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SUBJECT: FOURTH SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM (S&TF) (U)

A. SECDEF 091836Z APR 82

1. (Y) ON 20 APR 82 CHMDO MET WITH MR. WADA AND DISCUSSED ISSUES IN REF MSG. HE STATED THAT THE ISSUE OF TWO-WAY TECHNOLOGY FLOW IS A POLITICAL ISSUE WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN GOJ. HE FELT THAT THE PM WAS NOT OVERLY ANXIOUS TO SURFACE THE ISSUE BUT THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE PUT BEFORE THE DIET DURING THE CURRENT SESSION. IF SO, A GOJ POSITION WILL PROBABLY OCCUR DURING MAY. (FYI: WADA STATED THAT ANY DISCUSSION OF NEXT S&TF AT THIS POINT WOULD LIKELY BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE THE PM AND WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. SINCE HE HAS BEEN THE PRIME MOVER ON THIS ISSUE, CHMDO RECOMMENDS US FOLLOW HIS LEAD AND NOT PRESS THE ISSUE UNTIL GOJ MAKES A DECISION. END FYI.)

2. (Y) THE EXACT FORM THAT THE CHANGE WILL TAKE IS STILL UNCLEAR. HOWEVER, WE HAVE MADE THE POINT THAT A PURELY COSMETIC SOLUTION OR ONE THAT WAS COUNTER TO US-JAPAN TREATIES WOULD LIKELY INCREASE RESISTANCE IN THE US TO FUTURE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS AND COPRODUCTION PROGRAMS.

3. (Y) AT THIS POINT CHMDO RECOMMENDS WE NOT PURSUE THE SUBJECT OF THE NEXT S&TF UNTIL GOJ HAS COMMITTED ITSELF ON THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ISSUE.

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