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1. (S) AMBASSADOR OKAWARA REPORTS ON ARAFAT VISIT

AS YOU KNOW FROM YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING, AMBASSADOR  
OKAWARA CAME IN OCTOBER 20 TO BRIEF UNDERSECRETARY STOESEL  
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ON THE RECENT ARAFAT VISIT TO JAPAN. OKAWARA HAD LITTLE TO  
ADD TO WHAT WE HAD ALREADY DERIVED FROM VICE MINISTER  
SUNOBE'S MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, BUT WE NEVERTHELESS  
FELT THE CALL WAS USEFUL IN THAT IT PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO COMMUNICATE US OPPOSITION TO THE NOTION THAT JAPAN SHOULD  
SEEK SOMEHOW TO PLAY AN INTERMEDIARY ROLE WITH THE PLO OR  
INVOLVE ITSELF IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. OKAWARA  
WAS SPECIFICALLY LOOKING FOR U.S. REACTION, AND UNDERSECRE-  
TARY STOSSEL'S EXPOSITION OF OUR POSITION WAS JUST WHAT WE  
NEEDED. BILL HAS REINFORCED THE MESSAGE WITH MOFA (MIDDLE

EAST DG MURATA). SUZUKI AND SONODA KEEP TALKING

ABOUT FURTHER CONVERSATIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST AT CANCUN,  
BUT NONE HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED. (LF)

2. (C) HELMS RESOLUTION ON JAPANESE DEFENSE

WE WERE INFORMED BY CONTACTS ON THE HILL THAT SENATOR HELMS  
MIGHT SOON (EVEN TODAY) INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION ON US-  
JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONS THAT NOT ONLY CRITICIZES JAPAN'S  
DEFENSE EFFORTS BUT CALLS FOR A REVISION OF THE MUTUAL  
SECURITY TREATY. THE GENESIS OF THIS RESOLUTION CAN BE  
TRACED TO SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SRI/CSIS/  
HERITAGE FOUNDATION-SPONSORED "US-JAPAN SECURITY SYMPOSIUM"  
HELD IN TOKYO IN AUGUST 1980. WE HAVE PREPARED TALKING  
POINTS FOR SENATOR PERCY AND OTHER SENATORS THAT EMPHASIZE  
THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT JAPAN IS MAKING TO OUR COMMON  
INTERESTS AS WELL AS THE DAMAGE THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION  
WOULD DO TO OUR ONGOING SECURITY DIALOGUE. SFRC STAFF  
MEMBERS HAVE WITH OUR HELP DRAFTED A COUNTER RESOLUTION IN  
GENERAL TERMS THAT CALLS FOR GREATER ALLIED EFFORTS WITH  
OUT SINGLING OUT A PARTICULAR COUNTRY. WE ARE, THEREFORE,  
REASONABLY HOPEFUL THAT THE POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME RESO  
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LUTION CAN BE TURNED BACK OR, AT LEAST, MODIFIED. (GR)

3. (LOU) US-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS IN FULL SWING

ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS UNAVOIDABLE CANCELLATION OF HIS  
TRIP TO JAPAN FOR LATIN AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS CAUSED  
TEMPORARY ANNOYANCE ON THE PART OF THE JAPANESE WHO HAD AL-  
READY BEEN DISTURBED OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS BY ARA'S  
VACILLATION ON THE LENGTH AND LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION  
FOR THE SCHEDULED TALKS. JAPANESE FEELINGS WERE ASSUAGED  
BY ENDERS' CALL TO HIS COUNTERPART, EDAMURA, HOWEVER, AND  
THE LATTER SEEMS WILLING TO RESCHEDULE THE TALKS FOR  
JANUARY 1982. MEANWHILE, EUR'S ALLAN HOLMES IS ABLY  
HOSTING CONSULTATIONS ON EUROPE WITH HIS JAPANESE COLLEAG-  
UES TODAY. WE HEAR THE CONSULTATIONS IN TOKYO ON THE  
SOVIET UNION ALSO WENT EXTREMELY WELL, BUT WE DO NOT AS  
YET HAVE A FULL READ OUT. THE U.S. SIDE FOR THOSE TALKS  
WAS HEADED BY DAS SCANLAN. FINALLY, US-JAPAN EXPERT TALKS  
ON CHINA HAVE NOW BEEN FIRMLY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16  
AND 17 HERE IN WASHINGTON. (MV)

4. (LOU) POLICY PLANNING TALKS IN TOKYO

I WILL JOIN PAUL WOLFOWITZ'S TEAM FOR POLICY PLANNINGS IN TOKYO OCTOBER 29-30. WE  
HAVE PREPARED OR  
COORDINATED WITH S/P ON A SERIES OF BRIEFING PAPERS.  
PRIOR TO THE MEETINGS, WE WILL TOUR THE NORTHERN ARMY HQ

(OUTSIDE OF SAPPORO) AND OTHER MILITARY FACILITIES IN HOKKAIDO ON OCTOBER 28. I WILL BE BACK IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 1; WOLFOWITZ AND COMPANY WILL GO ON TO SEOUL AND CINCPAC. (MV)

5. (C) AICHI VISIT TO WASHINGTON

MOFA PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER AICHI PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 1-4 ALTHOUGH THE DATES MAY HAVE TO  
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SLIP BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY OF SECURING CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS OVER ELECTION DAY. AICHI AT FIRST INTENDED TO FOCUS HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON ON EXPLAINING ARAFAT'S RECENT VISIT TO TOKYO. HOWEVER, REFLECTING AMB. MANSFIELD'S HELPFUL SUGGESTION THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO REKINDLE INTEREST (AND IRRITATION) OVER WHAT HAS BECOME A DORMANT ISSUE, AICHI APPARENTLY INTENDS TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF HIS TALKS TO TRADE AND DEFENSE ISSUES. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY WILL BE HANDLING HIS APPOINTMENTS ON THE HILL, AND WE WILL WANT TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH YOU AND TOM SHOESMITH. (GR)

6. (C) CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY CALLED ON EB YESTERDAY TO PROPOSE THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF FORMAL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS BE HELD NOVEMBER 17-22 IN TOKYO. WE HAVE AGREED TO THE DATES BUT ASKED THAT THE MEETINGS BE HELD IN EITHER SAN FRANCISCO OR HONOLULU BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING CONFLICTS IN EB AND DOT. WE EXPECT TO SETTLE ON THE SITE NEXT WEEK. THE JAPANESE PRESS HAS TAKEN ON A SURPRISINGLY CONCILIATORY TONE IN RECENT WEEKS ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE A GOJ (OR JAL) DESIRE TO HANDLE THE MATTER ON A PRAGMATIC RATHER THAN POLITICAL BASIS. WHILE WE FULLY EXPECT THAT THIS ROUND WILL SEE SUBSTANTIVE SOLUTIONS OR THE OUTLINES OF SOLUTIONS ON A NUMBER OF POINTS, A SUBSEQUENT ROUND IN TOKYO WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED. (JH)

7. (C) SCIENNISTER NAKAGAWA'S VISIT

OUR REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR NAKAGAWA WITH THE SECRETARY WAS TURNED DOWN, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT RICHARD ALLEN MAY HAVE TOLD NAKAGAWA'S AD-  
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VANCE MN (OSHIMA) THAT AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. WE INTEND IN CONJUNCTION WITH

OES TO RECLAMA WITH THE SECRETARY, ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME QUESTION, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBASSY SOURCES, WHETHER NAKAGAWA WILL BE ABLE TO GET AWAY FROM THE DIET. AS A FALL BACK, WE HAVE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED A MEETING WITH UNDER-

SECRETARY STOESSEL FOR NAKAGAWA ON OCTOBER 28. (JH)

8. (C) TOKAI MURA

THE NEW TENTATIVE SIGNING DATE FOR THE AGREEMENT ON THE TOKAI MURA SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT IS OCTOBER 30. OES IS PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCHES ON THE NEGOTIATED TEXTS, AND WE ARE PLANNING A SIGNING CEREMONY FOR AMBASSADOR OKAWARA AND UNDERSECRETARY KENNEDY. A CLOUD ON THE HORIZON MAY BE THE HEARINGS ON THE AGREEMENT CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM HAS SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 28. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE HEARINGS WILL DELAY THE SIGNING, BINGHAM HAS CALLED THEM FOR THE LAST DAY OF THE 15-DAY CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD. AT A MINIMUM, THE HEARINGS, WHICH WILL HIGHLIGHT THE LIMITATIONS REMAINING IN THE AGREEMENT, WILL CAUSE DISCOMFORT FOR THE JAPANESE NEGOTIATORS, WHO ALREADY HAVE HAD TROUBLE SELLING THE CONTENTS OF THE NEGOTIATED PACKAGE AT HOME. (JH)

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