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KOUMURA OF JAPAN, JULY 27, SINGAPORE

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ROSE
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2. (U) JULY 27, 1999; 2:40 PM; MANDARIN HOTEL,
SINGAPORE.

3. (U) PARTICIPANTS:

U.S.:

THE SECRETARY
AMBASSADOR WENDY SHERMAN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
BOTH
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS
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POLICY PLANNING DIRECTOR HALPERIN
JCS LT. GENERAL FOGLESONG

NOTETAKER
INTERPRETER

JAPAN:

FOREIGN MINISTER KOUMURA
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TAMBA
ASIAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL ANAMI
NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL HAYASHI
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL SHIBUYA
PRIVATE SECRETARY KODERA
INTERPRETER

4. (S) SUMMARY. THE SECRETARY MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
KOUMURA OF JAPAN ON JULY 27, 1999, IN SINGAPORE ON THE
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MARGINS OF THE ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM MEETINGS AND POST-
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN
MINISTER DISCUSSED PREPARATIONS FOR THE OKINAWA G-8
SUMMIT, CHINA/TAIWAN, AND IRAN. THE FOREIGN MINISTER
AGREED WITH THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE CLOSE
COORDINATION ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE G-8 SUMMIT, IN
PARTICULAR TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS AT THE TWO-PLUS-TWO MEETING
IN SEPTEMBER 1999. FM KOUMURA AGREED TO ENHANCE U.S.-
JAPAN COORDINATION ON APEC PRIOR TO THE AUCKLAND MEETINGS.
THE SECRETARY REPORTED ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE U.S.-
CHINA RELATIONSHIP, AND FM KOUMURA EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE
THAT IT HAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE RELATIONSHIP
RECOVERED.

END SUMMARY.

OKINAWA G-8 SUMMIT

5. (S) FOREIGN MINISTER KOUMURA EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR
THE SECRETARY'S JULY 27 CONVENING OF A TRILATERAL MEETING
BETWEEN THE U.S., JAPANESE AND KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTERS
(SEPTEL). SECRETARY ALBRIGHT AGREED THAT THE MEETING,

WRITTEN STATEMENT AND PRESS CONFERENCE WERE EXAMPLES OF

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THE GOOD COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OUR THREE COUNTRIES.

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6. (e) FM KOUMURA DESCRIBED U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS AS EXCELLENT. THE NEXT MAJOR EVENT WILL BE THE G-8 SUMMIT IN OKINAWA. HE SAID THAT HE WANTS TO CONTINUE CLOSE CONTACT WITH US AS THE SUMMIT APPROACHES. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT SHE HOPED THE MINISTER WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE SUMMIT AGENDA. AS G-8 CHAIRS JAPAN CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN INCREASING THE SCOPE OF G-8 INTERESTS AND THE OPERATION OF THE G-8. THE SECRETARY SAID THERE HAS A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR JAPAN TO SHOW DRAMATIC LEADERSHIP. THE USG WANTS TO WORK WITH JAPAN TO ENSURE A MEANINGFUL AGENDA, SAID THE SECRETARY, AND SUGGESTED THAT JAPAN CONSIDER WHETHER REGIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES COULD USEFULLY BE DISCUSSED IN G-8 FORA. SHE PROPOSED THIS BE DISCUSSED IN GREATER DETAIL AT THE TWO-PLUS-TWO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, EITHER ON THE MARGINS OR IN THE MEETING ITSELF. KOUMURA AGREED.

U.S.-JAPAN COORDINATION ON APEC

7. (e) SECRETARY ALBRIGHT INTRODUCED A/S LARSON, AND INFORMED FM KOUMURA THAT SHE HAD ASKED HIM TO BECOME HER UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. NOTING THAT A/S LARSON THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS THE USG AND GOJ COULD BETTER COORDINATE FOR THE APEC MEETING, THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO SIDES DISCUSS APEC ISSUES PRIOR TO THE AUCKLAND MEETING. KOUMURA DESCRIBED THE SUGGESTION AS VERY USEFUL, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH U.S.-JAPAN COORDINATION PRIOR TO THE AUCKLAND MEETING.

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CHINA

8. (e) SECRETARY ALBRIGHT REPORTED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS WORKING TO GET RELATIONS WITH CHINA BACK ON TRACK. THE USG HAS SHARED THE RESULTS OF OUR INTERNAL INVESTIGATION ON THE ACCIDENT WITH BEIJING, BEGUN OUR INTERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW, AND OFFERED PAYMENTS TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED AND INJURED. THE SECRETARY

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SAID SHE HAD A GOOD MEETING WITH CHINESE FM RANG IN SINGAPORE THAT HELPED TO EASE TENSIONS. CHINA AGREED TO REOPEN SEVERAL BILATERAL CHANNELS, BUT NOT THE WTO NEGOTIATIONS, NON-PROLIFERATION TALKS, OR OUR HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE. HOPEFULLY, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO PUT THE BOMBING ISSUE BEHIND US ONCE THE COMPENSATION TALKS ARE COMPLETED.

9. ~~(C)~~ THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT PRESIDENT JIANG AGREED TO MEET PRESIDENT CLINTON AT THE APEC MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. THIS SHOULD RESULT IN MORE PROGRESS ON BILATERAL ISSUES. THE SECRETARY ASSERTED THAT THE FUTURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP IS LARGELY IN THE HANDS OF THE CHINESE. SHE RECALLED THAT THE UNITED STATES NOW HAS APOLOGIZED, EXPLAINED, AND TRIED TO PROVIDE CHINA WITH A MEANS OF GETTING THEMSELVES OUT OF A CORNER. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT CHINA STILL RECOGNIZES THAT ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS REQUIRE A PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE SECRETARY ASKED FOR KOUMURA'S ASSESSMENT OF PM OBUCHI'S JULY TRIP TO CHINA, AS WELL AS

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ANY INSIGHT HE MIGHT HAVE ABOUT HOW CHINA IS NOW PERCEIVING THE UNITED STATES.

10. ~~(C)~~ FOREIGN MINISTER KOUMURA STATED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT HAD MANY ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDING THE CONCLUSION OF JAPAN'S NEGOTIATIONS ON CHINA WTO ACCESSION. CHINA ATTACHED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE OBUCHI VISIT, SAID KOUMURA,

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THEREFORE, JAPAN HOPES BOTH THAT THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA WILL SOON COMPLETE THE WTO NEGOTIATIONS, AND FOR A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS.

11. ~~(C)~~ FM KOUMURA CONTINUED THAT PM OBUCHI, DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP, EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS, AND ENCOURAGED CHINA TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD THAT END. WHEN ACCOMPANYING

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THE PM TO CHINA, THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS FOR THEIR VIEWS ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS. ALMOST ALL CLAIMED THAT CHINA HAS A VICTIM AND THAT THE BALL HAS IN THE U.S. COURT. HOWEVER,

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KOURMURA FOUND THAT THE ATMOSPHERE HAD CHANGED DURING HIS MEETING CHINESE FM TANG IN SINGAPORE.

12. (C) SECRETARY ALBRIGHT SAID SHE TOLD FM TANG THAT THE USG IS IN THE MIDST OF ITS ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW PROCESS ON THE BOMBING. THE BOMBING HAS A TRAGIC MISTAKE, SAID THE SECRETARY. THE UNITED STATES HAS PROVIDED CHINA, HOWEVER, WITH A FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF WHAT OCCURRED.

SHE NOTED THAT DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE TENET, IN CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY, TOOK RESPONSIBILITY, AND THAT SHE HAD INFORMED FM TANG OF THIS. KOURMURA NOTED THAT BOTH CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR RELATIONS, AND THAT AS A RESULT HE IS NOT PESSIMISTIC. IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE RELATIONSHIP RECOVERS. INDEED, SAID KOURMURA, ALREADY SINCE PM OBUCHI'S TRIP TO BEIJING, THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE SENIOR RANKS OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS CHANGED.

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14. (G) FM KOUMURA REPORTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN JAPAN'S "ONE CHINA POLICY." HE NOTED THAT THROUGH UNOFFICIAL CHANNELS THE GOJ HAS TOLD TAIWAN THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN JAPANESE POLICY, AND HAS REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR THAT JAPAN HOPES FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION.

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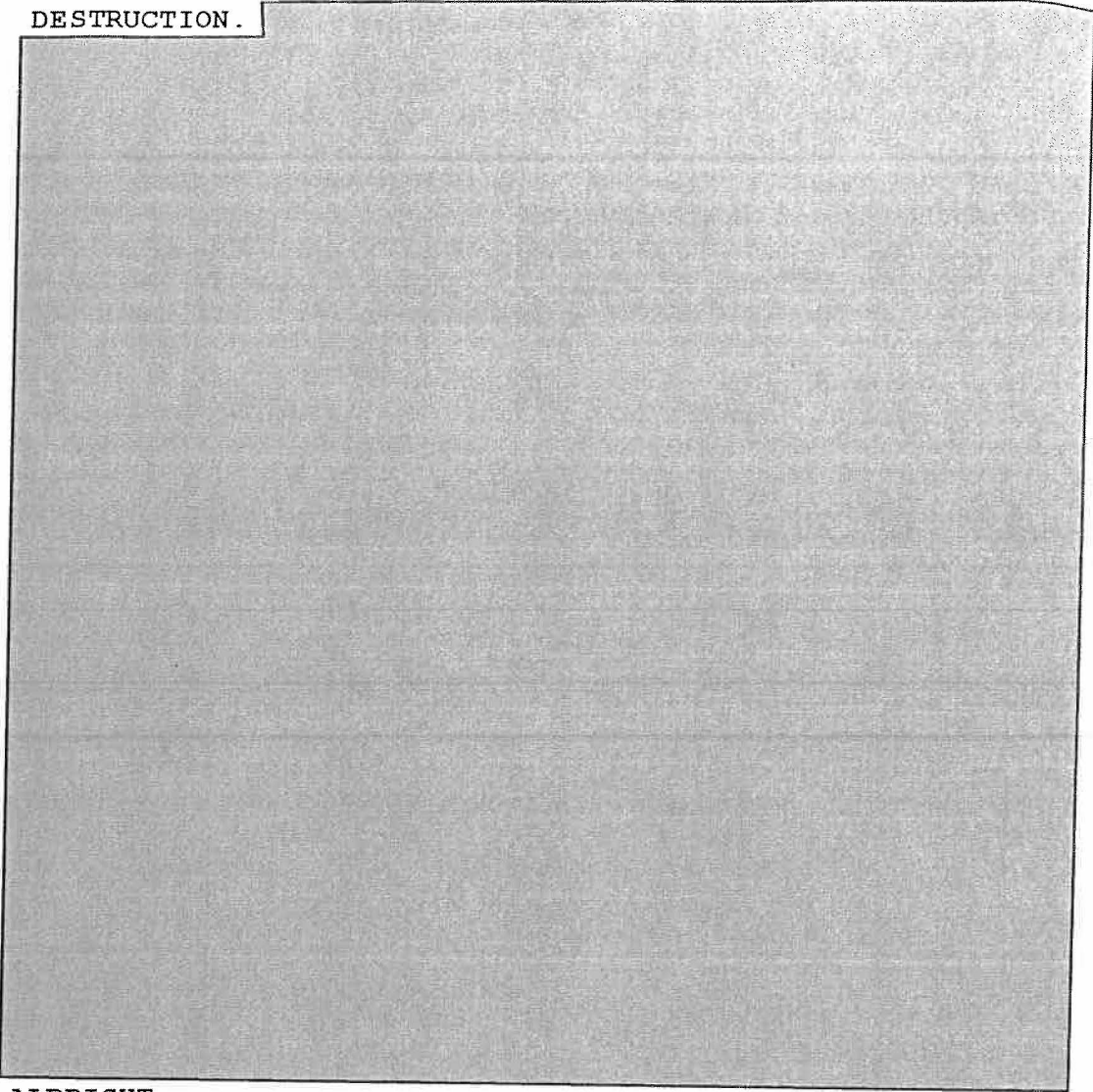
IRAN

16. (e) SECRETARY ALBRIGHT NOTED THAT IRAN HAS ALSO RECENTLY HAD LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS. THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ARREST OF IRANIAN JEWS ON TRUMPED UP CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE. THE SECRETARY SAID SHE APPRECIATES THAT JAPAN RAISED THIS WITH THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO. THE UNITED STATES IS WATCHING VERY CAREFULLY FOR SIGNALS OF CHANGE IN IRAN, INCLUDING KHATAMI'S ELECTION AND HIS STATEMENTS REGARDING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SPEECHES. WE ARE WAITING FOR IRAN TO STOP SUPPORTING TERRORISM, TO

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START SUPPORTING THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, AND TO
HALT PRODUCTION AND PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS
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