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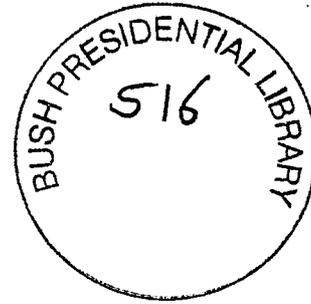
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Kunihiko Saito, Deputy Foreign Minister of Japan

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Brent Scowcroft
Douglas Paal, Notetaker

Kunihiko Saito, Deputy Foreign Minister
Kenzo Oshima, Minister of Political Affairs
Kenji Shinoda, First Secretary for Political Affairs

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: June 9, 1992, 4:46 - 5:10pm EDT
Brent Scowcroft's Office

Deputy Foreign Minister Saito: I will be brief. I have a new request for your government on Japanese - U.S. relations. First, however, I would like to make two points. Mr. Kanemaru and Mr. Ozawa returned to Japan in a very happy mood from their visit to Washington. (✓)

General Scowcroft: I am very pleased that worked out well. (U)

Deputy Foreign Minister Saito: The Prime Minister also was very pleased at the President's reception for Mr. Kanemaru. (U)

General Scowcroft: Thank you. The President was very happy to receive them. (U)

Deputy Foreign Minister Saito: The Prime Minister is coming at the end of the month. The agenda is now being discussed between the Japanese Embassy and the State Department. The Prime Minister wishes among other things to have a one hour tete-a-tete, with a very limited group present. Although we are proposing this agenda for you separately, I estimate that the Prime Minister wishes to discuss (b)(1) and issues related to it as well as the Asian Pacific region and Japan's role in the region. We expect some economic problems might be raised by the U.S. side. They would not be specific trade issues but matters of general economic policy. (✓)

General Scowcroft: That's reasonable. (U)

Deputy Foreign Minister Saito: As the Ministry of Foreign Affairs sees it, the main objectives of the visit will be to reconfirm the Global Partnership and adjust our policies in advance of the G-7 Summit. (✓)

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General Scowcroft: Exactly. (U)

Deputy Foreign Minister Saito: Today I have met with Robert Zoellick, Arnie Kanter, and Dennis Ross, all this afternoon. I made to them a particular proposal, so I won't go into details with you. (b)(1)

(b)(1)

General Scowcroft: (b)(1)

(b)(1) (S)

Deputy Foreign Minister Saito: (b)(1)

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General Scowcroft: (b)(1)

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Deputy Foreign Minister Saito: (b)(1)

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General Scowcroft: One thing that we see is that Yeltsin is becoming worried about his opposition. We are seeing this in the backing away from the economic reforms, in the backing away from arms control measures. It sounds like this is part of the same thing. (S)

Deputy Foreign Minister Saito:

(b)(6)
(b)(1)

General Scowcroft: The President will do that. Yeltsin is presently quite desperate for investment. The President can point out this barrier to Japanese investment. This is a way for Yeltsin to show progress. The argument is powerful. The President will make these points when Yeltsin visits next. (C)

Deputy Foreign Minister Saito:

(b)(6)
(b)(1)

General Scowcroft: He is not at all happy with the aid so far. He is not happy with the \$24 billion package, because he says he has not seen any of it. He doesn't understand how the IMF works. Some educating needs to be done. We'll have this opportunity and a chance at the end of the Economic Summit. (C)

Deputy Foreign Minister Saito: I should have said at the beginning that the next few months are critical. The Foreign Minister will go to Moscow again and Yeltsin will come to Japan and there is a possibility that the Prime Minister will go to Moscow, then Yeltsin will come to Japan in July next year. We will also host the coordinating conference on the CIS and then we will host the Economic Summit. (C)

General Scowcroft: The President and he will have a good chance to talk. (C)

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