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The controversy over the position of Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU Namora has recently decreased because (a) the YOSHIDA Shigeru faction in the Liberal-Democratic Party has been making movements preparatory to a withdrawal from the party if SHIGEMITSU is removed as Foreign Minister, and (b) the illness of MIKI Eukichi has made MONO Ichiro hesitant to take an aggressive position vis-a-vis the Foreign Minister.

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