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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF ■ 110-75.4

OAS: MOST OF THE OAS DELEGATES ASSEMBLING ON JULY 16, 1975 IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, HOPE TO GO BEYOND THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE, WHICH IS TO COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON AMENDMENTS TO THE RIO TREATY.4

ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA WOULD ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LIFTING SANCTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST A MEMBER STATE FROM THE PRESENT TWO-THIRDS RULE TO A SIMPLE MAJORITY--A CHANGE THAT IS EXPECTED TO HAVE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT.4

A NUMBER OF OAS MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT WITH IMMEDIATE ACTION SPECIFICALLY LIFTING THE SANCTIONS AGAINST THE CASTRO REGIME. THE AMENDMENTS NOW ON THE AGENDA WOULD NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THEY ARE RATIFIED BY TWO THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS, A PROCESS THAT MIGHT TAKE TWO YEARS OR MORE.4

THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT HOWEVER THE CUBAN SANCTIONS ARE APPROACHED, THE TWO-THIRDS RULE WILL STILL BE IN EFFECT AT SAN JOSE. THE TWELVE STATES THAT VOTED TO LIFT

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THE CUBA SANCTIONS LAST NOVEMBER AT QUITO WILL PROBABLY DO
DO AGAIN; TWO ADDITIONAL VOTES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL.

COUNTRIES THAT FAVOR LIFTING THE SANCTIONS ARE COUNTING
ON SOME OF THE SMALL COUNTRIES LIKE HAITI TO INTERPRET
WASHINGTON'S DECLARED INTENT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE
CUBAN ISSUE AT SAN JOSE AS TACIT APPROVAL.

THE ANTI-CASTRO GOVERNMENTS--CHILE, URUGUAY, AND
PARAGUAY--HOPE TO BLOCK ANY MOVE TO END THE SANCTIONS.

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MIDDLE EAST AFRICA BRIEF 110-75.4

1. EGYPT: FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI INFORMED UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM ON TUESDAY THAT EGYPT CANNOT NOW AGREE TO RENEW THE UN MANDATE, WHICH EXPIRES ON JULY 24. HE ARGUED THAT ISRAEL IS USING THE PRESENCE OF UN FORCES IN THE SINAI TO PERPETUATE ITS OCCUPATION OF EGYPTIAN TERRITORY.4

FAHMI CLEARLY LEFT ROOM, HOWEVER—BOTH IN HIS CAREFULLY WORDED AND DELIBERATELY VAGUE LETTER TO WALDHEIM AND IN LATER REMARKS AT A CAIRO PRESS CONFERENCE—FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT REAL PROGRESS TOWARD A SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE MIGHT ALTER EGYPT'S POSITION.4

HE SAID THAT EGYPT IS NOT CALLING FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE UN FORCES AND SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT THE EGYPTIANS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY OBJECT IF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL PROCEEDED TO RENEW THE MANDATE WITHOUT EGYPT'S EXPRESS CONSENT.4

IN JUSTIFYING EGYPT'S CASE FOR WITHHOLDING APPROVAL AT THIS TIME, FAHMI ARGUED THAT ALL SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING AND EXTENDING THE UN MANDATE HAD ENVISIONED

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THE UN FORCE AS A FACTOR ASSISTING IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE. BY FAHMI'S ARGUMENTATION, HOWEVER, [REDACTED] IN ORDER TO STALL ON NEGOTIATIONS HAS EXPLOITED THE QUIET BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE UN TROOPS.4

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LEAVING EGYPT SOME ROOM FOR MANEUVER ON ITS DECISION, FAHMI DECLARED THAT "WITH NO FURTHER STEPS TAKEN TOWARD PEACE" AND "IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES," EGYPT BELIEVES AN EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE FORCE WAS ESTABLISHED. //HE SEEMED TO BE SAYING THAT ISRAEL AND THE US STILL HAVE TIME IN WHICH TO CHANGE "CIRCUMSTANCES" AND ALTER EGYPT'S DECISION. FAHMI SAID IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THAT EGYPT STILL WELCOMES US EFFORTS TO MEDIATE A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.4//4

IN UNPREPARED REMARKS AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, FAHMI ALSO LAID ON THE UN MUCH OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESSURING ISRAEL. WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY ADVOCATING EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN, HE NOTED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST DECIDE WHETHER ISRAEL IS TO REMAIN A MEMBER.4

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THE TIMING OF THE EGYPTIAN ANNOUNCEMENT IS CLEARLY DESIGNED TO SIGNAL THE LIMITS OF EGYPT'S PATIENCE AND TO PUT MORE STEAM INTO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. EGYPTIAN MEDIA HAVE SHOWN OBVIOUS CHAGRIN AT ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S STATEMENT LAST WEEKEND THAT AN INTERIM AGREEMENT COULD TAKE WEEKS OR EVEN MONTHS TO NEGOTIATE.4

BY DECLARING ITS DESIRE FOR CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS AND ITS PASSIVE WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF UN FORCES IN THE SINAI, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WITHHOLDING ITS FORMAL CONSENT TO THIS PRESENCE, EGYPT ACHIEVES A DUAL PURPOSE. IT AVOIDS DIRECTLY PROVOKING A BREAKDOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS AND A RISE IN MILITARY TENSIONS, BUT IT ALSO SERVES A WARNING, DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE BUFFER FORCE, AND THUS AVOIDS SOME OF THE STIGMA THAT WOULD ACCOMPANY AN EVENTUAL RESORT TO MILITARY ACTION IF IT SHOULD COME TO BELIEVE THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE LEADING NOWHERE.4

INITIAL ISRAELI REACTION HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN COMMENTING TO THE PRESS, REPORTEDLY CONFINED

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THEMSELVES TO REITERATING TEL AVIV'S POSITION—THAT IT WILL NOT BE PRESSURED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT UNDER THE THREAT OF DEADLINES AND THAT IT RECOGNIZES NO CONNECTION BETWEEN DATES SUCH AS THAT FOR THE EXPIRATION OF THE UN MANDATE AND THE ONGOING INDIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT.4

TEL AVIV APPEARS TO HAVE CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE EGYPTIAN MOVE AND ITS RESPONSE BEFOREHAND, DESPITE PRESS REPORTS THAT IT WAS CAUGHT BY SURPRISE. PRIOR TO THE EGYPTIAN ANNOUNCEMENT, FOR INSTANCE, JERUSALEM RADIO'S INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BROADCAST A REPORT CLAIMING THAT ISRAELI "GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS" WOULD REGARD THE EXPIRATION OF THE UN MANDATE AS A "TECHNICAL VIOLATION" OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, NOT SIGNIFICANT IN ITSELF. NEVERTHELESS, IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO FORCE A QUICK DECISION, TEL AVIV REPORTEDLY HAS ASKED THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO EXTEND THE UN MANDATE FOR SIX MORE MONTHS. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

2. ANGOLA: THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA HAS APPARENTLY BEEN OBLIGED TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM LUANDA

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AFTER ALMOST A WEEK OF HEAVY FIGHTING IN ANGOLA'S DEVELOPING CIVIL WAR. THE FRONT'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, JOHNNY EDUARDO PINNOCK, HAS TAKEN REFUGE IN NEIGHBORING ZAIRE. HE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT HE HAS RESIGNED FROM THE GOVERNMENT, EFFECTIVELY DESTROYING THE SIX-MONTH-OLD TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.4

PINNOCK DECLARED HE WOULD RETURN TO ANGOLA TO FIGHT THE POPULAR MOVEMENT, WHICH, HE SAID, IS NOW CONTROLLED BY "EXTREMISTS" WHO HAVE TAKEN OVER FROM AGOSTINHO NETO.4

PINNOCK MAY HOPE THAT THE THREAT OF ALL-OUT CIVIL WAR CONVEYED IN HIS RESIGNATION WILL PROVOKE THE PORTUGUESE INTO IMPOSING A CEASE-FIRE THROUGH FORCE OF ARMS. THE NATIONAL FRONT PROBABLY BELIEVES ITS ONLY CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL IS A PORTUGUESE-IMPOSED TRUCE THAT WOULD STICK UNTIL A NATIONAL ELECTION CAN BE HELD.4

THE FRONT'S WITHDRAWAL MILITARILY FROM LUANDA APPARENTLY HAS PRODUCED A LULL IN THE FIGHTING. PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS SAY, HOWEVER, THAT 5,000 FRONT TROOPS ARE ADVANCING ON THE

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CAPITAL FROM NORTHERN ANGOLA. THE ROUTE WILL TAKE THEM THROUGH TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY THE POPULAR MOVEMENT.4

PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES, NOW BACK IN LISBON AFTER A FRUITLESS EFFORT TO ARRANGE A CEASE-FIRE EARLY THIS WEEK, HAS INFORMED UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM THAT LISBON MAY HAVE TO TAKE "EMERGENCY MEASURES" TO RESTORE ORDER.4

THE PRESS IN LISBON IS REPORTING THAT PORTUGAL IS CONSIDERING SENDING MORE TROOPS TO ANGOLA. SOME 24,000 PORTUGUESE TROOPS ARE THERE NOW; MOST OF THEM IN AND AROUND LUANDA. THEY HAVE NOT INTERVENED IN THE RECENT FIGHTING. WE THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT LISBON COULD IMPOSE ORDER THROUGH FORCE OF ARMS EVEN IF IT WANTED TO. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

3. INDIA: OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE SAID TO BE PLANNING A NATIONWIDE, TEN-DAY PROTEST BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY. ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN BOMBAY, THE CAMPAIGN WILL FEATURE SIMULTANEOUS ANTI-GOVERNMENT SPEECHES BY PROMINENT OPPOSITION POLITICIANS, WHO EXPECT TO BE ARRESTED. OTHERS ARE TO REPEAT THE PATTERN ON EACH SUCCEEDING DAY, WITH THE MOVEMENT REACHING A CLIMAX ON JULY 26. THE GOVERNMENT,

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WHICH ALMOST CERTAINLY KNOWS OF THE REPORTED PLANS, IS WELL
 EQUIPPED TO PUT DOWN ANY SUCH PROTEST AND WILL NOT HESITATE TO
 ARREST PARTICIPANTS. PRESS CENSORSHIP WILL SHARPLY LIMIT PUBLIC
 KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES THAT MATERIALIZE.

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EUROPEAN BRIEF 110-75.4

1. PORTUGAL: NO VIOLENT INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED ON TUESDAY AS THOUSANDS OF SOCIALISTS HELD THEIR FIRST MASS RALLY SINCE WITHDRAWING FROM THE GOVERNMENT LAST FRIDAY. TENSION REMAINS HIGH IN LISBON, HOWEVER, AND RISING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ARE PUSHING POLITICAL ACTIVISTS OF ALL STRIPES TO CONSIDER THE USE OF FORCE.4

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[REDACTED] A SECRET MEETING OF TWO REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY. THEY REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF SEIZING CONTROL OF SEVERAL MILITARY UNITS AND USING THEM TO INCITE A POPULAR UPRISING. THE GROUP APPARENTLY HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO CARRY OUT THE PLAN, FEARING THAT ITS OWN ACTIONS ARE BEING WATCHED CAREFULLY AND THAT THE PEOPLE MIGHT NOT RESPOND TO A MILITARY-INCITED UPRISING. THE GROUP REPORTEDLY BELIEVES THAT AN UPRISING ORIGINATING WITH CIVILIAN MILITANTS FROM THE NON-COMMUNIST

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//THE POLITICAL PARTIES ARE REPORTEDLY PREPARING FOR FUTURE UNCERTAINTIES. A SOCIALIST PARTY MILITANT HAS

STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR THE SOCIALISTS TO ARM THEMSELVES TO PROTECT AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS. ARMED MILITIA, WHICH HE CLAIMS HAS BEEN TRAINING IN PORTUGAL FOR TEN YEARS, AS WELL AS THE PRO-COMMUNIST PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT'S "URBAN ARMY," WHICH ALLEGEDLY IS WELL EQUIPPED.//4

//THESE THREE MILITANT FORCES ARE REPORTEDLY INDEPENDENT OF THE PARTIES' ORGANIZATIONS BUT MAINTAIN CONTACT THROUGH A LIAISON. ACCORDING TO INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLES HAVE LEFT THE MILITARY TOO CONFUSED AND DISORGANIZED TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH PARTY-INITIATED ACTIONS.//4

PORTUGUESE EXILES ARE ALSO KEEPING CLOSE TABS ON THE INTERNAL SITUATION AND MAY SEE THE GROWING CHAOS AS A CHANCE FOR THEM TO MAKE A MOVE OF THEIR OWN. THEY UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE

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SOME CONTACTS IN PORTUGAL, BUT IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THERE ARE ANY LINKS BETWEEN THE EXILE GROUPS AND THE SOCIALISTS OR DISENCHANTED ELEMENTS IN THE MILITARY.4

SINCE THE ABORTIVE COUP LAST MARCH, PLOTTERS BOTH WITHIN PORTUGAL AND OUTSIDE HAVE GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT A MOVE TO TOPPLE THE PRESENT LEFTIST REGIME COULD NOT SUCCEED UNTIL THE DETERIORATION OF THE ECONOMY HAD COMPLETELY ERODED POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE REVOLUTION. [REDACTED] INDICATES THAT MOST GROUPS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS POINT WILL BE REACHED FOR ANOTHER FEW MONTHS AND HAVE PLANNED THEIR ACTIVITIES ACCORDINGLY. ANY ATTEMPT TO MOVE UP THEIR TIMETABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION WILL RISK THE SAME KIND OF ILL-PREPARED, POORLY COORDINATED EFFORT THAT LED TO THE MARCH DEBACLE AND THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT'S SUBSEQUENT SHARP TURN TO THE LEFT. {SECRET} E-2 IMPDET.H

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1. KOREA: NORTH KOREAN LEADER KIM IL-SON HAS DENOUNCED A RECENT PROPOSAL BY SUPPORTERS OF SOUTH KOREA FOR TERMINATING THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA.4

KIM TOLD A DELEGATION OF VISITING JAPANESE SOCIALISTS EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS ONLY A "CONSPIRACY AIMED AT PERPETUATING THE DIVISION OF THE PENINSULA." THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR DISBANDING THE UN COMMAND IN SOUTH KOREA, PROVIDED THAT NORTH KOREA AGREES TO CONTINUE TO RESPECT THE 1953 KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT THAT THE UN COMMAND SIGNED FOR THE ALLIED SIDE.4

NORTH KOREA'S REJECTION NO DOUBT REFLECTED THE FACT THAT AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST FALL PYONGYANG'S BACKERS CAME WITHIN ONE VOTE OF PASSING A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES AND THE UN COMMAND FROM SOUTH KOREA. NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WILL TRY AGAIN AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION THIS FALL.4

//IN REJECTING THE PROPOSAL, KIM TOLD THE JAPANESE VISITORS THAT THE FIRST STEP TOWARD EASING TENSION IN KOREA MUST BE THE

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WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES, NOW IN THE SOUTH UNDER THE "GUESS" OF THE UN.// (CONFIDENTIAL)Y

2. NORTH KOREA: A NEW LOOK AT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE KOREAN WORKERS PARTY (KWP) CENTRAL COMMITTEE INDICATES THAT IT IS A SMALL, STABLE LEADERSHIP GROUP. PREVIOUS RESEARCH HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD EXPANDED GREATLY IN RECENT YEARS AND WAS RELATIVELY UNSTABLE IN ITS LOWER RANKS.Y

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[REDACTED] INDICATES THAT ROUGHLY ONE THIRD OF THE PEOPLE CARRIED AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS SHOULD NOT BE LISTED AS SUCH. MOST OF THOSE WHO DO NOT BELONG ON THE COMMITTEE ARE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS. THEY HAD NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED AS MEMBERS AND HAD SEEMED TO MOVE OFF AND ON THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WITH STARTLING RAPIDITY. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE FLUCTUATION IN THEIR RANKING FROM NORTH TO NORTH.Y

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[REDACTED] HAD LED ANALYSTS TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS INSTABILITY IN PARTY POLITICS AND SIGNIFICANT POLICY FAILURES IN MANY ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS. OUR NEW DEFINITION OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NOW INDICATES A FIVE-YEAR RECORD OF STABILITY UNDER THE FIRM AND FATHERLY HAND OF KIM IL-SONG.4

THE OLDER, EXPANDED DEFINITION OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE PRODUCED A ROSTER OF APPROXIMATELY 15 FULL MEMBERS AND 17 CANDIDATES. OUR REDEFINED COMMITTEE HAS 14 FULL MEMBERS AND ONLY 8 CANDIDATES, A TOTAL OF 22. THIS REDUCED PROPORTION OF CANDIDATES TO FULL MEMBERS IS IN KEEPING WITH THE COMPOSITION OF THE TRADITIONAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN NORTH KOREA.4

CONSTRUCTED ON THE BASIS OF OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATIONS, THE NORTH KOREAN POLITICAL COMMITTEE FORMS A DISCRETE UNIT AT THE TOP OF THE CENTRAL

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PEOPLES COMMITTEE. THERE IS MARKED STABILITY IN THE RANKING OF FULL POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS; ADJUSTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS ARE MORE APPARENT IN THE CANDIDATE ROSTER. 4

ONLY TWO OF THE 15 MEN NAMED AS POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER 1970 ARE NO LONGER SERVING. ONE DIED; THE OTHER--RESPONSIBLE FOR AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS--WAS REMOVED FROM OFFICE FOLLOWING SEVERAL YEARS OF POOR HARVESTS. AN ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL, WHO JOINED THE COMMITTEE IN 1971, WAS REMOVED EARLIER THIS YEAR IN CONNECTION WITH NORTH KOREA'S MASSIVE FOREIGN TRADE DEFICIT. 4

TODAY'S COMMITTEE HAS SEVEN PERSONS MORE THAN ANNOUNCED AT THE FIFTH PARTY CONGRESS. NINE OF THE 22 MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED SINCE 1970--THREE FULL MEMBERS AND SIX CANDIDATES. WHILE WE NOW BELIEVE THAT FEW TECHNOCRATS SIT ON THE COMMITTEE, THERE IS STILL A TREND TOWARD INCREASING SPECIALIZATION. FOR-

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EIGN AFFAIRS EXPERTS YU CHANG-SIK AND KIM YONG-NAM EXEMPLIFY BOTH THIS DEVELOPMENT AND THE INCREASED RECRUITMENT OF MEN IN THEIR FORTIES AND FIFTIES.4

THE MOST DRAMATIC CHANGES IN RANK SINCE 1970 INCLUDE THE PROMOTION OF KIM TONG-KYU TO THE POST OF DPRK VICE PRESIDENT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF MILITARY CHIEFS CHOE HYON AND O CHIN-U, AND THE DOWNGRADING OF KIM YONG-CHU WHO WAS ONCE REGARDED AS THE MOST LIKELY SUCCESSOR TO HIS BROTHER KIM IL-SONG. HAN IK-SU, A COLONEL GENERAL IN THE ARMY, SEEMS TO HAVE SUFFERED THE HIGHLY UNUSUAL FATE OF DEMOTION FROM FULL TO CANDIDATE MEMBERSHIP, BUT THE OVERALL PRESENCE OF MILITARY SPECIALISTS, LIKE THAT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS, HAS EXPANDED. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

3. JAPAN - VIETNAM: TOKYO'S EARLIER EXPECTATIONS OF AN IMMINENT EXCHANGE OF EMBASSIES WITH HANOI MAY PROVE TO BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC.4

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UP ON HANOI'S DEMAND THAT JAPAN GRANT A TOTAL AID PACKAGE OF SOME \$49 MILLION BEFORE EMBASSIES ARE OPENED. TOKYO ORIGINALLY HAD OFFERED \$17 MILLION, WITH AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT TO BE NEGOTIATED AFTER THE EMBASSIES WERE ESTABLISHED.

THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED IN GENERAL TO MEET HANOI'S DEMANDS, ALTHOUGH IT MAY TRY TO NEGOTIATE A SLIGHTLY LOWER FIGURE. EVEN IF THE FOREIGN OFFICE CAN ACHIEVE A CONSENSUS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, DIET APPROVAL WOULD BE REQUIRED, SINCE ONLY \$17 MILLION HAS BEEN LEGALLY ALLOCATED FOR AID TO NORTH VIETNAM. DIET APPROVAL COULD NOT BE OBTAINED BEFORE THIS FALL AT THE EARLIEST, WHEN AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE DIET MAY BE CALLED TO CONSIDER BUDGET MATTERS. TOKYO IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT HANOI MAY INSIST ON DIET APPROVAL OF ANY AID AGREEMENT BEFORE PERMITTING JAPAN TO OPEN AN EMBASSY.

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AS FOR TIES WITH SAIGON, TOKYO HAS DECIDED NOT TO RUSH EFFORTS TO NAME A SUCCESSOR TO THE AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON, WHO WAS ASKED TO LEAVE BY THE REVOLUTIONARY AUTHORITIES BECAUSE OF HIS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH THE THIEU REGIME. TOKYO WILL NOT CONSIDER A SUCCESSOR UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS WITH HANOI ARE COMPLETED--UNLESS THEY DRAG ON ENDLESSLY. SOME EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN JAPANESE DIPLOMATS AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR PHAM VAN BA IN PARIS, HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUE.

ALTHOUGH THE ISSUE APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET BEEN RAISED, TOKYO EXPECTS THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST REGIME TO DEMAND ECONOMIC AID EQUIVALENT TO THAT GIVEN THE THIEU REGIME. THE FINANCE MINISTRY IN PARTICULAR IS KNOWN TO OPPOSE FURTHER AID TO THE SOUTH UNLESS SAIGON MAKES SOME EFFORT TO MEET \$25 MILLION IN DEBT OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. {CONFIDENTIAL} E-2 IMPDET.H

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