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- 1. NOTE EA CAPTION ONLY.
- 2. (LOU) THE HITACHIS COME TO TOWN

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YOUR PRESENCE, ALONG WITH THAT OF AMBASSADOR ANNENBERG AND MIKE ARMACOST, AT THE ARRIVAL OF PRINCE AND PRINCESS HITACHI TODAY WAS MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE JAPANESE EMBASSY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT, ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN ARE UNABLE TO MEET WITH THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS, THEY HAVE SENT A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS AND NOTE. THE ROYAL COUPLE WILL FILL OUT THEIR BRIEF STAY IN WASHINGTON WITH A BIRD WATCHING TRIP, A VISIT WITH A SMITHSONIAN SCIENTIST AND DINNER TONIGHT WITH SMITHSONIAN'S DILLION RIPLEY. LARRY FARRAR WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT AGAIN TO SEE THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OFF

SATURDAY MORNING WHEN THEY DEPART FOR DENVER. (MV)

3. (CONF) JDA REP DISCUSSES TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

JDA EQUIPMENT BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL WADA IS IN TOWN FOR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS ON JAPAN-US MILITARY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. WADA'S VISIT IS SEEN AS A HOLDING ACTION PENDING PROGRESS ON A FULL-DRESS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM MEETING. ON SEPTEMBER 17, HE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH MIKE ARMACOST AND BOB BLACKWELL IN THE DEPARTMENT AND DON GREGG AT NSC. ON SEPTEMBER 18 HE IS TO SEE DELAUER AND ARMITAGE AT DOD. WE HAVE HAD MIXED SIGNALS FROM DOD ON HOW WELCOME THE WADA VISIT IS AND WILL BE SEEKING A READ OUT ON THE RESULTS OF HIS TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (LF)

4. (LOU) DSP CHAIRMAN SASAKI CHANGES HIS MIND (AGAIN).

BECAUSE OF DIET COMMITMENTS, SASAKI HAS REVERTED TO HIS ORIGINAL SCHEDULE (HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 28-30). CONSEQUENTLY, THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS ASKED US TO WITHDRAW SASAKI'S REQUEST FOR A VICE-PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT. ALTHOUGH HE IS SCHEDULED TO SEE JUDGE CLARK ON SEPTEMBER 29, SASAKI ALSO STILL WANTS US TO TRY AGAIN FOR
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A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. (MV)

5. (U) REISCHAUER'S OLD HAUNTS REVISITED

A JAPANESE NHK FILM CREW WILL BE PROWLING THE HALLS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SEPTEMBER 28, 29, OR 30. THE CREW WILL BE WORKING ON A DOCUMENTARY ON FORMER US AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN EDWIN REISCHAUER. IN SO DOING NHK WILL SHOOT BACKGROUND SCENES OF HIS FORMER PLACES OF WORK, INCLUDING EAJ. (MV)

6. (LOU) REVEREND WILLIAMS BOUND FOR JAPAN: PROBABLY WITHOUT PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

REVEREND HOSEA WILLIAMS HAS REPORTEDLY GIVEN UP TRYING FOR A PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PM SUZUKI. HE SOUGHT SUCH A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO JAPAN TO ENCOURAGE JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN TO INVEST IN BLACK AMERICAN ENTERPRISES. HOWEVER, HIS SPONSORS, THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF JAPAN AND THE AFRO-AMERICAN SOCIETY, HAVING MADE SUCH A LETTER A CONDITION FOR THEIR SUPPORT, ARE NOW PUSHING FOR A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED AN ALLEN-MANSFIELD LETTER. UNLESS THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF OVERRULES ALLEN, NO ADDITIONAL LETTER WILL BE PROVIDED. THESE INCESSANT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE PUSHED WILLIAMS' TRIP TO LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER. (MV)

7. (S) TOKAI MURA TALKS

WE SEEM TO HAVE REACHED A FIRM UNDERSTANDING WITH THE JAPANESE ON A FINAL DRAFT OF THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE UNDERSTANDING ON THE TOKAI MURA SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT. THE FINAL DECISION WAS MADE BY JAPANESE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTER NAKAGAWA FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD LATE LAST NIGHT

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WASHINGTON TIME. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THE US POSITION ON THE ISSUES AND CONFIRMED TO MINISTER NAKAGAWA THAT THE US WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE A PERMANENT SOLUTION ON TOKAI WELL BEFORE THE THREE YEAR DEADLINE IN THE CURRENT DRAFT IS REACHED. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NOT OUR INTENTION TO CLOSE THE PLANT AT THE END OF THAT TIME, AS SOME JAPANESE APPARENTLY HAD FEARED.

NAKAGAWA RESPONDED TO THESE ASSURANCES AND RECOMMENDED SUCCESSFULLY THAT THE RESPONSIBLE JAPANESE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL AGREE TO THE DRAFTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 16.

DOE HAS NOW SUBMITTED THE DRAFTS FOR INTER-AGENCY COMMENTS. WE EXPECT TO SEND THE SUBSEQUENT ARRANGEMENT DOCUMENTS TO THE CONGRESS FOR 15 DAYS OF CONTINUOUS SESSION IN TIME (BUT ONLY JUST) TO AVOID A PLANT SHUT-DOWN ON OCTOBER 31 WHEN THE CURRENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES. (JH)

8. (LOU) US-JAPAN ECONOMIC SUBCABINET

THE TWO-DAY US-JAPAN ECONOMIC SUBCABINET CONSULTATIONS CONCLUDED SEPTEMBER 15 ON A SUCCESSFUL NOTE. DECISIONS ANNOUNCED WERE: A) TO HOLD FURTHER SUBCABINET SESSIONS SEMI-ANNUALLY; B) TO FORM A TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE (THE TRADE DISCUSSION SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON OF SEPT 14 WAS ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH WILL ALSO MEET SEMI-ANNUALLY--DATES TO BE DETERMINED) AND C) ON THE LANGUAGE OF A FINAL STATEMENT ON THE WISEMEN'S GROUP.

THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DISCUSSION IN THE PLENARY SESSION, THE WORKING GROUP, AND THE RESTRICTED GROUP WAS SOLID AND INVOLVED SERIOUS GIVE AND TAKE. ON SEPTEMBER 16

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COMMERCE MET WITH MITI REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE TRADE FACILITATION

COMMITTEE. THEY ALSO AGREED TO HOLD SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SUBCABINET. THIS MEANS THERE ARE TWO TRADE GROUPS, THE TFC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (COMMERCE) AND THE TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE (USTR) PIGGY-BACKED ON THE SUB-CABINET. (JC)

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