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1. NOMURA Kichisaburo, Liberal-Democratic Party member of the House of Councillors, has no desire to run for another term of office. NOMURA has instructed KUKUDOME Shigeru, former rear admiral and present chief of the Operations Division, Investigation Chamber, Naval Air Technical Council (NATC) (海軍技術調査本部), to consider the selection and grooming of an appropriate person to take NOMURA's place in the Diet. The Investigation Chamber is debating the matter, but, as a unit, the Chamber desires NOMURA to run for another term. At the same time, the Chamber would groom and run as a candidate a younger person, like NOMURA with a naval background, who would have the endorsement of the Chamber.
2. The persons whom the Investigation Chamber would most probably consider as a running mate with, or possibly as the successor to, NOMURA are TAKADA Toshitane, KUSUMI Tadao, and KUKUDOME Shigeru. 1
1. Field Comment. According to FJT-1734 from the same source, KUSUMI, a member of the Research Division, Investigation Chamber, is a full-time official of the Cabinet Research Chamber. According to the same report, TAKADA is a member of the Operations Division, Investigation Chamber, and is a Director of the Japan Veterans League (Nippon Goyu Renmei) and of the Naval Officers Society (Sunko Kai).

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