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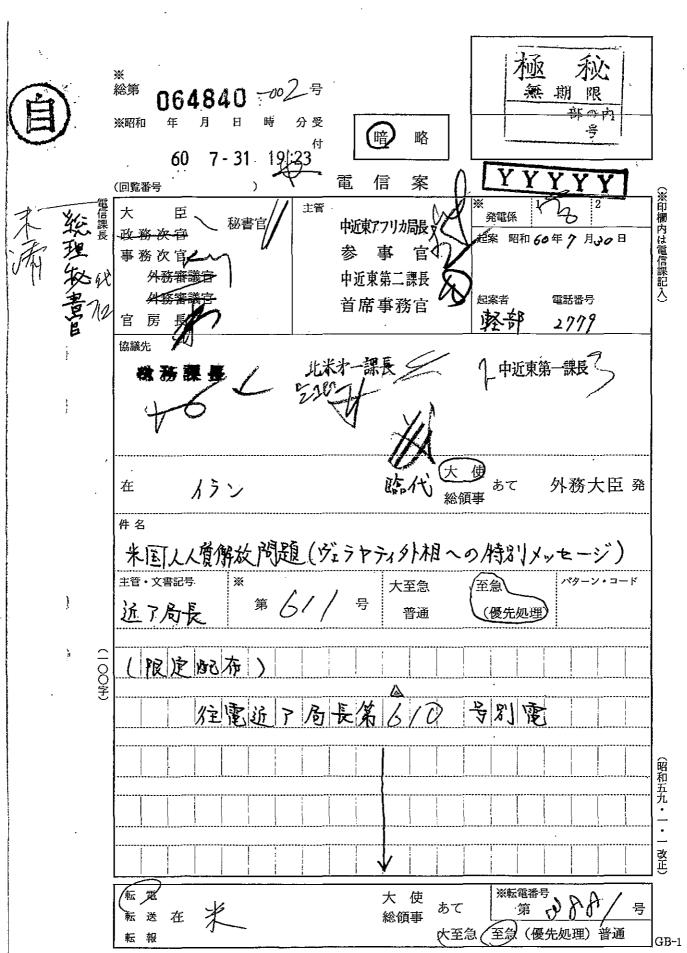
A telegram from the Japanese Foreign Minister to Charge d' Affaires to Iran regarding the American hostages in Lebanon.

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Outgoing Telegram Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau Director-General No. 610 Separate Message

- 1. On the occasion of Majlis Speaker Rafsanjani's recent visit to Japan, I believe that a fruitful discussion took place on bilateral relations and international issues. Among those, I think that it was significant that there took place a frank exchange of views on what is called "international terrorism," an issue of great concern between us. Our country, as you know, opposes all forms of terrorism. Your country, too, has similarly made clear its position of rejecting international terrorism. Having heard in this regard that your country consulted with Syria on the TWA Incident and made efforts for its resolution, I feel a deep respect for the efforts that your country made.
- 2. On the other hand, seven American hostages are still being held in Lebanon. We are calling from a humanitarian standpoint for the release without delay of these seven innocent persons. On this point, I think that your country's position is the same.
- 3. We think that every possible effort should be pursued for the release of these seven persons. If you think it possible for your country to exercise some form of influence for the release of the hostages, I would appreciate your country doing its utmost.

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