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SOURCE: Liberal-Democratic member of the House of Representatives (F).
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By 12 July 1956, discussions by leaders of the Liberal-Democratic Party as to the selection of a chief delegate to negotiate with the USSR had successively eliminated all candidates, either by their refusal to accept the post or by opposition from the faction of the party favoring a cautious approach to the negotiations. At this point it appeared that the only solution would be the drafting of KISHI Nobusuke for the post, but KISHI asked for a few more hours in which to attempt to persuade Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU Mamoru to reverse his previous refusal of the appointment. KISHI visited SHIGEMITSU on the night of 12 July at the latter's offices in the Marunouchi Hotel and told SHIGEMITSU in the strongest terms that it was SHIGEMITSU's duty to accept the appointment; SHIGEMITSU finally consented.

Source Comment. Since KISHI backed SHIGEMITSU for the appointment since before the House of Councillors elections on 8 July, the appointment of SHIGEMITSU is a considerable victory for KISHI.

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