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- Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU Mamoru may not accept the United States invitation to visit the United States in July 1955. The Foreign Ministry is delaying a reply because SHIGEMITSU is in a precarious position and may be replaced before July. Foreign Ministry officials are antagonistic to SHIGEMITSU because he lacks the courage to stand up to Prime Minister HATOYAMA Ichiro and because SHIGEMITSU relies on "old timers," such as advisor TANI Masayuki, who are not abreast of international affairs.
  - HATOYAMA listens only to Defense Agency Director-general SUGIHARA Arata, and ignores Foreign Ministry officials. SHIGEMITSU knows what should be done but lacks strength to do it.
  - Finance Minister ICHIMADA Hisato has lost all chance of succeeding HATOYAMA. He is even in danger of losing his Cabinet post because he did not collect enough funds for the Japan Democratic Party. NISHIDA had to step in and provide the necessary funds.
1. Field Comment. This is presumably Labor Minister NISHIDA Takeo.

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