1. TSUJI Masanobu, a member of the House of Representatives, has for some time been a strong supporter of former Prime Minister ISHIBASHI Tanzan. It was probably on this basis that ISHIBASHI made arrangements for TSUJI's recent tour of the Near East.

2. TSUJI undoubtedly reported to Prime Minister KISHI Nobusuke on his Near Eastern trip but KISHI does not regard TSUJI highly and it is extremely unlikely that KISHI would be influenced, except possibly adversely, by TSUJI's statements. Following his return from the Near East TSUJI addressed a meeting of wives of Liberal-Democratic Diet members and during his speech he indicated in clear, strong language that he was disappointed over ISHIBASHI having been replaced by KISHI. KISHI is aware of this.

1. Field Comment. On the way home from the Near East TSUJI visited Communist China, as reported in CS-3,313,228.