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On 12 August 1954, in a private conversation, Deputy Prime Minister OGATA Taketora made the following statement and asked that it be conveyed to U.S. officials:

While many people are concerned regarding the possibility that Japan may expand her relationship with Communist China, OGATA wishes to assure U.S. officials that no change is contemplated in Japanese foreign policy, which will continue to be based on a policy of continuing close cooperation with the U.S., Great Britain and other free nations.

1. Washington Comment. According to press reports from Tokyo dated 12 August, a similar statement on Japanese foreign policy was made by an official spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office.

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