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1. JAPAN-USSR: KGB OFFICERS EXPELLED

TOKYO'S EXPULSION OF TWO KGB OFFICERS FOR TRYING TO ACQUIRE HIGH TECHNOLOGY ILLEGALLY FROM A COMPUTER COMPANY IS THE STRONGEST MEASURE TAKEN SO FAR BY THE JAPANESE IN THEIR CRACKDOWN ON SOVIET ACQUISITION OF TECHNOLOGY. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CLAIMS THAT SPECIFIC EVIDENCE GATHERED AGAINST THE TWO SOVIETS WAS THE PRINCIPAL MOTIVATION BEHIND THIS ACTION. THE MINISTRY, HOWEVER, ALSO IS PRIVATELY STRESSING THE NEED TO PREVENT ILLEGAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO THE USSR AND TO DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES ON THE ISSUE. MOSCOW HAS FORMALLY PROTESTED THE EXPULSION--THE FIRST SINCE WORLD WAR II. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING ADDITIONAL WAYS TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM. FUTURE MOVES COULD INCLUDE TIGHTER REVIEW OF HIGH-TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS, STRICTER INTERPRETATION OF COCOM GUIDELINES, AND MORE THOROUGH CUSTOMS INSPECTIONS OF SHIPMENTS OF ELECTRONICS PARTS.// [REDACTED]

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