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SUBJECT: FOURTE SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM (U)

- A. CHMDO 210729Z JUL 82
- B. SECDEF 021550Z JUL 82
- C. SECDEF 251513Z JUL 82
- 1. ~~(U)~~ BY SEPARATE MESSAGE THE EMBASSY WILL BE ADDRESSING THE CURRENT STATUS OF GOJ DELIBERATIONS ON A NEW DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER POLICY FOR THE UNITED STATES. THIS MESSAGE ADDRESSES THE RELATED ISSUE OF THE TIMING OF THE NEXT SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM (S&TF).
- 2. ~~(U)~~ YOUR COMMENTS ON TIMING OF THE NEXT S&TF (REF C) WERE PASSED TO JDA (MURAI). JDA INFORMS MDO THAT:
  - A. MR. HIROO KINOSHITA, DIRECTOR GENERAL, BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT, JDA, IS NOT SEEKING AN INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD HERE THAT THE NEXT S&TF WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON AND THAT THE JAPANESE SIDE WOULD BE LED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT.
  - B. MR. KINOSHITA IS ALSO NOT SEEKING AN INVITATION NOR IS HE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (AIA) INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO IN SEPTEMBER. MARTIN-MARIETTA HAS BEEN PRESSING AN INVITATION ON KINOSHITA AND IN POLITENESS, MURAI HAS INDICATED THAT IF IN CONNECTION WITH KINOSHITA'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON THE TIMING WAS APPROPRIATE, HE MIGHT TRY TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.
  - C. JDA STRONGLY AGREES ON THE IMPORTANCE, INDEED THE NECESSITY, OF A WORKING LEVEL PLANNING SESSION IN TOKYO IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT S&TF. IN RESPONSE TO MDO QUERY, HOWEVER, JDA CONFIRMS THAT IT HAS FUNDS FOR ONLY ONE KINOSHITA VISIT TO WASHINGTON THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE INTERPRET THIS TO MEAN THAT IF U.S. AGREES TO PRIVATE KINOSHITA VISIT, NEXT S&TF WOULD EITHER HAVE TO BE IN TOKYO OR POSSIBLY POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 1983.
- 3. ~~(U)~~ GOJ THINKING ABOUT THE TIMING OF KINOSHITA'S VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH DRIVEN BY PLANS FOR DEFENSE MINISTER ITO'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER FOR SEVERAL REASONS:

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A. JDA REMAINS OPTIMISTIC THAT NEW DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY POLICY CAN BE IN PLACE, HOPEFULLY BEFORE DIET ADJOURNS AND WELL BEFORE ITO'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. AS DISCUSSED IN THE EMBASSY'S MESSAGE, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS PROVIDED "GUIDANCE" TO THE CABINET, AND MOFA NOW HAS BEEN TASKED TO SOUND OUT THE U.S. SIDE. BASED ON THE U.S. REACTION AND SUBSEQUENT INTERNAL GOJ DISCUSSIONS, JDA HOPES FOR A DECISION.

B. JDA BELIEVES THAT FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW POLICY, THERE WILL STILL BE A NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY TO ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. ON A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW POLICY. THESE INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE KINDS OF "AGREEMENTS" OR "MOU'S" NEEDED TO PERMIT COOPERATIVE R&D, WHETHER SUCH MOU'S SHOULD BE NARROW OR BROAD IN SCOPE, AND WHETHER WE CAN DEFINE THE KINDS OF INITIAL PROJECTS THE TWO SIDES HAVE IN MIND.

C. JDA WOULD LIKE TO USE MINISTER ITO'S VISIT AS AN OCCASION FOR FORMALLY ENDORSING THE NEW PROPOSED TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS. JDA OFFICIALS DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE ITO VISIT WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO SETTLE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES. FURTHERMORE, TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH ISSUES REMAIN UNRESOLVED BY THE TIME OF THAT VISIT, SUCH ISSUES ARE LIKELY TO DETRACT FROM THE OVERALL BROAD FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

D. FINALLY, WE SENSE THAT MANY IN THE GOJ FEAR THAT IF SOME OF THESE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ARE LEFT FOR RESOLUTION UNTIL DECEMBER, THEY ARE LIKELY TO BECOME ENTWINED WITH THE UPCOMING LDP ELECTIONS AND ANY SUBSEQUENT CABINET RESHUFFLE. JDA FEARS THAT A USEFUL WINDOW FOR MOVING THE POLICY FORWARD WILL BE LOST AND THAT IT WILL HAVE TO BEGIN AGAIN FROM SCRATCH WITH A WHOLE NEW SET OF CABINET OFFICIALS EARLY NEXT YEAR. JDA WOULD RATHER POSTPONE THE NEXT S&TF AND HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING, RATHER THAN HAVE NO MEETING AT ALL.

4. (U) AS WE UNDERSTAND IT FROM HERE, JDA IS POSING TWO SPECIFIC REQUESTS WITH REGARD TO TIMING:

A. CAN THE VISIT OF THE DOD PLANNING GROUP POSSIBLY BE ACCELERATED SO THAT IT COULD COME TO TOKYO AS EARLY AS THE END OF THIS MONTH, POSSIBLY BEFORE SSC?

B. ASSUMING THAT THE NEW DUSD/IPT WILL NOT BE APPOINTED AND THERE CANNOT BE FORMAL S&TF BEFORE ITO'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, IS THERE ANY PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND THAT VISIT (I.E. EARLY SEPTEMBER?) WHEN USDRE CAN AND IS WILLING TO MEET WITH KINOSHITA IN WASHINGTON TO HAVE THE HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE NECESSARY FOR SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE ITO VISIT?

5. (U) WHILE MDO HAS INDICATED IT WOULD PASS JDA'S REQUESTS ON TO WASHINGTON, WE ASSUME A PRIVATE VISIT BY KINOSHITA (EVEN IF THE TIMING CAN BE WORKED OUT) IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTION TO A CAREFULLY PREPARED S&TF. WE HAVE THEREFORE TOLD JDA (MURAI) THAT THERE IS LITTLE TIME TO PREPARE FOR AN EARLY FALL MEETING (ESPECIALLY AN S&TF) AND IN ANY CASE, USG CANNOT BEGIN TO MAKE PLANS UNTIL THE GOJ FINALLY ACTS ON ITS NEW POLICY.

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