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**Second Middle East Division, 'Problem of the
Release of the American Hostages (Problem of
Public Announcement in Iran)'**

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Summary:

A report from the Second Middle East Division in Japan. After Special Envoy Nakayama's visit to Iran to discuss the problem of the American hostages held in Lebanon, Iran expressed desire to announce the meeting to the public, despite Japan's request otherwise. Japan convinced Majlis Speaker Rafsanjani not to make the meeting public.

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米国人人質解放問題

(イランに於ける人質問題)

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1. 事件経緯

(1) 7日、中近特使、アフガニスタン議長と会談

後、アフガニスタン外務省に「アフガニスタン議長の指示により、人質解放を公表する」とし、アフガニスタンの

了解を求めた。 (本件を極秘に保持して、アフガニスタンの事前には、アフガニスタン外務省に強く申し込みたい。

アフガニスタン外務省は、アフガニスタン議長に伝わり、アフガニスタンの操作。)。

(2) アフガニスタンの外務省に対し、本件を不公表に、アフガニスタンの外務省に、アフガニスタンの再発を要請。

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1. Background to the Present Situation

1) On the 7th, following the meeting between Special Envoy Nakayama and Majlis Speaker Rafsanjani, the Iranian Foreign Ministry, at the instruction of Majlis Speaker Rafsanjani, expressed its desire to announce the meeting to the public and sought our side's understanding. (We made a strong request of the Iranian Foreign Ministry beforehand on keeping this matter secret, but it appears that this point was not communicated correctly to Majlis Speaker Rafsanjani.)

2) Our side responded by insisting that they not announce this matter publicly and requesting the Iranian side to reconsider. The Iranian side then confirmed to us that they brought this matter to the attention of Majlis Speaker Rafsanjani who, having reconsidered it, decided to respect our side's intention and refrain from making a public announcement.

2. Points to Keep in Mind Regarding This Matter

1) At the time this matter was settled, the Iranian side pointed to instances in the past when Iran had made a request that the contents of talks between Japan and Iran not be made public but that, even so, the Japanese side had in some form made the information public or leaked it to the press. One can say of this point that we "owe" the Iranian side one.

2) Also, after all this, it will not be good for our relationship with Iran if the dispatch of our special envoy in this matter is leaked from our side, so we need to pay even more attention regarding this point.