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ACTION: Amembassy TOKYO

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REF: A. Tokyo 4333
B. State 85715

SUBJ: Nuclear Weapons and Bonins Negotiations

EXCLUSIVE FOR ADMIRAL SHARP AND CINCPAC POLAD - Honolulu

1. In recording our notification to GOJ of U.S. position on contingency nuclear weapons storage in Bonins (para 8, ref B), we are not necessarily tied to formula of written note to GOJ. If there is serious danger of leak such note, as indicated by Miki (ref A), then other procedures for recording notification to GOJ would be acceptable.

2. Our basic intent is to assure that successive Japanese Governments can be advised of U.S. position. Believe this can be done, as you suggest in ref A, by recording your account of official conversations on subject. It would be preferable for copy of such record to be held in FonOff (perhaps under same ground rules as special arrangement made in 1960 which has never

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leaked). However, we would have no objection if only copy of record were held in Embassy as long as record was certified in some form by senior FonOff official (such as Togo) that it represented true record of U.S. statement. Then, there would be far less risk of future GOJ Governments questioning whether we had in past advised FonOff of our views on contingency of nuclear weapons storage in Bonins.

3. There obviously other means of accomplishing our intent, and would welcome Embassy suggestions.

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