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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REPROCESSING PLANS

REF: TOKYO 14582

1. SECRET - ENTIQUE TEXT.

2. DEPARTMENT FOUND INFORMATION ON JAPANESE REPROCESSING PLANS IN REPEL VERY INTERESTING, PARTICULARLY PARA 2, REPORTING CONCLUSIONS OF JAERI STUDY. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT INFORMATION GIVEN TO SCILOUNS PARA 9 INDICATES AT SECRET.

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LEAST PART OF GOJ STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF CONSTRUCTION OF
REPROCESSING FACILITY. WE ALSO NOTE THAT JNFS TAKING
POSITION THAT CONSTRUCTION OF SPENT FUEL STORAGE FACILITY
MIGHT BE PHASE ONE OF REPROCESSING PLANT CONSTRUCTION. WE
ALSO FIND STATEMENT THAT US VIEWS ON REPROCESSING ARE NOT
CLEAR (PAHA 11), INTERESTING SINCE WE HAVE REPEATEDLY DIS-
CUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH JAPANESE OFFICIALS.

3. HE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JAPANESE PLANS, BUT
RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A VERY DELICATE SUBJECT. AS YOU
KNOW, JAPANESE PLANS ON REPROCESSING HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT
OF SENSITIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH YATABE, WHO WILL BE HERE
NOVEMBER 14, AND BEAR A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO OUR
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE ON TOKAI MURA, ALSO, HIGH
OFFICIALS OF THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED JAPANESE INDUSTRY
ORGANIZATION WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SOON, AND WILL SEE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY PICKERING.

4. FOR THESE REASONS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO
RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH JAPANESE OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME,
BUT WOULD LIKE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY
HAVE ON CURRENT JAPANESE THINKING ON REPROCESSING, WE
WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF APPARENT CONTRADUCTION
OF JAERI STUDY CONCLUSIONS AND MITI VIEWS. WE WOULD ALSO
LIKE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER JNFS VIEWS INDICATE
THAT GOJ MIGHT WORK OUT INTERNAL COMPROMISE AMONG ITS
VARIOUS AGENCIES IN WAY THAT GOJ WOULD BECOME COMMITTED
TO A TWO PHASE PLAN THAT WOULD LEAD OVER TIME TO CONSTRU-
CTION OF REPROCESSING PLANT. HUSKIE

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