IF A DIRECT SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE HAS YET TO BE REALIZED.

NOW THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ABOUT THE JAPANESE WIVES' HOMECOMING, THE GOVERNMENT WILL SHIFT ITS CAUTIOUS STANCE AND BEGIN FINAL COORDINATION TO EXTEND HUMANITARIAN AID WORTH ABOUT 20 MILLION DOLLARS TO NORTH KOREA THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS. BUT AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, JAPAN DOES NOT INTEND TO RESPOND TO NORTH KOREA'S REQUEST FOR 1 MILLION TONS OF RICE AID OR GIVE LARGE-SCALE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

NORTH KOREA HAS BEEN DENYING PERSISTENTLY ANY INVOLVEMENT IN ABDUCTIONS. AN OPENING FOR SETTLEMENT IS NOWHERE IN SIGHT. AN ACCORD HAD BEEN REACHED ON AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF NORMALIZATION TALKS IN THE JAPAN-NORTH KOREA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL-LEVEL PRELIMINARY SESSION, HELD IN AUGUST IN BEIJING. DESPITE THAT, A CAUTIOUS STANCE IS STILL DEEP-ROOTED IN THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP), AND THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT FULLY SURE ABOUT RESUMING THE TALKS.

UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PRESS THE NORTH FURTHER TO REALIZE HOME VISITS BY ALL JAPANESE WIVES WHO WISH TO VISIT, SHED MORE LIGHT ON ABDUCTION CASES, AND PREVENT DRUG SMUGGLING.

ASAHI POLL: MORE THAN HALF AGAINST PRIVATIZATION OF GOVQT POSTAL SAVINGS; HASHIMOTO CABINET (ASAHI - PAGE 1)

THE ASAHI SHIMBUN CONDUCTED A NATION-WIDE SURVEY BY DIRECT INTERVIEWS ON THE 7TH AND 8TH TO ASSESS HOW THE PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN THE INTERIM REPORT WORKED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT'S CONFERENCE ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM REGARDING REORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES. ASKED ABOUT PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO'S APPROACH TO ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM, 51 PERCENT REPLIED, "IT MERITS APPRECIATION." ON PRIVATIZATION OF POSTAL SAVINGS, MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE SURVEYED OPPOSED THE IDEA. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE REDISTRIBUTION OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY'S AUTHORITY, OVER 60 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID, "IT IS DESIRABLE." REGARDING THE QUESTION OF GIVING THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 TOKYO 007928

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MINISTRY STATUS, THE APPROVAL RATING WAS LESS THAN HALF OF THE DISAPPROVAL RATE. SUPPORT FOR THE HASHIMOTO

CABINET SHOT UP TO 53 PERCENT, A SHARP RISE FROM THE 43 PERCENT POSTED IN A POLL THIS JUNE.

MAINICHI POLL SHOWS PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR HASHIMOTO CABINET DOWN TO 37 PERCENT (MAINICHI - PAGE 1)

THE MAINICHI SHIMBUN CONDUCTED A NATION-WIDE SURVEY OVER THREE DAYS FROM THE 5TH, JUST BEFORE PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO SECURED HIS SECOND TERM AS LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENT WITHOUT A VOTE. THE POLL FOUND THAT 37 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS SUPPORTED THE HASHIMOTO CABINET, DOWN 7 POINTS FROM A TELEPHONE SURVEY IN AUGUST. •THOSE WHO SAID THEY DISAPPROVED OF THE CABINET NARROWED 4 POINTS TO 22 PERCENT. THE REPLY "NOT INTERESTED" ACCOUNTED FOR 38 PERCENT, AN INCREASE OF 11 POINTS. ASKED ABOUT PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO'S "SIX MAJOR REFORM GOALS," THE LARGEST NUMBER SAID PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM. THE POLL SHOWED THAT THE INTERIM REPORT MAPPED OUT BY THE "CONFERENCE ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM" CENTERED ON REORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES DID NOT SERVE TO INCREASE THE CABINET RATING.

ASDF PLANNED TRAINING FOR POSSIBLE LANDING ON SENKAKUS (SANKEI - PAGE 2)

IT WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY THAT THE AIR SELF-DEFENSE FORCE (ASDF) HAD PLANNED TO CARRY OUT THE "1997 JOINT TRAINING EXERCISE OF THE ASDF AIR DEFENSE COMMAND," WHICH WILL START ON THE 16TH, UNDER THE SCENARIO OF A CHINESE LANDING ON THE SENKAKU ISLANDS. BUT THE ASDF CANCELED THE PLAN OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR CHINA, WHICH HAS REACTED NEGATIVELY TOWARD THE REVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES. ASDF'S MOVE APPARENTLY UNDERScoreD THE PRESENT SITUATION IN JAPAN, WHICH IS UNCERTAIN HOW TO BUILD ITS RELATIONS WITH CHINA AS THAT NATION PUSHES AHEAD WITH MODERNIZATION OF ITS MILITARY.

THE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND'S JOINT TRAINING EXERCISE IS CONDUCTED NATION-WIDE ONCE A YEAR WITH COOPERATION FROM THE GROUND SELF-DEFENSE FORCE (GSDF), MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE FORCE (MSDF) AND UNITED STATES FORCES IN JAPAN (USFJ). THE JOINT TRAINING EXERCISE INCLUDES OPERATIONAL READINESS, AIR OPERATIONS AND REAR SUPPORT OPERATIONS. THIS YEAR, IT WILL BE CARRIED OUT FOR THREE WEEKS FROM SEPTEMBER 16 THROUGH OCTOBER 6, WITH ABOUT 32 AIRCRAFT AND 27,000 PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING.

JOINT U.S.-JAPAN OPERATIONS, PART OF THE JOINT TRAINING EXERCISE, WERE INITIALLY PLANNED IN AIRSPACE MAINLY OVER NAHA BASE IN OKINAWA. ACCORDING TO A JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) SOURCE, THE ASDF HAD INCLUDED IN THE JOINT TRAINING EXERCISE SUCH OPERATIONS AS RESPONDING TO A LANDING ON THE SENKAKU ISLANDS AND GUERRILLA SHIPS DISGUISED AS REFUGEE VESSELS, IN ADDITION TO AN INVASION OF JAPAN'S TERRITORIAL SKIES AND WATERS BY CHINA.

BEFORE THE COLD-WAR ENDED, THE ASDF HAD CONDUCTED EXERCISES ASSUMING RUSSIA AS THE ENEMY. RECENTLY, IT HAS NOT CARRIED OUT SUCH AN EXERCISE.

CHINA, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN TOWARD THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE GUIDELINES RELEASED IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. WHETHER THE TAIWAN STRAITS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AREA TO BE TARGETED BY THE GUIDELINES HAS BECOME THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, AND MAKING A JUDGMENT THAT CARRYING OUT THE EXERCISE NEAR OKINAWA WOULD GALVANIZE CHINA (AGAINST THE GUIDELINES), THE ASDF IN JULY SUDDENLY CHANGED ITS INITIAL PLAN FROM OKINAWA TO UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 TOKYO 007928

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THE TOHOKU REGION, INCLUDING TRAINING IN AIRSPACE EAST OF MISAWA CITY.

U.S., JAPAN AGREE ON CRISIS COORDINATION CENTER
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES HELD YESTERDAY A DEPUTIES SESSION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION (SDC), WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY DEPUTY BUREAU-DIRECTOR-GENERAL-LEVEL DEFENSE OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND CONSULTED ON THE REVIEW OF THE JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES. AS A RESULT, BOTH GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSING DETAILS TO HAMMER OUT THE NEW GUIDELINES LATE THIS MONTH WHILE JOINTLY CREATING A COORDINATION ORGAN AT AN EARLY DATE.

THE INTERIM REPORT RELEASED IN JULY ALREADY MENTIONED THIS COORDINATION ORGAN BY REFERRING TO A "COMPREHENSIVE MECHANISM." THE ORGAN WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A NEW JOINT OPERATION PLAN TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES IN JAPAN AS WELL AS A MUTUAL COOPERATION PLAN IN PREPARATION FOR SITUATIONS IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN (OR EMERGENCIES NEAR JAPAN). THIS ORGAN IS PLANNED TO INVOLVE NOT ONLY THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (SDF) AND U.S. FORCES BUT ALSO RELEVANT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES.

IN THE SESSION YESTERDAY, THE JAPANESE SIDE SUGGESTED THAT FOR CONTACTS AND COORDINATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S., THE EXISTING FRAMEWORKS, SUCH AS THE JAPAN-U.S.

SECURITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE (SCC), A CABINET-LEVEL CONFERENCE, AND THE SDC, A BUREAU-DIRECTOR-GENERAL-LEVEL CONFERENCE, SHOULD BE USED TO FULL ADVANTAGE, WHILE IN JAPAN, A LIAISON COUNCIL FOR RELEVANT MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES DESIGNED FOR DOMESTIC COORDINATION SHOULD BE SET UP.

MEANWHILE, THE U.S. SIDE PROPOSED THAT JAPAN AND THE U.S. CREATE A "CRISIS COORDINATION CENTER" AND PROMISED ADHERENCE TO THE POLICY OF PROMOTING CONCRETE WORK SO THAT A NEW COORDINATION ORGAN CAN BE SET IN MOTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE NEW GUIDELINES ARE COMPLETED.

REGARDING THE CONTENTS OF THE GUIDELINES REVIEW, JAPAN AND THE U.S. HAVE ALREADY AGREED ON THEIR OUTLINE, SUCH AS IMPLEMENTING INSPECTIONS OF SUSPICIOUS VESSELS (RINKEN) BY JAPAN AND THE U.S. PREMISED ON A UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION, SO IN YESTERDAY'S SESSION, THE TWO COUNTRIES CONFIRMED AGAIN THE POLICY OF NOT GEOGRAPHICALLY SPECIFYING ANY AREA FOR "SITUATIONS IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN."

ON EVACUATION OPERATIONS FOR NON-COMBATANTS, ON WHICH THE JAPANESE SIDE HAS ASKED THE U.S. TO CLARIFY THEIR TROOPS' COOPERATION, THE U.S. SIDE SAID, "WE ARE PURSUING DOMESTIC COORDINATION." SO, COORDINATION ON THIS MATTER WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

ADDITIONALLY, FOLLOWING THE SDC DEPUTIES SESSION, THE TWO COUNTRIES' GOVERNMENTS HELD A MEETING OF THE FUTENMA IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (FIG) TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF AN ALTERNATIVE HELIPORT FOR THE U.S. FUTENMA AIR STATION ON OKINAWA. IN THE MEETING, THEY CLARIFIED THEIR INTENT TO QUICKEN THE WORK OF COMPILING AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AN OFFSHORE HELIPORT SO AS TO COMPLETE IT WITHIN THE YEAR.

DAS CAMPBELL SEES NEED TO BRIEF ASIAN NEIGHBORS ON DEFENSE GUIDELINES REVIEW (ASAHI - PAGE 2)

UNITED STATES DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CAMPBELL MET YESTERDAY WITH LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 TOKYO 007928

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(LDP) SECRETARY GENERAL KOICHI KATO AT THE PARTY HEADQUARTERS AND, REFERRING TO THE ONGOING REVIEW OF THE JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES, HE STATED: "THIS PROCESS IS NOW BEING UNDERSTOOD IN JAPAN, BUT TO CHINA AND OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES, IT IS NECESSARY TO OFFER FURTHER EXPLANATIONS." KATO REPLIED: "I AGREE WITH YOU."

USG OFFICIAL: QMANY YEARSQ TO PERSUADE CHINA
(ASAHI - PAGE 2)

A HIGH-LEVEL UNITED STATES OFFICIAL, NOW VISITING JAPAN, TOUCHED ON CHINA, WHICH HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE ONGOING REVIEW OF THE JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES, AND NOTED: "MANY YEARS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR US TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF MAKING CHINA FEEL AT EASE. IN THIS RESPECT, BOTH JAPAN AND THE U.S. HAVE MADE A VERY GOOD START, BUT THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING (OF THE PROCESS)." HE THUS INDICATED THAT IN HIS VIEW IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO PERSUADE CHINA.

NATSUKAWA TO PRESIDE OVER SDF JOINT STAFF COUNCIL
(YOMIURI - PAGE 2)

JAPAN'S DEFENSE AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL KYUMA DECIDED ON THE 9TH TO APPROVE JOINT STAFF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SHIGERU SUGIYAMA'S VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT AND TO APPOINT MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF KAZUYA NATSUKAWA TO THE POST OF JSC CHAIRMAN AS THE SUCCESSOR TO SUGIYAMA. WITH CABINET APPROVAL, HIS APPOINTMENT WILL BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED AS OF THE 13TH OF NEXT MONTH. INCIDENT TO THIS APPOINTMENT, MSDF YOKOSUKA DISTRICT COMMANDING GENERAL YASUMASA YAMAMOTO WILL BE PROMOTED TO THE POST OF MSDF CHIEF OF STAFF AS THE SUCCESSOR TO NATSUKAWA.

KAZUYA NATSUKAWA (JSC CHAIRMAN): GRADUATED FROM THE NATIONAL DEFENSE ACADEMY IN 1962; HELD THE POSTS OF COMMANDER AT THE MSDF AIR TRAINING COMMAND AND COMMANDING GENERAL AT THE MSDF SASEBO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS; HAS BEEN IN THE POST OF MSDF CHIEF OF STAFF SINCE MARCH 1996; BORN IN YAMAGUCHI PREFECTURE; 57 YEARS OLD.

YASUMASA YAMAMOTO (MSDF CHIEF OF STAFF): GRADUATED FROM THE NATIONAL DEFENSE ACADEMY IN 1963; HELD THE POSTS OF JOINT STAFF COLLEGE COMMANDANT AND JOINT STAFF OFFICE DIRECTOR; HAS BEEN IN THE POST OF MSDF YOKOSUKA DISTRICT COMMANDING GENERAL SINCE MARCH 1996; BORN IN CHIBA PREFECTURE; 56 YEARS OLD.

CABINET RESHUFFLE, NEW LDP LINEUP TOMORROW
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 1)

FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO'S REELECTION TO A SECOND TERM AS LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENT, HASHIMOTO WILL DETERMINE NEW LINEUPS FOR PARTY EXECUTIVES AND THE CABINET TOMORROW. HE HAS MADE UP HIS MIND TO APPOINT FORMER VICE PRESIDENT KEIZO OBUCHI AS FOREIGN MINISTER

AND RETAIN KYUMA AS JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL, WITH AN EYE ON THE DEADLINE COMING UP FOR COMPLETING A FINAL REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF "GUIDELINES FOR JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COOPERATION." IT IS ALSO CONSIDERED CERTAIN THAT FORMER LABOR MINISTER MITSUO HORIUCHI OF THE FORMER MIYAZAWA FACTION WILL BE CHOSEN AS MITI MINISTER.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAS STRESSED HIS STANCE OF ATTACHING PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO "THE CONTINUITY OF POLICY MEASURES," CENTERED AROUND HIS SIX MAJOR REFORM GOALS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL AND SOCIAL SECURITY REFORMS. GIVEN THAT, THE POSSIBILITY HAS ARISEN OF MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL KABUN UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 TOKYO 007928

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MUTO (FORMER WATANABE FACTION) AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE JUNICHIRO KOIZUMI (FORMER MITSUZUKA FACTION) REMAINING IN THEIR POSTS. THE POST OF CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY IS EXPECTED TO GO TO DIET POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KANEZO MURAOKA (FORMER OBUCHI FACTION). FINANCE MINISTER HIROSHI MITSUZUKA WILL LIKELY STAY ON.

EXTROARDINARY DIET SESSION TO BE CALLED SEP. 29
(MAINICHI - PAGE 2)

THE GOVERNMENT AND LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) YESTERDAY DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 29 TO DELIBERATE SUCH BILLS AS THE FISCAL STRUCTURE RECONSTRUCTION BILL. THE OUTLOOK IS THAT SOME 20 BILLS, INCLUDING THE ELDERLY NURSING-CARE INSURANCE BILL, WHICH HAS BEEN CARRIED OVER FROM THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY DIET SESSION, AS WELL AS THE BILL TO RECONSTRUCT FISCAL ADMINISTRATION, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE UPCOMING DIET SESSION. REGARDING THE LENGTH OF THE SESSION, A TERM OF 80 DAYS, OR UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER, IS BEING DISCUSSED IN THE LDP IN VIEW OF THE MANY BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED DURING THE SESSION.

MINSHUTO: KAN TO REPRESENT PARTY, HATOYAMA AS SECRETARY GENERAL (SANKEI - PAGE 1)

YUKIO HATOYAMA AND NAOTO KAN, CO-LEADERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN (MINSHUTO), HAVE AS OF THE 9TH

AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ASSIGN HATOYAMA TO THE NEWLY CREATED POST OF SECRETARY GENERAL AND KAN TO THE POST OF PARTY HEAD, WHICH POSITIONS ARE NOW COMBINED INTO A SINGLE POST (WITH TWO INCUMBENTS SHARING THAT POST). THE PARTY WILL EXPEDITE COORDINATION ALONG THESE LINES AND FORMALLY ADOPT THE POLICY AT A STAFF MEETING ON THE 13TH OR LATER, AFTER HATOYAMA RETURNS FROM HIS VISIT TO AMERICA.

THE DECISION IS THE RESULT OF COORDINATION ENERGETICALLY PURSUED BY HATOYAMA AND KAN IN AN EFFORT TO BRING THE MATTER TO A SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION CONVENES. KAN HAS PRESSED HARD FOR AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER, BY CALLING ON HATOYAMA IN HOKKAIDO, HIS HOME CONSTITUENCY, ON AUGUST 22. A NUMBER OF PARTY EXECUTIVE SOURCES REVEALED THAT KAN EXPEDITED AN EARLY SETTLEMENT BY YIELDING TO HATOYAMA, WHO HAD INDICATED A DESIRE TO BECOME SECRETARY GENERAL. KAN WILL BE IDENTIFIED AS "A CANDIDATE FOR PRIME MINISTER," WHILE THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL BE SET FORTH SPECIFICALLY WITH SUBORDINATE SECTIONS TO OVERSEE GENERAL AFFAIRS, PLANNING AND THE ACCOUNTING, AND PERSONNEL.

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THE SOCIETY OF JAPANESE AEROSPACE COMPANIES, INC. (SJAC, CHAIRED BY HIROSHI OBA, CHAIRMAN OF KAWASAKI HEAVY INDUSTRIES) HAS COMPILED ITS PROJECTION FOR AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION FOR FISCAL 1997. ACCORDING TO THE PROJECTION, EXPORTS IN THE REPORTING YEAR WILL SHOW A SHARP RECOVERY WITH A HIGH 39.5 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE PRECEDING YEAR. THE RISE IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF PARTS TO BOEING IN THE UNITED STATES AND EXCHANGE RATES STABILIZING WITH A LOWER YEN. EXPORTS ARE LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO DRIVING UP THE PROFITS AND EARNINGS OF VARIOUS AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS.

ACCORDING TO THE OUTLOOK, THE SHARE OF REPORTED PRODUCTION HELD BY EXPORTS WILL SUSTAIN ROBUST GROWTH AS IN THE CASE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, WHICH SAW A YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASE OF 81.8 PERCENT. JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SOMEWHAT OVER 20 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE BODY OF THE BOEING B777. THE

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The All Japan Garrison Forces Labor Union's (Zenchuro's) Okinawa chapter, an affiliation of workers at U.S. military bases on Okinawa, decided at the end of last month: "We cannot support removing the U.S. military bases here as our platform."

It was the union chapter's first action policy switch in 26 years since its predecessor, called the All Okinawa Military Workers Union (Zengunro), cried out for "base removal" in 1971 -- right before Okinawa's reversion to Japan.

On the mainland, it is inconceivable for corporate union members to call for their company's management to dissolve their own company. Perhaps, such a "self-choking" course of action would be shunted by union members.

However, Okinawan base workers have faced the dilemma of supporting anti-base struggles calling for removing their own workplaces.

This movement, full of contradictions, has continued up to now. In the background, local union members remained monolithic in pursuit of better labor conditions -- including wages -- for themselves, and the likelihood of bases going out of existence seemed unrealistic.

This, however, has now changed in a sensitive way with the decision on Futenma airfield's reversion and with the prefecture's popular referendum on the propriety of military bases there. In the face of a situation where a base can be removed, an

increasing number of young unionists became either perplexed or bewildered.

Base workers (in Okinawa) total about 8,600, and
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now more than half of those base workers are young people in their 20's or 30's, who have never experienced the upsurge of a movement for Okinawa's return to Japan.

In Okinawa, where full unemployment has now reached 7 percent -- the highest level in Japan -- bases still should be the most attractive workplaces for local youth. Employment conditions for base workers are on par with those of public service personnel, a level unavailable at other civilian firms.

We cannot take a disinterested view of that actual fact, because the contradictions among those base workers have been the very contradictions of Okinawa itself over the past quarter of a century since Okinawa was returned to Japan.

The central government and prefectural government authorities are going to fall into step on a package of economic promotion measures. They should show a feasible vision of post-base economic activity and should make sustained efforts to bring it to fruition. Also, they bear heavy responsibility for dissolving the locals' feelings of uneasiness about their jobs after base reversion.

(2) Toward Accomplishing a "Society of Equal Participation by Men and Women," by Mariko Bando, Lieutenant Governor of Saitama Prefecture

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"Equal participation by men and women" is the slogan the Hashimoto Administration adopted in place of "improving women's status" and "promoting

women's social participation." The slogan, however, does not seem to be understood fully by the general public.

It was in 1994 that an equal participation ordinance was adopted and an equal participation office was established in the Cabinet Secretariat. According to the ordinance, its goal is to create a society where men and women can participate and shoulder responsibilities in all social areas, from politics to economics to culture, and enjoy fruits as equal partners.

Despite substantial improvement in recent years, women are still a minority in the political and business sectors. In addition, the level of men's involvement in family and cultural affairs is far from sufficient. Women's roles at home, society and the workplace are becoming increasingly important. Yet women's abilities and contributions remain underestimated and underpaid.

Such a situation is reflected in the human development index (HDI), gender development index (GDI), and gender empowerment measurement (GEM) of UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 TOKYO 007942

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the United Nations development program (UNDP).

For instance, Japan ranks third in HDI, which indicates the level of education and overall lifestyle. But in terms of gender-adjusted HDI, Japan drops to the 12th place. Furthermore, when it comes to GEM to measure women's level of participation in politics and the economy, Japan slips further to 37th, below the European Union (EU), South Africa, Namibia and China. The 1996 UNDP report exposed a sad reality about Japanese women: female lawmakers make up a mere 6.7 percent, women managers represent 8.5 percent, and women make only 33 percent the wages of men. The consequences are obvious for women: they cannot harbor dreams or pursue creativity with a challenging spirit. Meanwhile, men might adopt a

set of biased human and social values that can straitjacket themselves. Various other countries fully utilize their respective resources for global competition, but half of Japan's priceless human resources remain idle. This handicaps Japan.

In addition to creating more jobs for women and improving the workplace environment, Japan needs to reexamine and reconstruct all socioeconomic fields -- from education, learning, law-enforcement, jurisprudence, finance, diplomacy to data-communications -- for accomplishing a society of equal participation by men and women.

Such a goal, I believe, coincides with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's six reforms, and will bring "changes and greater creativity" to all social areas.

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ASAHI SHIMBUN (Page 3) (Full) September 6, 1997

Japan needs to take deregulatory steps also in selection of ambassadors.

This spring, the first American ambassador to Vietnam was appointed. The appointee used to be a pilot of the United States Air Forces, with the experience of having been confined in a prison camp in North Vietnam for six and a half years during the Vietnam War. This is a typical American personnel appointment. In Japan, ambassadorships are awarded only to officials in charge of foreign affairs.

The installation of Edwin Reischauer as ambassador to Japan was the first case of such an American-style appointment. In the midst of anti-American feelings reaching a peak in Japan over a revision of the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty in 1960, newly elected president Kennedy unexpectedly installed a University Professor from Harvard as envoy to
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Reischauer was born in the campus of Meiji Gakuin University in Minato Ward, Tokyo, because his parents were living at the missionary's residence of the university at that time. He grew up in Japan until he was 16 years old. After he returned to the U.S., he was labeled as one of the foremost experts on Japanese history. But he never thought that the post of ambassador to Japan would come to him.

Career American diplomats reacted fiercely to the nomination of a person with no foreign affairs experience. In addition, his wife was a Japanese national. This appointment was out of the question for them.

Impressed by Reischauer's essay carried in a specialized magazine devoted to foreign affairs, however, president Kennedy made this decision. In that article, Reischauer asserted, "The United States Government (the Embassy in Japan) has devoted itself to making contact with conservatives, such as Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) members and businessmen, but has not heard opinions fully from a large circle of the people in Japan, including left-wing forces, students and intellectuals. Such a lack of dialogue with them underlies strong anti-American sentiment."

During five years of service as ambassador, he earned respect and affection from a broad spectrum of Japanese citizens. The Washington Post called him "the most successful Ambassador."

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In 1964, an incident that we shall never forget happened in front of the Embassy's main gate. He was stabbed in the thigh by a Japanese youth. When both Japanese and Americans were intensely worrying about his health, Reischauer issued a comment that went, "I feel like I am now half Japanese (through blood transfusions from many Japanese). This comment instantly helped ease the growing tension between the two countries.

"That morning, I visited the ambassador lying in bed to let him look over a statement to be released to the press. The ambassador said that this was no good. He then told me to bring paper and a pencil, and he wrote the above comment himself. That was what he was thinking, and that comment surprised

me," said International College (in Niigata) President George Packard (65), who was special assistant to ambassador Reischauer at that time. Through blood transfusions from some 200 Japanese citizens, however, he was unfortunately infected with hepatitis, and this disease (eventually) killed him.

Packard continued, "A man tends to harbor a grudge
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(over such an incident), but even after returning home, he did not complain of the incident even once."

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Reischauer was an openhearted ambassador. He threw open the ambassador's personal pool to all embassy staff members and their families. He also knew all of them by name. Sen Nishiyama (80), who was called "Sen," recalled the ambassador's dear memory as follows:

Reischauer energetically traveled around Japan. Prefectural governments had three-dimensional maps. The ambassador was known as a specialist of Japanese history and was interested in maps. I remember a scene in which a governor and staff members were surprised at the ambassador's inquiries, "this is the area where such-and-such a battle occurred, isn't it?"

The ambassador had a lot of opportunities to speak at local universities. Although his Japanese was really fluent, he made speeches in English on official occasions. Nishiyama acted as interpreter. "The meaning is slightly different, Sen san." Such an exchange between the two, like a comic act, provoked much laughter and relaxed nervous students, according to Nishiyama.

Reischauer contributed greatly to the reversion of Okinawa. He persuaded the U.S. military (which was

raising opposition), president Kennedy and attorney general Robert Kennedy, the president's younger brother, by explaining "Unless the U.S. returns Okinawa, the bilateral security arrangement will be weakened." "A decision had been made to return Okinawa during the days of ambassador Reischauer, though this is not widely known," said Packard, who also serves as Chief of the Reischauer Center in the U.S.

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His wife now lives in a house on a hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean in La Jolla, California, three hours' drive from Los Angeles and a popular resort area near the border with Mexico. Reischauer's ashes were scattered over the Pacific Ocean, in accordance with his wish to "become a bridge between Japan and the United States." It was also his will to have life-support equipment disconnected and have no funeral.

In the post-war period, 12 have assumed the post of U.S. ambassador to Japan, including six career diplomats. The rest came from academic, business and political circles. Meanwhile, excluding the first ambassador who had been Bank of Japan governor, all 14 Japanese ambassadors to the U.S. were career officials.

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Edwin O. Reischauer: Born in Tokyo in 1910 and passed away September 1, 1990; was a Japanese historian at Harvard University; assumed the post of ambassador to Japan in 1961; constantly emphasized that Japan and the U.S. are tied, based on common interests and sense of values; left the post in 1966; after returning to engage in research at Harvard University, began to put his energy again into writing books and giving speeches about Japan-U.S. relations. His father contributed to establishing Tokyo Women's Christian University and his mother devoted herself to opening the Japan

School for the Deaf and Mute (Machida, Tokyo).

(4) U.S. Urged to Undertake "Fair Mediation" over Middle East Problem

NIHON KEIZAI (Page 2) (Full) September 9, 1997

United States Secretary of State Albright will visit the Middle East from the 9th. Immediately before her scheduled visit, yet another bomb attack by terrorists occurred in Jerusalem. A mood for resuming peace talks between Israel and Palestine has once again been lost. It is necessary to immediately cut off a vicious spiral of factors stagnating peace efforts -- terrorism by Palestinian extremists, tough measures by Israel and a surge in anti-Israeli sentiment in Palestine as a negative reaction to such measures. The first step in that direction would be for the U. S. Government to use Secretary Albright's visit to Jerusalem to restore its function as a mediator that is fair to both sides. Since Netanyahu, who advocates "public security as a foremost priority task," gained the premiership last year peace efforts in the Middle East have been stagnant. Chairman Arafat of the Palestinian self-rule government has pinned hopes on mediation by the U.S. However, the Clinton Administration in the second term was slow to respond to this call, kept busy handling other diplomatic issues, such as expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the like.

Secretary Albright's visit to Jerusalem is going to be realized at long last, but it does not mean that she carries the card to bring about any settlement. As the Secretary herself said in August, what is really important is to hold in check both Israel and the Palestinian self-ruling government so that they will "refrain from any action that will damage the trust of the other side" and lead an effort to generate a mood in which the negotiators can regain trust in each other.

Containing terrorism is absolutely necessary to facilitate progress in the peace process. In the meantime, there could not be high hopes for progress toward peace unless a freeze is placed on gradual construction of settlements by Israel in East Jerusalem, to which Palestine and various Arab countries are putting up fierce resistance. What
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is required of the U.S. Government is not only to ask Chairman Arafat to take thorough measures to prevent terrorist activities but also to urge Prime Minister Netanyahu to reconsider Israel's settlement plan. The Arab side is watching to see to what extent Secretary Albright can come up with a balanced stance.

An atmosphere for jointly developing local economies is also weakening as a result of the stalemated peace process. For example, Saudi Arabia announced its intention to skip the 4th Middle East and North Africa Economic Conference to be held in Qatar. Joint economic development should be strategically indispensable as an indirect form of assistance for the peace process but also for helping the region switch from huge amounts of U.S. aid to increased private investment. In order to give impetus to that policy line, too, the U.S. is called on to act as a "fair mediator."

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TOKYO SHIMBUN: RESHUFFLED HASHIMOTO CABINET SET UP; KOKO SATO AS MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL; FIRST ENTRY INTO CABINET AS CONVICTED PARLIAMENTARIAN; UNAVOIDABLE IMPACT ON LDP-SDP-SAKIGAKE COALITION ARRANGEMENT; SIX MAJOR REFORMS NOW IN CHAOTIC CONDITION

MAINICHI: SECOND-TERM HASHIMOTO CABINET LAUNCHED; KOKO SATO AS MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL IN PLACE OF MUTO; AS A RESULT OF FACTIONAL POLITICS

YOMIURI: RESHUFFLED HASHIMOTO CABINET STARTS; PRACTICAL LINEUP FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS; KOKO SATO AS MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL; JIMI AS POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTER; FINANCE MINISTER, HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER STAY ON; NO WOMEN CABINET MINISTERS

SANKEI: RESHUFFLED HASHIMOTO CABINET LAUNCHED; EMPHASIS ON CONTINUITY OF "REFORM" AND "DEFENSE"; KOKO SATO AS MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL; FINANCE MINISTER, POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTER REMAIN IN OFFICE; OBUCHI AS FOREIGN MINISTER, JIMI AS POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTER

NEW HASHIMOTO CABINET STARTS (YOMIURI - TOP PLAY)

THE SECOND RESHUFFLED HASHIMOTO CABINET TASKED TO PURSUE SIX REFORMS, SUCH AS ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM, FISCAL REFORM AND SOCIAL WELFARE REFORM, WAS INAUGURATED LATE ON THE 11TH. PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO GAVE THE MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY (MCA) DIRECTOR GENERAL'S POST TO KOKO SATO, CHAIRMAN OF THE LDP'S ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROMOTION TASK FORCE. IN ADDITION, THE PRIME MINISTER RETAINED FINANCE MINISTER HIROSHI MITSUZUKA AND HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER JUN'ICHIRO KOIZUMI IN ORDER TO PURSUE REFORM. NO WOMEN WERE APPOINTED. THE NEWLY-INSTALLED CABINET INTENDS TO DEVOTE ITS ENERGIES INTO PASSING THE FISCAL STRUCTURAL REFORM BILL (TENTATIVE NAME) IN THE EXTRAORDINARY DIET AND COMPILING A FINAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM COUNCIL DUE LATE NOVEMBER. NEVERTHELESS, THE APPOINTMENT OF KOKO SATO, WHO WAS CONVICTED IN THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL, HAS DRAWN STRONG REACTIONS FROM NOT ONLY OPPOSITION PARTIES BUT ALSO THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND NEW PARTY SAKIGAKE THAT ARE THE LDP'S PARTNERS. WITH THE UPPER HOUSE ELECTION COMING UP NEXT YEAR, THE SDP MIGHT SEEK TO PRESENT AN IMAGE DISTINCT FROM THE LDP. DIFFICULTIES ARE EXPECTED FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S POLITICAL MANAGEMENT.

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PROFILES OF MINISTERS IN NEW HASHIMOTO CABINET

POST	NAME	AGE	BACKGROUND
PRIME MINISTER	RYUTARO HASHIMOTO	60	12 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; OKAYAMA 4TH DISTRICT; SERVED UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 10 TOKYO 008011

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			AS LDP PRESIDENT, MITI MINISTER, FINANCE MINISTER, TRANSPORT MINISTER, HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER; GRADUATED FROM KEIO UNIVERSITY; OBUCHI FACTION
JUSTICE MINISTER (FIRST-TIME APPOINTEE)	KOKICHI SHIMOINABA	71	2 TERMS IN UPPER HOUSE; UPPER HOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, LDP DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, CHIEF OF METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT; TOKYO UNIVERSITY; NO FACTION
FOREIGN MINISTER	KEIZO OBUCHI	60	12 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; GUNMA 5TH DISTRICT; LDP VICE PRESIDENT, LDP SECRETARY GENERAL, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY, MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL; WASEDA UNIVERSITY; OBUCHI FACTION
FINANCE MINISTER (RETAINED)	HIROSHI MITSUZUKA	70	9 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; LDP SECRETARY GENERAL, FOREIGN MINISTER, MITI MINISTER, TRANSPORT MINISTER; WASEDA UNIVERSITY; MITSUZUKA FACTION
EDUCATION MINISTER (FIRST-TIME APPOINTEE)	NOBUTAKA MACHIMURA	52	5 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; HOKKAIDO 5TH DISTRICT; LOWER HOUSE HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, LDP

			DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL; TOKYO UNIVERSITY; MITSUZUKA FACTION
HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER (RETAINED)	JUN'ICHIRO KOIZUMI	55	9 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; KANAGAWA 11TH; POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTER, LDP DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER; KEIO UNIVERSITY, MITSUZUKA FACTION
AGRICULTURE , FORESTRY AND FISHERIES MINISTER	IHEI OCHI	76	10 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION SHIKOKU; TRANSPORT MINISTER, CONSTRUCTION MINISTER; SAGAMIHARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY; WATANABE FACTION
INTERNATION AL TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER	MITSUO HORIUCHI	67	7 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; YAMANASHI 2ND; LDP GENERAL AFFAIRS BUREAU CHIEF, LABOR MINISTER, LOWER HOUSE SOCIAL AND LABOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN; KEIO UNIVERSITY; MIYAZAWA FACTION
TRANSPORT MINISTER (FIRST-TIME APPOINTEE)	TAKAO FUJII	54	2 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; GIFU 4TH; 3 TERMS IN UPPER HOUSE; LDP TREASURY BUREAU CHIEF, PARLIAMENTARY VICE FINANCE MINISTER; SEIJO UNIVERSITY; OBUCHI FACTION
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNI CATIONS UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 10 TOKYO 008011	SHOZABURO JIMI	51	5 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; FUKUOKA 10TH; LDP DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, LOWER

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MINISTER (FIRST-TIME APPOINTEE)	HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN; KYUSHU UNIVERSITY; WATANABE FACTION
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LABOR	BUNMEI	59	5 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE;
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MINISTER (FIRST-TIME APPOINTEE)	IBUKI		KYOTO 1ST; LDP DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, LOWER HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, KYOTO UNIVERSITY; WATANABE FACTION
CONSTRUCTION MINISTER	TSUTOMU KAWARA	60	9 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; ISHIKAWA 3RD; LDP POLITICAL REFORM HEADQUARTERS CHIEF, DEFENSE AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL; CHUO UNIVERSITY; MIYAZAWA FACTION
HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER AND NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN (FIRST-TIME APPOINTEE)	MITSUHIRO UESUGI	55	2 TERMS IN UPPER HOUSE; MIYAZAKI; LDP UPPER HOUSE DIET AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MIYAZAKI PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER; TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE; OBUCHI FACTION
CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY	KANEZO MURAOKA	66	8 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; AKITA 3RD; LDP DIET AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, TRANSPORT MINISTER, POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTER; KEIO UNIVERSITY; OBUCHI FACTION
MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL (FIRST-TIME APPOINTEE)	KOKO SATO	69	11 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION HOKKAIDO; LDP ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROMOTION TASK FORCE CHIEF, LDP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN; MEIJI UNIVERSITY; WATANABE FACTION
HOKKAIDO AND OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES DIRECTOR GENERAL (FIRST-TIME APPOINTEE)	MUNEO SUZUKI	49	5 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION HOKKAIDO; LDP DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, VICE DEFENSE MINISTER, PARLIAMENTARY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER; TAKUSHOKU UNIVERSITY; OBUCHI FACTION
DEFENSE AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL (RETAINED)	FUMIO KYUMA	56	6 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE; NAGASAKI 2ND; LOWER HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PARLIAMENTARY VICE TRANSPORT MINISTER; NAGASAKI PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER; TOKYO UNIVERSITY; OBUCHI

FACTION

ECONOMIC KOJI OMI 64 5 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE;
 PLANNING GUNMA 1ST; LDP POLICY
 AGENCY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL
 DIRECTOR VICE CHAIRMAN, LOWER HOUSE
 GENERAL FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN;
 (FIRST-TIME HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY;
 APPOINTEE) MITSUZUKA FACTION
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SCIENCE AND SADAKAZU 52 6 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE;
 TECHNOLOGY TANIGAKI KYOTO 5TH; LDP GENERAL
 AGENCY AFFAIRS BUREAU CHIEF, LDP
 DIRECTOR STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN;
 GENERAL TOKYO UNIVERSITY; MIYAZAWA
 (FIRST-TIME FACTION
 APPOINTEE)

ENVIRONMENT HIROSHI 70 3 TERMS IN UPPER HOUSE;
 AGENCY OHKI AICHI; LDP UPPER HOUSE
 DIRECTOR POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH
 GENERAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN,
 (FIRST-TIME PARLIAMENTARY VICE MITI
 APPOINTEE) MINISTER; TOKYO UNIVERSITY;
 OBUCHI FACTION

NATIONAL HISAOKI 57 2 TERMS IN LOWER HOUSE;
 LAND AGENCY KAMEI SHIMANE 3RD; 2 TERMS IN
 DIRECTOR UPPER HOUSE; LOWER HOUSE
 GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
 (FIRST-TIME CHAIRMAN, PARLIAMENTARY VICE
 APPOINTEE) POSTAL MINISTER; GAKUSHUIN
 UNIVERSITY; MIYAZAWA FACTION

NEW CABINET DATA (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 4)

(AVERAGE AGE)

THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE NEW CABINET MEMBERS, INCLUDING
 PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO AND 20 OTHER MEMBERS, IS 60.6,
 2.1 YEARS YOUNGER THAN THAT OF HIS SECOND CABINET, WHICH
 WAS THE HIGHEST SINCE THE HOSOKAWA ADMINISTRATION. THE

OLDEST MINISTER IS AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES MINISTER IHEI OCHI, WHO IS 76 YEARS OLD, AND THE YOUNGEST MEMBER IS OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL MUNEO SUZUKI OF 49 YEARS OF AGE. BY AGE BRACKETS, THOSE BETWEEN 50 AND 59 HOLD THE LARGEST SHARE WITH NINE, FOLLOWED BY SEVEN IN THEIR 60'S, FOUR IN THEIR 70'S AND ONE IN HIS 40'S. NO FEMALES RECEIVED PORTFOLIOS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE MURAYAMA CABINET SHUFFLED IN 1995. NO SEATS HAVE GONE TO NON-GOVERNMENT PERSONS AS WAS THE CASE OF HIS SECOND CABINET.

(ALMA MATER)

TOKYO UNIVERSITY GRADUATES HOLD THE LARGEST SHARE WITH FIVE JUST AS IT WAS WITH HIS FIRST AND SECOND CABINETS, FOLLOWED BY FOUR WHO GRADUATED FROM KEIO UNIVERSITY, PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO'S ALMA MATER, AND TWO WASEDA UNIVERSITY GRADUATES. THE TEN OTHER MINISTERS GRADUATED FROM DIFFERENT COLLEGES, SUCH AS THE KYOTO UNIVERSITY AND MEIJI UNIVERSITY.

(CONSTITUENCY)

THERE ARE 18 LOWER HOUSE MEMBERS, OF WHOM 15 WERE ELECTED FROM SMALL CONSTITUENCIES. OF THE THREE MEMBERS WHO WERE ELECTED AS PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL SUZUKI AND MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL KOKO SATO LOST ELECTIONS IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES BUT GAINED SEATS AS PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

DIFFICULTIES AWAIT PRIME MINISTER IN POLITICAL STEERING
(TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 2)

FOLLOWING THE INAUGURATION OF THE SECOND RESHUFFLED HASHIMOTO CABINET LAST NIGHT, PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO WILL BEGIN A FULL-FLEDGED EFFORT TO REALIZE, UNDER THE THREE-PARTY COALITION ARRANGEMENT OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP), THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND THE SAKIGAKE, HIS SIX REFORM GOALS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM, AS HIS ADMINISTRATION'S
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PRIORITY TASK.

REGARDING THE INCLUSION IN THE NEW CABINET OF LDP

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROMOTION HEADQUARTERS CHIEF KOKO SATO, WHO WAS CONVICTED IN THE LOCKHEED BRIBERY SCANDAL, HOWEVER, THE SDP HAS REACTED FIERCELY. THIS APPOINTMENT MIGHT BRING ABOUT SOME EFFECT ON THE LDP-SDP-SAKIGAKE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP.

THE SHINSHINTO AND OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL NATURALLY BE GEARED FOR A SHOWDOWN WITH THE GOVERNMENT AT THE EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION TO BE CONVENED LATER THIS MONTH. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL UNAVOIDABLY FIND HIMSELF PRESSURED TO RESPOND SEVERELY.

WITH REGARD TO A REVISED "JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES" DUE OUT ON SEPTEMBER 24, TALKS ARE NOW UNDERWAY AMONG THE LDP, SDP AND SAKIGAKE, BUT THE SDP IS CAUTIOUS ABOUT THE REVIEW ITSELF. IF THE SDP BEGINS TO DISTANCE ITSELF FROM THE LDP, SET OFF BY SATO'S ENTRY INTO THE CABINET, THE TALKS MIGHT BE BROKEN OFF.

IN THE UPCOMING EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION, THE OPPOSITION CAMP IS EXPECTED TO SHARPLY ATTACK THE HASHIMOTO ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS POLITICAL ETHICS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO LDP POLICY RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TAKU YAMASAKI BY DEFENDANT JUNICHI IZUI, AN OIL WHOLESALER. SHOULD THE TUG-OF-WAR BETWEEN THE RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES BECOME INTENSIFIED OVER THE ISSUE OF SUMMONING (YAMASAKI) AS A DIET WITNESS, THERE WOULD BE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON DELIBERATIONS ON THE FISCAL RECONSTRUCTION BILL, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO PASS IN THE SESSION.

ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM, LDP MEMBERS HAVE STUBBORNLY OPPOSED THE PROPOSED PLAN TO PRIVATIZE THREE POSTAL SERVICES. IN THE COURSE OF THE COUNCIL ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM COMPILING A FINAL REPORT BY LATE NOVEMBER, THE PRIME MINISTER'S LEADERSHIP WILL BE PUT TO THE TEST.

MAJOR POLITICAL TIMETABLE

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SEPTEMBER 24 COMPILATION OF NEW GUIDELINES AT THE JAPAN-
U.S. SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE (NEW YORK)

LATE MONTH EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION

NOVEMBER 1 JAPAN-RUSSIA SUMMIT MEETING (KRASNOYARSK)
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EARLY JAPAN VISIT BY CHINESE PREMIER LI PENG
MONTH

24 - 25 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION
CONFERENCE (APEC) SUMMIT MEETING
(VANCOUVER)

LATE MONTH COMPLETION OF A FINAL REPORT BY THE

CONFERENCE ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM

DECEMBER 1-UN CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN KYOTO
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ELECTION OF A SHINSHINTO HEAD (THE DATE
HAS YET TO BE DECIDED)

COMPILATION OF AN ACTION PROGRAM FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFF-SHORE HELIPORT TO
REPLACE THE FUTENMA INSTALLATION (TN:
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JANUARY REGULAR DIET SESSION

MAY 15 - INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES' SUMMIT MEETING
17 (BIRMINGHAM)

JULY THE 18TH UPPER HOUSE ELECTION

POLITICAL PARTIES ISSUE COMMENTS ON NEW CABINET LINEUP
(ASAHI - PAGE 2)

IN RESPONSE TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SECOND RESHUFFLED
HASHIMOTO CABINET, VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES OTHER THAN
THE LDP RELEASED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE 11TH: TAKEO
NISHIOKA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF SHINSHINTO (NEW FRONTIER
PARTY): THE SUSTENANCE OF THE LDP-SDP-SAKIGAKE
ARRANGEMENT WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO PURSUE
ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM, DEFENSE AND OTHER PRESSING ISSUES
AND WILL LEAVE A ROOT OF CALAMITY IN JAPAN'S FUTURE. THE
REVIVED FACTION-ORIENTED POST-ASSIGNING PRACTICE IS TOO
WEAK TO PUSH BACK RESISTANCE FROM THE BUREAUCRACY AND
DIET POLICY CLIQUES (ZOKU GIIN). DOUBTS OVER POLITICAL
DONATIONS STILL REMAIN IN THE CORE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND
RULING CAMP. SUCH WILL ONLY AUGMENT POLITICAL DISTRUST.

NAOTO KAN, LEADER OF MINSHUTO (DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF
JAPAN): I DEVELOPED DOUBTS FROM PRIME MINISTER

HASHIMOTO'S SENIORITY-BASED PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS ABOUT HIS BASIC STANCE TOWARD REFORM AND ITS FEASIBILITY. THE BASIC GOAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM IS TO BREAK THE COLLUSIVE RELATIONS AMONG POLITICAL, BUREAUCRATIC AND BUSINESS CIRCLES. KOKO SATO'S APPOINTMENT RUNS COUNTER TO ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM VISIONS AND IT IS TANTAMOUNT TO INFORMAL APPROVAL OF THE LDP'S MONEY-ORIENTED NATURE. SUCH A STANCE THAT BETRAYS THE PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS SHOULD BE REJECTED FIRMLY.

KAZUO SHII, CHIEF OF SECRETARIAT, JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY: IT IS A LINEUP DESIGNED TO SACRIFICE THE PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD AND PURSUE POLITICS AIMED TO IMPLEMENT THE WORSENEDED SECURITY TREATY. WHAT THE PEOPLE HOPE REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM IS TO SEVER COZY RELATIONS AMONG THE POLITICAL, BUREAUCRATIC AND BUSINESS WORLDS. THE FACT THAT PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO APPOINTED KOKO SATO, WHO WAS CONVICTED IN THE LOCKHEED BRIBERY SCANDAL, AS ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM MINISTER REVEALED THE INSENSIBILITY OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND IT ALSO INDICATED THAT THE GOAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM BY THIS CABINET IS REMOTE FROM WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT.

SHIGERU ITO, SECRETARY GENERAL, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY: WE SOUGHT A CABINET LINEUP THAT CAN WIN THE PEOPLE'S TRUST BASED ON THE CONSTITUTION. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT OUR CALL WAS NOT REFLECTED FULLY. WE HOPE THE NEW CABINET WILL TAKE A FIRM STANCE TOWARD THE CONSERVATIVE-CONSERVATIVE ALLIANCE GROUP AND SERVE THE PEOPLE WITH A HUMBLE ATTITUDE. WE WERE MADE REALIZE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR PARTY AS A MEMBER OF THE RULING CAMP WHEN VARIOUS PARTIES ARE STILL IN A TURMOIL.

EIJIRO HATA, SECRETARY GENERAL, TAIYO PARTY: THE NEW CABINET LINEUP THAT WAS DETERMINED BASED ON FACTIONS AND SENIORITY MIRRORS THE LDP'S OLD NATURE THAT OFTEN FORGETS SELF-REFLECTION. IN ADDITION, IT SUGGESTS THE PARTY HAS ABANDONED ITS RESOLVE TO PURSUE REFORM. WE WILL SEE HOW (THE PRIME MINISTER) CAN ACCOMPLISH REFORM WITH THIS LINEUP.

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HIROYUKI SONODA, SECRETARY GENERAL, NEW PARTY SAKIGAKE:

WE HOPED FOR A MERIT-ORIENTED LINEUP. APPOINTMENTS DETERMINED BY FACTIONS AND SENIORITY REVEALED THE LDP'S OLD MENTALITY. IT IS SERIOUS TO KNOW THAT THE (LDP) DID NOT LEARN ANYTHING FROM ITS BITTER LESSON ABOUT POLITICS AND MONEY, ELEMENTS THAT DROVE THE LDP OUT OF POWER. SUCH IS GRAVE IN TERMS OF REGAINING POLITICAL TRUST.

BUSINESS WORLD CALLS FOR REFORMS (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 5)

ASKED ABOUT THEIR VIEWS ON HASHIMOTO'S NEW CABINET AFTER THE SECOND RESHUFFLING, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY MADE POSITIVE REMARKS. FOR EXAMPLE, KEIDANREN (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS) CHAIRMAN SHOICHIRO TOYODA COMMENTED, "COMPETENT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN." JAPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CHAIRMAN KOSAKU INABA REMARKED, "INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN KEY POSTS." IN THE MEANTIME, THEY ALL ASKED FOR REALIZATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM, WITH TOYODA NOTING, "WE WANT THE NEW CABINET TO CARRY OUT BY ALL MEANS THE SIX MAJOR REFORMS, WHICH HAVE JUST BEGUN TO TAKE SHAPE.

NIKKEIREN (JAPAN FEDERATION OF EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION) VICE CHAIRMAN NOBUO TATEISHI REQUESTED, "WE WANT THE RESHUFFLED CABINET TO RESPOND TO THE INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE, BY REALIZING AN EFFICIENT, SMALL GOVERNMENT AND EFFECTIVE REALIGNMENT OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES." JAPAN ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE EXECUTIVES (KEIZAI-DOYUKAI) SECRETARY GENERAL JIRO USHIO NOTED, "I HOPE THAT THE NEW CABINET WILL CARRY OUT A SIGNIFICANT SPENDING CUT IN THE FY1998 BUDGET COMPILATION AS WELL AS REALIZE A NEW WAY OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FREE FROM BUREAUCRATIC SECTIONALISM."

NEW MAC DIRECTOR GENERAL SATO ALSO DEPUTY FOR GOVQT ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PANEL (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 2)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO YESTERDAY DECIDED TO ASSIGN MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AGENCY (MCA) DIRECTOR GENERAL KOKO SATO ALSO AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM COUNCIL TO SUCCEED FORMER MCA DIRECTOR GENERAL KABUN MUTO.

NEW EA DIRECTOR GENERAL OHKI LIKELY TO PRRESIDE OVER KYOTO CONFERENCE (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 5)

AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE SECOND (RESHUFFLED) HASHIMOTO CABINET, WHICH WAS INAUGURATED ON THE 11TH, APPARENTLY WAS PICKED TO BRING SUCCESS TO THE KYOTO CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER. THE APPOINTEE IS HIROSHI OHKI, A FORMER DIPLOMAT, NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY. IN A FIRST JOINT PRESS MEETING, RELEVANT MINISTERS SUCH AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OHKI, AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER MITSUO HORIUCHI, AND FOREIGN MINISTER KEIZO OBUCHI EXPRESSED THEIR DETERMINATION TO BRING SUCCESS TO THE KYOTO CONFERENCE. IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT OHKI WILL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE.

NUKAGA NAMED AS DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY
(NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO ON THE 11TH NOMINATED FUKUSHIRO NUKAGA FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. AS FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, THE INCUMBENT IN THE POST, TEIJIRO FURUKAWA, HAS BEEN RETAINED.

FUKUSHIRO NUKAGA: GRADUATED FROM WASEDA UNIVERSITY; SERVED AS LOWER HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND HIS UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 10 TOKYO 008011

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PARTY'S LABOR POLICY BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL; ELECTED FROM LOWER HOUSE IBARAKI DISTRICT 2; ELECTED 5 TIMES; 53 YEARS OLD; FORMER OBUCHI FACTION.

LOWER: (YOSHIYUKI) KAMEI TO CHAIR (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 2)

THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY DECIDED AT ITS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 11TH TO APPOINT KOSUKE HORI FOR THE POST OF DIET AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. MEANWHILE, YOSHIYUKI KAMEI AND SADATOSHI OZATO HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY DESIGNATED AS CANDIDATES TO CHAIR THE LOWER HOUSE RULES AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AND THE LOWER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE, RESPECTIVELY. KAMEI AND OZATO ARE GOING TO BE ELECTED FORMALLY IN THE NEXT EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION TO BE CONVENED IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

KOSUKE HORI: GRADUATED FROM KEIO UNIVERSITY LAW DEPARTMENT; EMPLOYED BY NIPPON SEIKO K.K.; SERVED AS HIS PARTY'S AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY DIVISION HEAD; ELECTED FROM LOWER HOUSE SAGA DISTRICT 3; ELECTED 7 TIMES; 62 YEARS OLD; FORMER OBUCHI FACTION.

YOSHIYUKI KAMEI: GRADUATED FROM KEIO UNIVERSITY ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT; SERVED AS TRANSPORT MINISTER, TRANSPORT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND (LDP) POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL DEPUTY; ELECTED FROM KANAGAWA DISTRICT 16; ELECTED 6 TIMES; 61 YEARS OLD; FORMER WATANABE FACTION.

SADATOSHI OZATO: GRADUATED FROM KAJIKI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL; SERVED AS LABOR MINISTER, TRANSPORT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND HIS PARTY'S DIET AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN; ELECTED FROM KAGOSHIMA DISTRICT 4; ELECTED 7 TIMES; 67 YEARS OLD; FORMER MIYAZAWA FACTION.

STEERING COPMMMITTEE, OZATO FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE
(ASAHI - PAGE 7)

MINSHUTO (DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF JAPAN) CO-LEADER NAOTO KAN AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY REVEALED A FORWARD-LOOKING STANCE TOWARD COOPERATING WITH THE OPPOSITION SHINSHINTO IN STEERING THE DIET, SAYING: "THE SHINSHINTO APPEARS TO BE EMERGING FROM THE STANCE OF ATTACHING SIGNIFICANCE TO FORMING A CONSERVATIVE-CONSERVATIVE ALLIANCE. THE MINSHUTO'S STANCE IS TO STAND OPPOSED TO THE GOVERNMENT AND RULING CAMP AT THE DIET. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE TWO PARTIES TO LINE UP WITH EACH OTHER ON BILLS." SPECIFICALLY, HE INDICATED HE HAD IN MIND AN ALLIANCE OF THE TWO PARTIES IN DEALING WITH A BILL TO ESTABLISH JUNIOR MINISTERS AND AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE BILL. THE TWO PARTIES ARE SEPARATELY MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THESE BILLS.

U..S.-JAPAN DEFENSE GUIDELINES: GOJ STEP UP EMERGENCY READINESS (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 3)

JAPAN-U.S. DEFENSE GUIDELINES: TO STEP UP MEASURES TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES NEAR JAPAN

THE REVIEW OF THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES TO BE FINALIZED IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND NECESSARY LEGISLATION THAT WILL FOLLOW THE REVIEW WILL BE MAJOR PRIORITIES FROM THE COMING FALL THROUGH NEXT YEAR. THE FIRST REVIEW IN 19 YEARS IS NOW UNDERWAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING MEASURES TO COPE WITH SITUATIONS IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN (THAT IS, CONTINGENCIES NEAR JAPAN), THE PROBLEM THAT HAS SO FAR HARDLY BEEN TOUCHED. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY INTENDS TO SUBMIT RELEVANT BILLS TO THE NEXT REGULAR DIET SESSION SO THAT WHAT ARE IN THE NEW GUIDELINES CAN BE ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED.

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ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO INCLUDE TAIWAN IN SITUATIONS IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN, A DISPUTE AROSE BETWEEN THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP). IN STUDYING SPECIFIC ITEMS IN TIMES OF SITUATIONS IN AREAS NEAR JAPAN, IT WAS DECIDED THAT BOTH OPINIONS WOULD BE RECORDED REGARDING TRANSPORT COOPERATION FOR U.S. FORCES AND U.S. FORCES' USE OF CIVILIAN AIRPORTS AND HARBORS.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, ALTHOUGH THE GUIDELINES REVIEW MAY BE SURMOUNTED SOMEHOW, THE DISPUTE WILL SURELY REVIVE AND MAY AFFECT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK.

RULING PARTIES POSTPONE REPORT ON QNEARBY EMERGENCIESQ (YOMIURI - PAGE 5)

THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP), THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY HELD A MEETING OF POLICY-PLANNING OFFICERS YESTERDAY AND DETERMINED TO PUT OFF UNTIL THE 16TH OR LATER COMPILING "A LIST OF ITEMS FOR CONFIRMATION" TO DEAL WITH "SITUATIONS IN AREAS AROUND JAPAN," AN ELEMENT THAT HAS BROUGHT ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IN COORDINATING VIEWS AMONG THE THREE PARTIES IN REVIEWING THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES.

NO GEOGRAPHICAL CONCEPT OF NEARBY EMERGENCIES IN LDPQS DEFENSE GUIDELINES DRAFT (MAINICHI - PAGE 3)

TO DEAL WITH THE ONGOING REVIEW OF THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COOPERATION GUIDELINES, TAKU YAMASAKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE RULING CAMP'S GUIDELINES ISSUES COUNCIL (AND ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL), YESTERDAY OFFERED AN LDP'S DRAFT LIST OF ITEMS FOR CONFIRMATION WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND THE SAKIGAKE PARTY. ON THE DISPUTED PHRASE, SITUATIONS IN AREAS SURROUNDING JAPAN, THE DRAFT SAYS, "IT IS A CONCEPT FOCUSING ON THE NATURE OF A SITUATION, NOT A GEOGRAPHICAL IDEA," ADDING, "WHETHER SUCH A SITUATION IS OCCURRING OR NOT WILL BE DISCUSSED BY JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES BASED ON THEIR OWN JUDGMENTS AND DETERMINED SO THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES SHARE THE SAME PERCEPTION." (TOSHIAKI HASHIMOTO)

PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES SDF BRASS ON QNEED TO ENAHNCE CRISIS MANAGEMENTQ (ASAHI - PAGE 7)

PRIME MINISTER RYUTARO HASHIMOTO ON THE 11TH GAVE A DIRECTIVE AT A MEETING OF HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS FROM THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES THROUGHOUT THE NATION AT THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY. THE PRIME MINISTER, IN HIS SPEECH TO THE SDF BRASS, EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ENHANCING THE GOVERNMENT'S CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTERED ON SDF ACTIVITIES: "THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES ARE NOW BEING INCREASINGLY EXPECTED TO PLAY THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AS DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS. I STRONGLY FEEL THE NECESSITY OF ENHANCING THE GOVERNMENT'S

CRISIS MANAGEMENT SETUP IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS EMERGENCY SITUATIONS." THE PRIME MINISTER TOUCHED ALSO ON THE GOVERNMENT'S DISPATCH OF C-130 TRANSPORT PLANES TO THAILAND IN JULY IN PREPARATION FOR THE PLANNED EVACUATION OF JAPANESE NATIONALS FROM CAMBODIA, AND UNDERScoreD ITS SIGNIFICANCE: "THE GOVERNMENT SHOWED IN A VISIBLE WAY ITS STANDPOINT OF PROTECTING OVERSEAS JAPANESE NATIONALS IN TIMES OF CRISIS."

HATOYAMA TRIES SECURITY ARGUMENT IN WASHINGTON
(ASAHI - PAGE 7)

(WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 10, HIROSHI HOSHI) "PERMANENT PRESENCE OF ANOTHER COUNTRY'S TROOPS IN A COUNTRY FALLS FAR SHORT OF WORLD'S COMMON SENSE." MINSHUTO (DEMOCRATIC UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 10 TOKYO 008011

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PARTY OF JAPAN) CO-LEADER YUKIO HATOYAMA, VISITING THE UNITED STATES, ON THE 11TH MET WITH U.S. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SLOCOMBE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND EXPLAINED HIS PARTY'S SECURITY POLICY -- "A SECURITY TREATY WITH NO REGULAR STATIONING OF TROOPS."

BUT THE U.S. RESPONSE HATOYAMA RECEIVED WAS ONLY THAT "THE U.S. FORCES' FORWARD DEPLOYMENT FORCE IS NECESSARY, FOR IT ALSO ACTS AS A DETERRENT AGAINST DISPUTES." ALTHOUGH HE APPEARED TO FAIL TO PERSUADE THE U.S. SIDE, HE STILL ENTHUSIASTICALLY STATES: "I DON'T THINK THE MINSHUTO'S POLICY WILL BE UNDERSTOOD ONLY IF WE VISIT TO THE U.S. ONCE OR TWICE TO EXPLAIN IT. FROM NOW ON AS WELL, I WILL TENACIOUSLY DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE OTHER SIDE."

KDD GOES TO COURT AGAINST FCC (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 11)

AT A REGULAR PRESS CONFERENCE HELD YESTERDAY, KOKUSAI DENSHIN DENWA (KDD) PRESIDENT TADASHI NISHIMOTO FORMALLY ANNOUNCED THE FIRM'S INTENTION TO INSTITUTE AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAWSUIT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. IN THE LAWSUIT, KDD WILL REQUEST THE FCC TO WITHDRAW ITS PRICE-SETTING SYSTEM FOR INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION RATES (BENCHMARK SYSTEM), WHICH IT PUT FORTH IN EARLY AUGUST, CITING, "THE FCC HAS NO AUTHORITY TO UNILATERALLY SET INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION

RATES" (PRESIDENT NISHIMOTO).

KDD IS SET TO BRING THE CASE TO THE COURT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT BEFORE THE OCTOBER 28 DEADLINE. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT EUROPEAN AND ASIAN TELECOM CARRIERS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE BENCHMARK SYSTEM, THE LAWSUIT IS LIKELY TO BE FILED JOINTLY WITH OTHER CARRIERS. AS A REASON FOR HIS FIRM TO RAISING A LAWSUIT, PRESIDENT NISHIMOTO EXPLAINED, "IF WE ALLOW THIS, IT MAY ARISE A SITUATION WHERE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT UNILATERALLY DETERMINES THE GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS ORDER."

JAPAN-ROK FISHERIES TALKS FAIL (NIHON KEIZAI - PAGE 5)

(SEOUL, SEPTEMBER 11, ICHIRO ISHIKAWA) JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA HELD WORKING-LEVEL FISHERIES TALKS ON THE 10TH AND 11TH IN SEOUL TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF CONCLUDING A NEW FISHERIES AGREEMENT. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SUGGESTED CONCLUDING A PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT, WHILE SHELIVING CLAIMS TO THE TAKESHIMA ISLANDS ("TOKTO" IN KOREAN). BUT THE TALKS ENDED IN FAILURE WITH THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES REMAINING WIDE. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN A STANCE OF MAKING A DECISION AFTER SEEING THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL. AS IT STANDS, THE TWO SIDES DID NOT SET A SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT MEETING. DEPENDING ON THE SOUTH KOREAN SIDE'S RESPONSE, THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MAY NOTIFY THE SOUTH KOREA GOVERNMENT OF THE ANNULMENT OF THE PRESENT PACT.

ALTHOUGH THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREED, AT THE TALKS HELD IN AUGUST IN TOKYO, TO CONCLUDE A PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT BEFORE DECIDING THE DEMARCATION OF AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE, THEY WERE UNABLE TO FIND COMMON GROUND ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONSIDERED THAT "A NEW FISHERIES PACT SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE PRESENT SITUATION OF SOUTH KOREA REGARDING THE TAKESHIMA ISLANDS."

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FOLLOWING THE FAILURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. CRANE

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