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JANUARY 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCONCROFT
FROM THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEM

BRONKO'S VISIT TO TOKYO: BRONKO'S VISIT TO TOKYO APPEARS TO HAVE REBOUNDED AGAINST THE SOVIETS. JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT JAPANESE INTERESTS BENEFITED TO SOME DEGREE FROM ALMOST EVERY POSITION BRONKO TOOK, WHETHER TOUGH OR CONCILIATORY. HIS INFLEXIBILITY ON THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES QUESTION ENABLED THE JAPANESE LEADERS IN RESPONSE TO ADOPT A HARD LINE THAT HAS BEEN POPULAR DOMESTICALLY. AT THE SAME TIME, THE JAPANESE ARE PLEASED THAT THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE WAS NEGOTIATED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT A HIGH LEVEL IN TOKYO. BRONKO'S PONDEROUS WARNINGS ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF JAPAN, INCLUDING A CLAUSE OPPOSING HEGEMONY IN A PACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA, GAVE THE JAPANESE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION AS WELL AS TO ASSERT THAT THE MATTER WAS NOT A SOVIET AFFAIR. IT IS BELIEVED THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI NOW HOPES TO CONCLUDE THE TREATY WITH CHINA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. BRONKO'S HARD LINE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE U.S. WAS ALSO WELCOMED BY SOME JAPANESE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN UNCOMFORTABLE WITH U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE. THESE OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY DERIVE COMFORT AND CONFIDENCE FROM THE PACIFIC DOCTRINE, BELIEVING THAT THE SOVIETS ARE LIKELY TO BECOME MORE CONCILIATORY IN THE LONG RUN IF FACED WITH THE CLEAR PROSPECT OF A DEVELOPING DETENTE BETWEEN THE U.S., JAPAN, AND THE PRC. (TAYLOR)
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