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SUBJ: KOSAKA TRIP TO NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST -- POLITICS  
AND AID

SUMMARY: ON FEB 6, KIYOAKI KIKUCHI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
GENERAL, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU, FONOFF, GAVE ECON/COUNS  
FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF RECENT TRIP OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER  
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KOSAKA TO EIGHT NORTH AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES.

KIKUCHI ACCOMPANIED KOSAKA ON TRIP. END SUMMARY.

1. PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS SAME AS THAT OF DEPUTY PRIME MIN MIKI IN DECEMBER, I.E. (A) TO EXPLAIN GOJ POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES IN MIDDLE EAST AND (B) TO WORK TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS. KOSAKA'S EXPLANATIONS OF JAPAN'S POLICIES TOWARD MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING NOV 22 STATEMENT, WERE QTE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED UNQTE. IN GENERAL THERE WAS ACCEPTANCE OF GOJ'S POLICIES AND, IN FACT, MOST COUNTRIES VISITED ALREADY WERE WELL BRIEFED ON SUBJECT. IN SOME CASES, E.G. TUNISIA AND JORDON, IT WAS A CASE OF QTE THE CONVINCED TALKING TO THE CONVINCED UNQTE. LEBANESE PRIME MIN EVEN SAID JAPAN WAS QUOTE THE FRIENDLIEST OF THE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES UNQTE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO ECON/COUNS QUESTION, KIKUCHI SAID THAT NO COUNTRY HAD ASKED JAPAN TO PUT PRESSURE ON US TO WRING CONCESSIONS FROM ISRAEL.

3. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, DURING WHICH JAPANESE EXPLAINED THAT CONFERENCE WAS INTENDED TO BE PRELUDE TO CONSUMERS/PRODUCERS MEETING. ONLY ADVERSE COMMENT WAS THAT OF LIBYA, WHERE PRIME MIN JALLUD SAID LIBYA VERY MUCH AGAINST CONFERENCE AND ASKED KOSAKA WHETHER QTE YOU WOULD TALK TO THE MAN WHO ROBBED YOU UNQTE.

4. COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY VISITS, INCLUDING STATUS OF AID, AS FOLLOWS:

(A) MOROCCO - JAPAN PLEDGED \$10 MILLION LOAN, PROBABLY TO BE USED FOR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. MOROCCAN FOREIGN MIN FIRST PROTESTED THAT LOAN WAS TOO SMALL QTE FOR JAPAN AND MOROCCO UNQTE, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY ACCEPTED OFFER.

(B) ALGERIA - JAPAN PLEDGED LOAN UP TO \$40 MILLION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES CONSISTING OF ONE GROUND SATELLITE STATION, ONE COAXIAL CABLE, ONE EAST-WEST TRUNKLINE MICROWAVE AND ONE NORTH-SOUTH TRUNKLINE MICROLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAVE. RE GROUND SATELLITE STATION, ECON/COUNS REMINDED KIKUCHI OF JAPAN'S COMMITMENT UNDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON GROUND STATIONS. KIKUCHI HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS SUBJECT AND ECON/COUNS REFERRED HIM TO FONOFF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU AND PROMISED PROVIDE RELEVANT MATERIAL.

(C) TUNISIA - JAPAN AGREED JOIN IBRD-SPONSORED AID CONSULTATIVE GROUP AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR AID ON RE-

HABILITATION OF TUNIS-TRIPOLI RAILROAD.

(D) LIBYA - QTE LOWEST POINT OF TRIP UNQTE -- WHERE QADHAFI WAS UNAVAILABLE BECAUSE HE WAS SUFFERING FROM BRONCHITIS AND PRIME MIN JALLUD INFURIATED KOZAKA BY PREACHING TO HIM (PARTICULARLY ANNOYING TO THE JAPANESE BECAUSE OF AGE DIFFERENCE -- AS KIKUCHI PUT IT QTE A TWENTY-NINE YEAR OLD JALLUD PREACHING TO SIXTY-TWO YEAR OLD KOSAKA UNQTE), INCLUDING ASSERTIONS THAT JAPAN HAD LOST ITS SOUL.

(E) LEBANON - GENERAL POLICY DISCUSSIONS BUT NO NEGOTIATIONS ON AID.

(F) JORDAN - JAPAN PLEDGED \$10 MILLION LOAN FOR TELE-COMMUNICATIONS. CLEARLY HIGH POINT OF TRIP, AT LEAST FOR KIKUCHI, WHO WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN. KOSAKA INVITED BOTH KING HUSSEIN AND CROWN PRINCE HASSAN TO VISIT JAPAN. INVITATIONS WERE ACCEPTED BUT NO TIMING FIXED. CROWN PRINCE URGED JAPANESE TO TAKE QTE HUMAN ELEMENT UNQTE INTO ACCOUNT IN GIVING AID TO JORDAN. ALONG SAME LINES, HEAD OF ECONOMIC PLANNING OFFICE PRESSED FOR AID FOR LOW COST HOUSING. HOWEVER, THIS IS DIFFICULT FOR JAPAN. KIKUCHI AGREED THAT IF FUNDS LEFT OVER FROM TELECOMMUNICATIONS LOAN JAPAN WILL HELP TO FINANCE WADI ARAB RIVER DAM. IN CONNECTION WITH THAT PROJECT IT MIGHT ASSIST WITH RESETTLEMENT.

(G) SUDAN - JAPAN PLEDGED \$10 MILLION LOAN FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND, IF FUNDS LEFT OVER, MICROWAVE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. JAPANESE DELEGATION VERY IMPRESSED WITH PRIME MIN NUMAYRI AND WITH SUDAN'S PROJECT PREPARATION ABILITY. IN ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBABILITY \$10 MILLION WILL BE FOLLOWED UP BY ADDITIONAL AID IN FUTURE.

(H) YEMEN - JAPANESE VISITED COUNTRY AT BEHEST OF SAUDI ARABIA. JAPANESE WENT VERY MUCH FOR AN INITIAL LOOK-SEE, WHEREAS YEMENI EXPEDCTED GREAT DEAL FROM JAPANESE. JAPANESE MADE NO COMMITMENT BUT EXPECT TO HELP WITH POWER GENERATION FOR SAN'A, TAIZ AND HODAYDAH.

5. ACCORDING TO KIKUCHI, KOSAKA MENTIONED TWO ITEMS AT PRESS CONFERENCE UPON RETURN TO JAPAN WHICH HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED DURING TRIP:

(A) PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF OIL BANK AND (B) SUGGESTION THAT OPEC COUNTRIES BE REPRESENTED AS OBSERVERS

AT WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE.  
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