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POLITICAL REPORT				
1. <u>Current Developments:</u>				
a. <u>SATO, OGATA Conflict on Defense Plan:</u> Following Deputy Prime Minister OGATA's rough outline of plans to increase the strength of the National Safety Force, Liberal Party Secretary General SATO took sharp issue with OGATA, claiming the Deputy Prime Minister's statement had been made without clearance from the government party. SATO disclaimed any previous knowledge of OGATA's remarks, and criticized OGATA's lack of "political consideration". According to the Secretary General, the new defense policy is still under study and will be announced about 10 Sept.				
<u>Comment:</u> Statements by one member of the Liberal Party followed by a contradiction from another member have not been uncommon in the past, sometimes apparently having involved intentional "trial balloon" tactics. In the present instance, since all party leaders have affirmed a plan to restudy the party's defense policy, the difference seemingly is one of timing and publicity. However, the SATO statement was rather sharp. OGATA followed up by reasserting his original position, SATO notwithstanding. The exchange raises a question as to the degree of harmony within the government party.				
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