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E.O. 12065: GDS, 6/18/88, (CLARK, WILLIAM), OR-M
TAGS: TNUC, PINT, OVIP, SCSA, JA (NAKAGAWA, ICHIRO)
SUBJECT: VISIT TO THE US OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- AGENCY DIRGEN ICHIRO NAKAGAWA

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1. ~~(C)~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. EMBASSY SCICOUNS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE NEW US APPROACH TO REPROCESSING AND PLUTONIUM USE (PROVIDED REFTTEL) AS IT RELATES TO FORTHCOMING VISIT OF STA DIRGEN NAKAGAWA WITH KUMAO KANEKO, DIRECTOR, NUCLEAR AFFAIRS DIVISION OF MOFA ON 17 JUNE. KANEKO STATED THAT THEY HAVE NO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WITH THE STATE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF POINTS ON WHICH THEY WILL SEEK CLARIFICATION. THE ONLY ONE HE MENTIONED WAS HOW THE US PROPOSED TO TREAT THE PLUTONIUM RECYCLE ISSUE.

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3. KANEKO THEN REITERATED THE STANDARD JAPANESE CONCERNS ABOUT IMPLEMENTING THE NEW POLICY THRU THE MECHANISM OF A NEW OR AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION RATHER THAN THRU SOME ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MECHANISM. IN THIS REGARD HE SAID THAT THERE IS STRONG OPPOSITION WITHIN GOJ TO THE FORMER APPROACH. IN HIS VIEW THERE IS NO HOPE OF OVERCOMING THIS OPPOSITION UNTIL THE JAPANESE HAVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE US IS PREPARED

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TO OFFER IN TERMS OF AN ADVANCE CONSENT ARRANGEMENT FOR REPROCESSING AND PLUTONIUM USE. ONCE THE US PROPOSAL IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THEN THE JAPANESE CAN DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES IF THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE NEW ARRANGEMENT EXCEED THE PROBLEMS THEY EXPECT TO COME OUT OF DIET REVIEW OF A NEW AGREEMENT.

4. REGARDING NAKAGAWA'S VISIT, AND IN VIEW OF THE REMARKS IN PARA 3 ABOVE, KANEKO SAID THAT HE HOPED THE US WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE MINISTER TO TAKE A POSITION, DURING HIS VISIT, ON THE WAY IN WHICH THE US POLICY WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS WOULD BE PERSONALLY EMBARRASSING TO HIM AND DETRIMENTAL TO OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING A "PERMANENT" SOLUTION TO THE REPROCESSING AND PU USE ISSUE. EMBASSY SHARES KANEKO'S CONCERN AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WITH NAKAGAWA CONCENTRATE MORE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ARRANGEMENT (TO THE EXTENT WE CAN DO SO AT THIS TIME) AND THE MECHANISM FOR NEGOTIATING IT (INCLUDING PERHAPS AGREEMENT ON TIMING AND LOCATION OF THE FIRST NEGOTIATING SESSION) RATHER THAN THE FORM OF THE

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