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<p>THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS EXCERPTED VERBATIM</p> <p>1. Prime Minister YOSHIDA was prepared to go to the U.S. to conclude a defense agreement at the conclusion of IKEDA Hayato's MSA talks, but political events in Japan interfered when the Progressives demanded an emergency Diet session to deal with the problems arising from flood and cold weather damage. Deputy Prime Minister <u>OGATA Taketora</u> persuaded YOSHIDA to agree to the special session as a concession aimed at the eventual achievement of a Progressive-Liberal Party amalgamation. OGATA also argued that the IKEDA talks would probably be quite lengthy and that YOSHIDA could make the trip to Washington after the closing of the special session. This move on the part of OGATA was designed to offset the recent rise in the influence of IKEDA, who played an important role in bringing about the 27 September 1953 meeting between SHIGEMITSU and YOSHIDA; a meeting in which OGATA played no part. While he was persuading YOSHIDA to agree to the Progressive demand, OGATA was also working through SATO Eisaku to bring about the return of the Hatoyama Liberals. When IKEDA learned that the special session had been called he concluded his Washington talks, feeling that there was no use going on if YOSHIDA wasn't coming.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECRET</p>			
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