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I AM UNABLE AS YET FULLY TO ESTIMATE EXTENT OF DAMAGE WHICH HAS BEEN DONE TO (A) OUR OVER-ALL POSITION IN JAPAN, AND (B) OUR SECURITY INTERESTS HERE AS RESULT OF WHAT AMOUNTS TO US ADMISSION THAT WE ARE AND HAVE BEEN FLYING INTELLIGENCE MISSIONS OVER SOVIET TERRITORY FROM FOREIGN BASES.

IT IS INCREDIBLY UNFORTUNATE IN TERMS OF TIMING THAT THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED, NOT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO SUMMIT MEETING BUT ALSO AT CRITICAL PERIOD FOR KISHI IN HIS EFFORT TO SECURE PASSAGE OF NEW SECURITY TREATY, ON WHICH DEPENDS: (A) CONTINUED PRESENCE OF OUR MILITARY FORCES IN JAPAN; (B) OUR ABILITY TO UTILIZE JAPANESE BASES; (C) MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, JAPAN'S SECURITY ALIGNMENT WITH FREE WORLD. I DO NOT (RPT NOT) KNOW YET WHETHER THIS UNFORTUNATE ACTION ON OUR PART WILL RESULT IN DEATH OF NEW SECURITY TREATY AND POLITICAL DEMISE OF KISHI, BUT BOTH ARE VERY DEFINITE POSSIBILITIES.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO SALVAGE SITUATION HERE WE MUST BE ABLE AND PREPARED TO MOVE SWIFTLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IF SO REQUIRED. AS A MINIMUM, I WOULD LIKE YOU AND PRESIDENT TO KNOW THAT IN MY CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT WE MUST BE PREPARED, IF GOJ SO REQUESTS, TO GIVE AT ONCE A FORMAL OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING TO GOJ THAT WE WILL NOT (RPT NOT), IN ABSENCE OF ARMED ATTACK AGAINST JAPAN, FLY ANY INTELLIGENCE MISSIONS OVER NON-JAPANESE TERRITORIES FROM OUR AIR BASES IN JAPAN WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH GOJ AND LATTER'S

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-2- 3590, MAY 9, 11 A.M., FROM TOKYO

CONSENT. I DO NOT (RPT NOT) KNOW YET WHETHER WE WILL BE PRESSED FOR SUCH FORMAL UNDERTAKING, BUT SUCH AN UNDERTAKING MAY BE ESSENTIAL TO SALVAGE BOTH TREATY AND KISHI'S POSITION, AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE IT IMMEDIATELY. TO TRY TO TEMPORIZE, DELAY, OR HAGGLE GIVING SUCH AN UNDERTAKING IF IT IS REQUESTED, IS TO INVITE DISASTER.

I ALSO THINK IT MOST IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO TELL KISHI WITHOUT FEAR OF SUCCESSFUL CONTRADICTION THAT LAST NOVEMBER WHEN PRESS AND OPPOSITION SOCIALIST PARTY RAISED QUESTION AS TO ACTIVITIES OF U-2 PLANES BASED IN JAPAN, I MADE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND CAN GIVE HIM FORMAL ASSURANCES THAT OUR U-2 PLANES OPERATING FROM BASES IN JAPAN HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN WEATHER, TYPHOON, AND UPPER STRATOSPHERE RESEARCH AND HAVE IN NO (RPT NO) CASE ILLEGALLY OVER-FLOWN OR VIOLATED AIR SPACE OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

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