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SOURCE Retired Japanese Government official in close contact with leaders of the Progressive Party.

There is little chance that a new conservative party can be formed at this time. SEIGEMITSU Morou, head of the Progressive Party, has publicly stated that the Progressives will not join a conservative party with the liberals unless YOSHIDA steps down. However, there is a possibility that an agreement will be reached among the three conservative parties on a temporary coalition to permit YOSHIDA to go to the United States as Prime Minister under the condition that he resign immediately upon his return to Japan. All conservative plans, of course, are dependent upon the results of the shipping scandals investigations which could easily result in the resignation of the entire Cabinet.

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