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1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. POLCOUNS AND EMBOFF MET WITH YATABE AND KANEKO ON AFTERNOON OF JULY 23 TO DISCUSS ELEMENTS OF PROPOSED NEW TOKAI MURA COMMUNIQUE. BOTH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS IN PROVIDING SUGGESTED GUIDE-LINES FOR TALKS ON THE FORMULATION OF A SOLUTION TO THE TOKAI MURA ISSUE. YATABE ASKED FOR TIME TO STUDY THE POINTS IN FULL BEFORE GIVING A DETAILED RESPONSE, BUT DID INDICATE THAT THERE WOULD BE DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFICULTY WITH PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED COMMUNIQUE AS AN EXTENSION OF THE 1977 AGREEMENT. PACKAGING OF ANY US/JAPAN AGREEMENT EMERGING FROM THE MONDAY TALKS IN WASHINGTON SHOULD BE PERCEIVED BY THE JAPANESE PUBLIC AS A NEW INSTRUMENT OR DOCUMENT, ACCORDING TO YATABE. YATABE WILL CONTACT EMBASSY TOMORROW TO INDICATE WHETHER JAPANESE REACTIONS TO PROPOSED COM-SECRET

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MUNIQUE WILL BE PRESENTED IN TOKYO OR BY KANEKO TEAM IN WASHINGTON.

3. KANEKO MENTIONED NIHON KEIZAI ARTICLE WHICH REPORTED THAT DURING JULY 27 TALKS BETWEEN DOE SECRETARY EDWARDS AND MITI MINISTER TANAKA, US WILL EXTEND PERMISSION TO JAPAN TO REPROCESS 200 ADDITIONAL TONS OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL AT TOKAI MURA. POLCOUNS AND EMBOFF REPLIED THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE REPORTS, BUT WERE CERTAIN THAT THE ISSUE, IF MENTIONED DURING

TANAKA/EDWARDS MEETINGS, WOULD BE TREATED IN GENERAL TERMS. MANSFIELD

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