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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. THIS WEEK'S "AMPO DIGEST" INCLUDES: H-BOMB,

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OVERFLIGHTS, IKEGO, AND HUMOROUS FALLOUT.

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3. THE WEEKEND REVELATION BY GREENPEACE OF THE 1965 LOSS OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON FROM THE USS TICONDEROGA CONTINUES TO REVERBERATE IN THE MEDIA AS THE WEEK COMES TO A CLOSE. IN THE LATEST "HELPFUL" REVELATION, THE ASAHI YUKAN MAY 11 (IN A STORY FILED IN LOS ANGELES) CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH A FORMER CREWMAN ON THE TICONDEROGA AND "EYEWITNESS" TO THE ACCIDENT. THE CREWMAN CLAIMS THAT AFTER THE ACCIDENT THE VESSEL

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ENTERED YOKOSUKA "WITHOUT UNLOADING" THE "30 TO 50"

NUCLEAR WEAPONS HE BELIEVES IT CARRIED. THE ASAHI

REPORT ALSO CITES AN INTERVIEW THE CREWMAN GAVE TO THE

SAN DIEGO TRIBUNE MAY 10 IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE

ACCIDENT OCCURRED DURING A TRAINING EXERCISE IN WHICH A

NUCLEAR WEAPON WAS LOADED ONTO AN A-4 AND THE AIRCRAFT

WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEING MOVED TO THE FLIGHT DECK.

ACCORDING TO THE CREWMAN'S VERSION OF EVENTS, THE

VESSEL WAS PITCHING AND ROLLING AND THE PLANE, WITH

PILOT AND BOMB ABOARD, ROLLED BACKWARD OFF THE SHIP AND

INTO THE SEA.

4. MEANWHILE, FRIDAY'S SANKEI REPORTED THAT MOFA IS

INQUIRING OF THE U.S. ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE BOMB ON

THE OCEAN FLOOR. THE SANKEI, QUOTING A "GOJ SOURCE",

REPORTS THAT THE U.S. IS "RELUCTANT TO SUBMIT"

INFORMATION ABOUT THE WEAPON BECAUSE OF "SECURITY

REASONS." WE ARE BEGINNING TO RECEIVE WHAT WE EXPECT

WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME A TORRENT OF PROTEST MAIL ABOUT

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THE INCIDENT. FINALLY, TWO PROTEST DELEGATIONS HAVE ASKED FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH US NEXT WEEK TO FILE PETITIONS. WE EXPECT THAT WE - AND THE GOJ - WILL SEE QUITE A FEW MORE PROTESTERS AND PETITIONERS BEFORE THIS BLOWS OVER.

NAGANO OVERFLIGHTS

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

5. WE ARRANGED A MEETING BETWEEN MOFA, USFJ, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MIDWAY'S AIRWING THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS COMPLAINTS BY NAGANO RESIDENTS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS ABOUT NAVY TRAINING FLIGHTS IN THE PREFECTURE. THE SESSION WENT EXTREMELY WELL. THE MIDWAY AIRWING COMMANDER PROVIDED MOFA WITH A

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FIRST-RATE BRIEFING ON THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE TRAINING, TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY MEASURES THE NAVY TAKES IN CONDUCTING IT. AT THE BRIEFING, MOFA DETAILED THE WORRIES OF LOCAL CITIZENS, THEIR DIET REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE NAGANO MEDIA ABOUT THE FLIGHTS. THESE GROUPS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ALTHOUGH THE FLIGHTS ARE CONDUCTED IN SPARSELY POPULATED VALLEYS, THE NOISE PRODUCED BY THE AIRCRAFT DISTURBS RURAL COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS AND THE LOW-ALTITUDE FLIGHT PATTERNS FLOWN BY THE NAVY PILOTS REPRESENT A CLEAR DANGER TO THE POPULACE. MORE RECENTLY, CONSTRUCTION IN THE VALLEYS INVOLVING THE USE OF HELICOPTERS HAS INTENSIFIED FEARS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE TRAINING. THE AIR WING COMMANDER RESPONDED SYMPATHETICALLY TO THE MOFA PRESENTATION, AND PROMISED TO REVIEW THE FLIGHT PATTERNS USED BY THE NAVY WITH AN EYE TOWARD DIVERTING NAVY AIRCRAFT AWAY FROM SENSITIVE AREAS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. THE NAVY PROMISED TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH SOME PROPOSALS QUICKLY. WE'LL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS CLOSELY TO ENSURE THAT THE POSITIVE DIALOGUE BEGUN THIS WEEK CONTINUES.

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IKEGO

6. THE IKEGO SAGA TOOK ANOTHER STEP FORWARD THIS WEEK. KANAGAWA PREFECTURE'S ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION GAVE THE GREEN LIGHT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLOOD-CONTROL RESERVOIR AT THE IKEGO NAVY HOUSING SITE. THE DECISION, DONE DESPITE THE STRONG OBJECTIONS OF ZUSHI MAYOR TOMINO, IS ANOTHER SIGN THAT THE PROJECT



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CONTINUES TO MOVE - ALBEIT SLOWLY. DFAA, WHICH HAS  
BEEN CONSISTENTLY TOUGH WITH THE MAYOR IN RECENT  
MONTHS, HAD REPORTEDLY PUT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON THE  
PREFECTURE TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS A WAY OF  
DEMONSTRATING PROGRESS. THE RESERVOIR - LOCATED WHOLLY  
WITHIN THE IKEGO SITE - WILL PROVIDE A CATCH BASIN FOR  
RAINWATER RUNOFF FROM THE CONSTRUCTION SITE AND  
ELIMINATE THE NEED TO "ALTER" THE COURSE OF THE IKEGO  
RIVER. THE MAYOR'S CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR SUCH  
ALTERATIONS AND TOMINO HAS MADE IT CLEAR THIS  
PERMISSION WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING. WE HAVE HEARD THAT  
WORK ON THE FLOOD-CONTROL RESERVOIR MAY NOW BEGIN AS  
EARLY AS THE END OF THIS MONTH. *Jo*  
HUMOROUS FALLOUT

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IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT TO FIND ANY HUMOR IN THE  
STILL-UNFOLDING H-BOMB INCIDENT BUT ONE AMPOKA CONTACT  
WHO'S SEEN HIS SHARE OF BATTLES LATELY PROVIDED A BIT  
EARLIER THIS WEEK. A VETERAN OF THE FSX NEGOTIATIONS,  
HE MUTTERED DURING A CONVERSATION: "FIRST FSX, NOW THE  
H-BOMB. THE ONLY THING THAT COULD BE WORSE IS AN FSX  
WITH AN H-BOMB." ANOTHER AMPOKA COUNTERPART CALLED  
URGENTLY IN THE MIDST OF THE H-BOMB REVELATIONS TO TELL  
US THAT HE HAD AN IMPORTANT INQUIRY TO MAKE ABOUT THE  
INCIDENT ON BEHALF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER. WE  
IMMEDIATELY HELD OUR BREATH EXPECTING TO HAVE TO DEAL  
WITH A DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE QUESTION. OUR  
"IMPORTANT INQUIRY" TURNED OUT TO BE: "WHAT DOES THE  
WORD 'TICONDEROGA' MEAN?" WE'RE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT  
WE WERE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THIS IMPORTANT INQUIRY ON  
THE SPOT AND PROVIDE THE DATE OF THE BATTLE (1775, IN

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The following is the GOJ's three-part public position on "introduction" of nuclear weapons:

-- ships carrying nuclear weapons are subject to the third Japanese non-nuclear principle -- no introduction of nuclear weapons in Japan -- and would not be allowed to transit Japanese waters or call at Japanese ports;

-- transit or port calls are not exempt from the prior consultations provision of the US-Japan Mutual Security Treaty;

-- since the US has never requested prior consultations, the GOJ is satisfied that the US is living up to its obligations under the Treaty.

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FROM: EAP - William Clark, Jr., Acting

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Deputy Minister Kuriyama:  
Nuclear Transit

Publication of details about the 1965 loss of a US Navy aircraft and H-bomb 80 miles from a Japanese island east of Okinawa has generated intense concern in Japan and a fair amount of US press coverage as well. The fact that the aircraft carrier docked at our naval base in Yokosuka, Japan two days after the incident has fueled allegations that US nuclear-capable ships routinely "ignore" Japan's policy on nuclear transit. The incident has increased pressure on our pattern of response to such allegations.

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