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DRV SAYS TSUJI NEVER IN NORTH VIETNAM

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(Text) Phnom Penh, 11 May--As to the whereabouts of Mr. Masanobu Tsuji, a member of the House of Councilors who vanished while on a tour of southeast Asia late in April last year, the North Vietnamese trade mission in Phnom Penh disclosed that there are no traces of Mr. Tsuji having crossed the North Vietnamese border.

According to informed sources here, during his stay in Phnom Penh from 8 to 10 April last year, he was introduced to the mission by a visiting member of the Mitsubishi Shoji Company. He asked the mission for a letter of introduction to the DRV Government authorities. The mission, however, rejected his request on the grounds that it was not an authorized diplomatic office, and informed the DRV Foreign Ministry by telegram that he would visit Hanoi. His trail ended there and there have been no traces of him after that. The Japanese Embassy here asked the North Vietnamese trade mission through the Mitsubishi representative to trace his whereabouts. The embassy on 22 July last year received an informal reply from the DRV Foreign Ministry that they had not found a Mr. Tsuji among those who have crossed the border so far.

A certain North Vietnamese source disclosed recently: "There has been no trace of Mr. Tsuji in North Vietnam. We were expecting his visit to our country. It would have been impossible for him to visit China without crossing the North Vietnamese border."

Mr. Tsuji visited the border areas both in Cambodia and South Vietnam and inspected the Viet Cong activities. He reportedly met in Saigon a former lieutenant colonel of the Japanese army intelligence service who hid himself in Vietnam at the end of the war. It is almost certain that he tried to investigate the situation in Vietnam both in the North and South. However, since neither the DRV Foreign Ministry nor the Japan-DRV Association delegates visiting Hanoi last year had heard about Mr. Tsuji at all, he could not have reached North Vietnam. Informed sources here speculate that he may have died in an accident or from illness somewhere near Xieng Khouang.

COMMUNIST ELECTION SLOGANS ANNOUNCED

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(Text) 1--Let us establish an independent, democratic, peaceful, and neutral Japan! Let us oppose the subservient attitude toward the United States and the revival of militarism!

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Major Gagarin will arrive in Japan on a special Soviet plane. The Foreign Office has decided to issue a permit for the Soviet plane to land in Japan. Hogen, head of the Foreign Office European and African Affairs Department, has informed the Soviet Embassy of this decision.

COUNCIL OFFERS TEN-YEAR SPACE PROGRAM

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(Excerpts) Tokyo, 12 May--A basic space development program covering a 10-year period and based on the "principles of peace, independence, openness and readiness for international cooperation" was recommended Friday to Prime Minister Ikeda by the government's Space Development Council. No launching of a Japanese satellite is scheduled during the decade, however. Divided into two five-year stages, the national program has been drafted in response to an inquiry by Ikeda in June 1960. Total research cost during the first five years of the program is estimated at some 30 billion yen.

According to the program, space research efforts in Japan in the first five years are to be focused on international cooperative studies during the International Quiet Sun Year and the simultaneous period of the world magnetic survey. The studies will be chiefly made through rockets and observation balloons. Studies in space chemistry, space biology, and space medicine will also be pushed on a coordinated basis. Various satellite instruments, including those for observation, are to be developed for use by cooperative foreign countries and tracking of such satellites will be conducted in Japan. Studies are also to be made on development of chemicals and mechanisms for use in planet and solar probes. Ground observation facilities for satellites will be developed. Communication, meteorological, geodesic, and navigation studies through utilization of foreign satellites are to be actively promoted.

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PROTEST TO ROK--The Foreign Office on 14 May protested to South Korea against the seizure of three Japanese fishing boats by South Korean patrol ships in waters near the Rhee Line 13 May. The protest was orally conveyed to the South Korean ambassador to Japan by Foreign Office Asian Bureau Chief Yujiro Izeke. Izeke said that the three boats were operating outside the Rhee Line and they should be released immediately. The Foreign Office is expected to make a written protest about the case to the South Korean Government. (Tokyo KYODO English 14 May 1962 Evening--T)