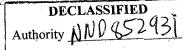
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country, US irresponsible, and said no need exists for US interference or assistance.

3. Explanation this state of affairs probably combination of following:

(A) Inability government to control scientists and doctors, weakness of security framework for legal controls, and lack of sense of responsibility to devise means to cope with this emergency.

(B) In-fighting among Japanese official agencies whose scientists and bureaucrats sense moment of glory and opportunity for future atomic research leadership. Principal rivals are Ministry of Education (Tokyo University), Ministry of Welfare, National Institute Health.

(C) Peculiar psychology Japanese scientists, compounded of nationalism, neutralism, utopianism, softness toward communism, and, for many of them, bitter resentment over their treatment under occupation. Tsuzuki, for example, had his reports on Hiroshima and Nagasaki confiscated, published under occupationnaires names, was purged, prevented from becoming full professor at Tokyo

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