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1. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE SWIFT AND CONSTRUCTIVE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH YOU SENT ME IN REFTEL, WHICH HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY HELPFUL.
2. I MET PRIVATELY EARLY THIS MORNING WITH VICE FONMIN YAMADA AND CONVEYED TO HIM FOR KISHI AND FUJIYAMA SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL, INCLUDING PUBLIC STATEMENT WE PROPOSE TO MAKE. YAMADA EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION AND LEFT AT ONCE TO MEET WITH KISHI AND FUJIYAMA.
3. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM SECOND PRIVATE MEETING WITH YAMADA, WHO HAD JUST COME FROM MEETING WITH KISHI AND FUJIYAMA. HE FIRST ASKED THAT KISHI'S DEEP AND HEARTFELT THANKS BE EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT AND TO YOU FOR OUR CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. HE SAID KISHI AND FUJIYAMA BOTH WISHED US TO KNOW THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT US HAD TO UNDERTAKE INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AND THAT SUCH INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WERE IMPORTANT FOR SECURITY OF US AND ITS FRIENDS AND ALLIES. THEY DID NOT RPT NOT WISH TO CREATE PROBLEMS FOR US IN OUR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES BUT ON OTHER HAND THEY HAD VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO HANDLE IN TERM OF PUBLIC OPINION. WHILE THEY APPRECIATED SCOPE OF STATEMENT WE WERE PREPARED TO MAKE AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO EXPAND "PRIOR CONSULTATION"

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TO INCLUDE INTELLIGENCE OVERFLIGHTS, KISHI AND FUJIYAMA FELT IT UNNECESSARY, AT THIS JUNCTURE, TO ENTER INTO NEW FORMAL AND OFFICIAL AGREEMENT RE CONSULTATION IN CASES OF INTELLIGENCE OVERFLIGHTS. IN FACT, IF WE MENTIONED IN OUR STATEMENT PRIOR CONSULTATION FOR INTELLIGENCE OVERFLIGHTS FROM JAPANESE BASES, GOJ, FOR PUBLIC OPINION PURPOSES, WOULD BE OBLIGED TO SAY THAT IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT AUTHORIZE SUCH OVERFLIGHTS. KISHI DID NOT THINK THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL FROM OUR VIEWPOINT.

4. THEREFORE KISHI PROPOSED THAT WE MAKE SIMPLE STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES BASED ON FIRST SENTENCE OF STATEMENT IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL:

BEGIN DRAFT STATEMENT THE US GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE GOJ ASSURANCES THAT U-2 AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM AIR BASES IN JAPAN HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE UTILIZED ONLY FOR LEGITIMATE AND NORMAL PURPOSES AND NOT FOR INTELLIGENCE OVERFLIGHT MISSIONS
END DRAFT STATEMENT.

KISHI SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SOCIALIST WOULD CAST DOUBT ON GOOD WORD AND FAITH OF U.S., HE BELIEVED SUCH STATEMENT WOULD HOLD SITUATION AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT PROPOSE EXPANDING "PRIOR CONSULTATION" ARRANGEMENT FOR OVERFLIGHTS AT THIS TIME.

5. KISHI STRONGLY HOPES SECRETARY OR STATE DEPT CAN ISSUE SUCH STATEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AFTER STATEMENT IS ISSUED IN WASHINGTON HE MIGHT, FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES IN JAPAN, ALSO WISH TO HAVE ME CONVEY IT FORMALLY TO FONMIN UNDER FIRST PERSON NOTE.

6. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT STATEMENT PROPOSED ABOVE BY KISHI BE ISSUED SOONEST IN WASHINGTON, WHICH I WILL SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSMIT IN FIRST PERSON NOTE TO FUJIYAMA IF KISHI SO DESIRES. I FEEL THAT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW KISHI'S PROPOSAL IS ACTUALLY PREFERABLE TO PROPOSAL IN REFTEL.

AGAIN, MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR GREAT SPEED WITH WHICH SUCH CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER.

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