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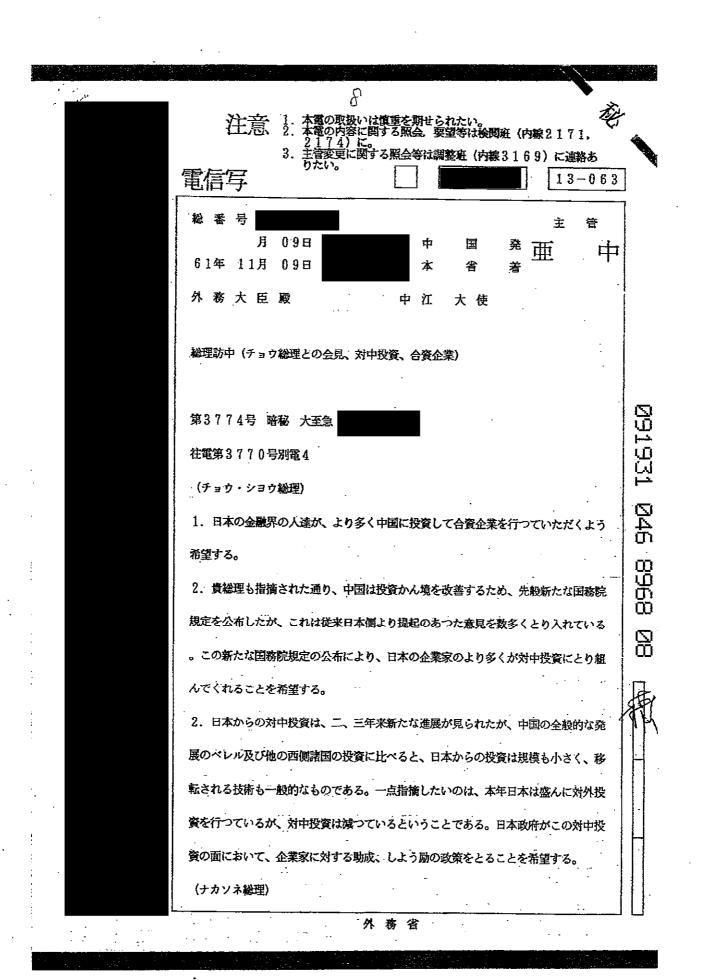
Zhao and Nakasone discuss Japanese investment into China.

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注意 開班(内線2171, 3. (内線3169) に連絡あ 電信写 1. 私も中国の合余企業の問題については高い関心をいだいており、対中投資が増加 することを希望している。先般の国務院規定は大変意義深いものと思う。 2. しかし、円高という状況下対ASEAN及びその他の地域への投資かのびている 中で、対中投資が何故のびないのかと思い調べさせたところ、いろいろな享情がある ようである。つまり、賃金、地代が高く、合弁期間が短かく、係争手続が明確でない 、価格の設定が困難というような問題である。また、外貨バランス、外貨割当てに困 091931 難があり、部品を海外から調達することが出来ないので工場を閉めざるを得ないとい うケースもあるようだ。日本に最も近く、ゆたかな資源を持ち、勤べんな国民をよう する貴国に投資が余り出て行かないのは、企業家の中にそのような不安があるからで 0 4 0 あろう。 8968 80 3. 最近日本からは対ASEAN諸国、とりわけシンカポール、マレイシア、タイに 対する投資が多く何れも成功し、対日、米輪出の原動力になつている。貴国もこれら 8 各国の情報を入手し比較を行えば有益かと思う。 4. この円高という機会を逃がさず、先般の国務院規定の公布のように、資国が本分 野で前進されることを期待している。自分としても日本企業の対中投資をしよう励し たい。(了) 栁

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No. 3774 Secret Top Urgent [blacked out] (Premier Zhao Ziyang) 1. We hope that persons in Japan's financial circles invest more in China and undertake more joint 2. As you indicated, Prime Minister, in order to improve the investment enterprises. environment, China recently promulgated new State Council regulations, which have incorporated many of the suggestions submitted in the past by the Japanese side. With the promulgation of these new State Council regulations, we hope that more Japanese industrialists take on investment. 3. New developments have been seen in investment from Japan in China in the Jast two or three years. However, compared to China's general level of development and the investment of Western countries, the scale of investment from Japan is small and the transferred technologies are common. One point I would like to note is that Japan this year has actively engaged in foreign investment, but investment in China has decreased. We hope that the Government of Japan adopts a policy of assistance and encouragement for industrialists in the aspect of investment in China.

(Prime Minister Nakasone)

1. I, too, am greatly interested in the issue of Chinese joint enterprises and hope that investment in China increases. I think that the State Council's recent regulations are highly significant.

2. However, under the circumstances of the yen's appreciation, I wondered why investment in China did not increase while investment in ASEAN and other areas did and had an investigation conducted. It seems that there are various circumstances. In short, there are such issues as high wages and land rents, short periods for joint ventures, unclear dispute procedures, and difficulties in setting prices. In addition, there have also been difficulties in foreign currency balance and foreign currency allocation, as well as cases of having to close a factory due to inability to procure parts from overseas. It is probably because of this kind of unease among industrialists that not much investment has flowed into your country, which is the closest to Japan, has abundant natural resources, and a hard-working people.

3. Recently, there has been a great deal of investment from Japan in the ASEAN countries, particularly in Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand. All of it has been successful, becoming a driving force in exports to Japan and the United States. I think that it would be instructive for your country, too, to obtain information from each of these countries and make comparisons.

4. I hope that your country moves forward in this area, as in the recent promulgation of the State Council's regulations, and does not miss this opportunity of the yen's appreciation. I personally wish to encourage the investment of Japanese enterprises in China. (End)