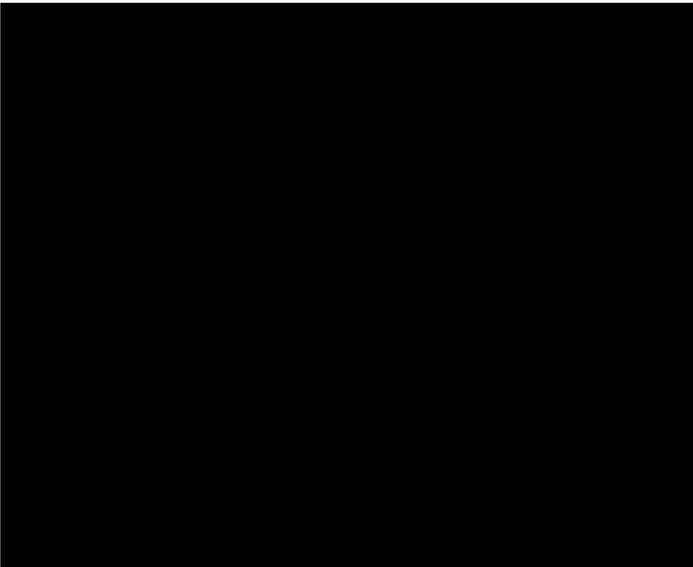


1. USSR-JAPAN: SOVIET WARNING ON DEFENSE POLICY

A TASS DISPATCH ON TUESDAY CONDEMNED THE PLANS OF JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY CHIEF TANIKAWA TO CONDUCT A "VISUAL" INSPECTION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES. IT ALSO WARNED THAT ANY FURTHER BUILDUP OF THE JAPANESE ARMED FORCES OR DEPLOYMENT OF US NUCLEAR ARMS NEAR SOVIET BORDERS IN THE FAR EAST WOULD FORCE THE USSR TO TAKE UNSPECIFIED "ADDITIONAL COUNTERMEASURES." [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: MOSCOW APPARENTLY VIEWS THE BEGINNING EARLY LAST MONTH OF CONTINUAL JAPANESE SHIP PATROLS ALONG LA PEROUSE STRAIT AND OTHER MOVES AS FURTHER PROOF THAT PRIME MINISTER NAKASONE HAS NO INTEREST IN IMPROVED BILATERAL TIES. THE SOVIETS ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL CONTINUE TO USE JAPAN'S "PROVOCATIVE" ACTIONS AND INCREASED DEFENSE SPENDING AND COOPERATION WITH THE US AS JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR OWN MILITARY BUILDUP IN THE FAR EAST, ESPECIALLY THEIR CONTINUING DEPLOYMENT OF SS-20 MISSILES THERE. THE USSR ALSO WILL KEEP TRYING TO PROMOTE DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO NAKASONE'S POLICIES. [REDACTED]



//IN ADDITION, THE DEFENSE MINISTERS WILL AGREE TO EXAMINE WAYS TO IMPROVE NATO'S CONVENTIONAL DEFENSES THROUGH THE REST OF THE

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DECADE, A PERIOD OF ANTICIPATED SLUGGISH ECONOMIC GROWTH. THEY WILL HIGHLIGHT THE NEED TO EXPLOIT EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, TO COORDINATE DEFENSE PLANNING, AND TO IMPROVE ARMAMENTS COOPERATION AS WAYS TO ALLOCATE NATIONAL RESOURCES MORE EFFECTIVELY.// [REDACTED]

COMMENT: //OUT-OF-AREA ISSUES AND THE EMPHASIS ON EXPLOITING NEW TECHNOLOGIES MAY SOON BE DEBATED MORE VIGOROUSLY WITHIN THE

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ALLIANCE. ALTHOUGH THE ALLIES RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF OUT-OF-AREA PROBLEMS, THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO MAKE ADVANCE COMMITMENTS TO COMPENSATE FOR POTENTIAL DIVERSIONS OF US FORCES EARMARKED FOR REINFORCING EUROPE. THEY PROBABLY ALSO FEAR THAT MAKING PLANS FOR NON-NATO CONTINGENCIES WOULD RAISE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS ABOUT NATO STRATEGY, US TROOPS IN EUROPE, AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL.// [REDACTED]

//WEST EUROPEAN DEFENSE MINISTERS RECENTLY NOTED THAT THEIR COUNTRIES HAVE LARGE TRADE IMBALANCES WITH THE US IN ARMS AND TECHNOLOGY. THEY ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL INSIST THAT THEIR DEFENSE INDUSTRIES BENEFIT FROM GENUINE MUTUAL COOPERATION IN EXPLOITING TECHNOLOGY-BASED IMPROVEMENTS IN CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS.// [REDACTED]

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