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SUBJECT: NPT REVCON: JAPAN NPT RATIFICATION; PHYSICAL PROTECTION
AND REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS

1. R. IMAI, MEMBER JAPANESE DEL, IN CONVERSATION WITH
DELOFF, SAID NPT RATIFICATION UNLIKELY DURING PRESENT
DIET SESSION. PROSPECTS FOR EXTENSION OF SESSION NOT
REPEAT NOT GOOD. THUS, MOST FORESEEABLE PROGRESS
WOULD BE PASSAGE BY LOWER HOUSE AND REFERRAL TO UPPER
HOUSE DURING PRESENT SESSION, WITH UPPER HOUSE TAKING
UP IN AUTUMN SESSION.

2. RE PHYSICAL PROTECTION, IMAI MADE POINT THAT PROSPECTS
FOR JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN ANY INTERNATIONAL ARRANGE-
MENTS OR AGREEMENTS WOULD DEPEND STRONGLY UPON DEGREE OF
FORMALITY--THE LESS FORMALITY THE BETTER THE PROSPECTS.

HE ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IN
GUIDELINES OR STANDARDS FOR SUCH ARRANGEMENTS IN ORDER
TO ACCOMMODATE DIFFERENCES AMONG SOCIETIES WITH VARYING

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TRADITIONS OR ATTITUDES.

3. IN CONTEXT PHYSICAL PROTECTION, HE ASKED WHETHER U.S. WOULD UNDERTAKE TO APPLY AGREED GUIDELINES OR STANDARDS TO PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN KOREA, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT BE SEIZED BY ONE GROUP OR OTHER FOR PURPOSE OF BLACKMAILING USG. DELOFF REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT IMAGINE THAT U.S. PROTECTION OF WEAPONS WOULD BE BASED UPON LESSER STANDARDS THAN WOULD BE PROPOSED BY U.S. FOR NON-MILITARY ACTIVITIES, BUT THAT HE KNEW OF NO PLANS TO ADDRESS SUBJECT IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS RE CIVIL FACILITIES. IMAI MADE REFERENCE TO GAO REPORT ON PROTECTION OF WEAPONS IN EUROPE AND SAID REPORT HAS RECEIVED WIDESPREAD ATTENTION AND HAS RAISED QUESTIONS. DELOFF SUGGESTED THAT ANY CONCERNS OF GOJ IN THIS REGARD SHOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH USG ON BILATERAL BASIS.

4. ON REGIONAL CENTERS, IMAI SAID HIS OWN STUDIES SHOW THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTATION SUCH SCHEME, PARTICULARLY IF LOCATED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY. HE FLATLY RULED OUT JAPANESE INTEREST IN KOREA OR LOCATION, AS BEING "TO RISKY". HE SAID HE HAS RECOMMENDED JOINT JAPANESE-U.S. FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT, BUT WAS VAGUE RE POSSIBLE LOCATION. DALE

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