

# Telegram from Tokyo to Secretary of State

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1. I MET WITH FONMIN OHIRA FOR BREAKFAST APRIL 4 AT EMB RESIDENCE TO AVOID PUBLIC ATTENTION AND RAISED WITH HIM POINTS IN REFTEL. WITHOUT COMMENTING (OR BEING ASKED TO COMMENT) ON CONCRETE QUESTION OF PRESENCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD OUR VESSELS, I ARRIVED AT FULL MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WITH HIM REGARDING INTERPRETATION OF CLASSIFIED RECORD OF DISCUSSION ENTIRELY ON LINES OF EXISTING US INTERPRETATION (OUR INTERPRETATION AND INDEED EXISTENCE OF CLASSIFIED RECORD WERE BOTH OBVIOUSLY NEWS TO OHIRA). OHIRA TOOK PRESENTATION IN STRIDE AND SHOWED NOT RPT NOT SLIGHTEST DESIRE TO PERSUADE US TO ALTER STANDING PRACTICE IN MILITARY OPERATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS, AND APPEARED CONFIDENT THAT HE COULD GET TOP GOJ SPOKESMEN TO BE MORE CIRCUMSPECT IN LANGUAGE USED ON THIS SUBJECT. IN SHORT, ALTHOUGH DANGER OF LEAK OR OF RESISTANCE ELSEWHERE IN GOJ CANNOT OF COURSE BE RULED OUT ENTIRELY, THIS ACTION WENT AS SUCCESSFULLY AS WE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE HOPED, PROVIDING STRIKING EVIDENCE HOW MUCH OUR MUTUAL CONFIDENCE HAS GROWN SINCE 1960.

2. WHILE BASING PRESENTATION ON REFTEL, I TAILORED IT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES, WHICH I SHALL OUTLINE IN DETAIL, SINCE THEY CONSTITUTE

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