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WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT.

1. THE JAPANESE WOULD CLEARLY LIKE TO ENGINEER A MEETING BETWEEN MR NAKASONE AND THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE MARGINS OF THE SUMMIT. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, ANXIOUS TO AVOID COURTING A REBUFF AND AS A RESULT ARE RESORTING TO INDIRECT APPROACHES RATHER THAN MAKING A FORMAL PROPOSAL. IN EXPLAINING THIS KATO, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE EUROPEAN AFFAIRS BUREAU IN THE MFA, SAID THAT TETE-A-TETE MEETINGS WERE BEING OR HAD BEEN ARRANGED BETWEEN THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT REAGAN, PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND CHANCELLOR KOHL. THE JAPANESE WOULD MAKE A FORMAL PROPOSAL TO US IF IT APPEARED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE WELCOME AND PRACTICABLE.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MOTONO, JAPANESE SHERPA, WILL HAVE RAISED THIS MATTER IN SOME FORM WITH SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG OVER THE WEEKEND.

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