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FONMIN SHIGEMITSU MAMORU IS MAKING DETERMINED EFFORT TO BECOME NEXT PREMIER AND BLOCK OGATA TAKETORA'S BECOMING DEPUTY PREMIER. ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS EFFORT IS SHIGEMITSU'S HANDLING OF INFO FROM MATSUMOTO SHUNICHI IN LONDON ON PEACE TERMS PROPOSED BY USSR: SHIGEMITSU FIRST REPORTED PART ONLY OF TERMS TO PRIMIN HATOYAMA ICHIRO, THEN HELD "OFF THE RECORD" PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE PASSED INFO TO NEWSPAPERMEN, (FIELD COMMENT: ANOTHER SOURCE STATES SHIGEMITSU'S PRESS SECY TOLD NEWSMEN INFO WAS ENTIRELY OFF RECORD BUT SHIGEMITSU LATER GAVE TACIT CONSENT (SIC) TO PRINTING INFO IF UNSOURCED) WHICH IN TURN AROUSED DIET INTERPELLATION OF SHIGEMITSU, AT WHICH HE GAVE FURTHER PUBLICITY TO TERMS. (SOURCE COMMENT: AS SOVIET TERMS WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE ANTICIPATED BY SHIGEMITSU, PUBLICITY TO THEM STRENGTHENS HIS POSITION AND CREATES UNFAVORABLE REFLECTION ON HATOYAMA.

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SHIGEMITSU MAMORU

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