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SOURCE Japanese free lance journalist (G); from an associate of SHIGEMITSU Mamoru (F). Appraisal of Content: 3.

Following his return from the United States and his subsequent resignation from Prime Minister HATOYAMA Ichiro's Cabinet, Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU Mamoru desires to devote himself to the improvement of relations between Japan and Communist China. He would like to become an unofficial emissary to the Chinese Communist government so as to be able to attempt to bring about an understanding between the two countries.

Field Comment

SHIGEMITSU returned to Japan on 25 December 1956; according to press reports, SHIGEMITSU submitted his resignation prior to his departure for the U.S. on 13 December 1956.

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