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NEWSPAPERS JULY 30 GIVE ATOMIC WEAPON STORY TOP PLAY WITH LEADING HEADLINES ABOUT DIET REPERCUSSIONS AND HATOYAMA'S DENIAL OF SECRET AGREEMENT WITH US. SUMMARY PRESS REPORTS FOLLOWS:

ANSWERING EMERGENCY INTERPELLATIONS IN UPPER HOUSE PRIME MINISTER DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF REPORTED AMERICAN PLAN TO STATION IN JAPAN HONEST JOHN ROCKETS; CONTRADICTING EARLIER REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT ROCKETS COMING HERE UNDER TERMS OF SECRET AGREEMENT NOT COMMUNICATED TO DIET, HATOYAMA SAID THERE WAS NO SECRET AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS.

FOREIGN MINISTER SHIGEMITSU STATED MOVE NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN HERE AND GOVERNMENT SEEKING EXPLANATION AND CLARIFICATION FROM US. AMERICAN REPLY EXPECTED JULY 30. TOP FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID PEOPLE AND PRESS TAKING MATTER TOO SERIOUSLY; POINTED OUT GOVERNMENT HAS PROMISED IN DIET ATOMIC STOCKPILING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN JAPAN AND AMERICANS NOT PLANNING DO SO.

FEC MILITARY SPOKESMAN ALSO DENIED SECRET ARRANGEMENT BUT SAID JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ADVISED IN ADVANCE THAT ROCKETS WERE BEING SENT TO JAPAN; HE DECLINED ELABORATE AND REFUSED DISCUSS LOCATION OF ATOMIC AMMUNITION. EXPLANATION GIVEN THAT HONEST JOHN CAPABLE FIRING EITHER CONVENTIONAL EXPLOSIVE OR ATOMIC SHELLS BUT THAT ATOMIC WARHEADS WOULD NOT ACCOMPANY ROCKETS WHEN THEY ARRIVE UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE.

DURING INTERPELLATIONS HATOYAMA SAID NOT NECESSARY HAVE WRITTEN PLEDGE US WILL NOT BRING ATOMIC WEAPONS TO JAPAN AND SAID A-BOMBS AND A-GUNS WERE "DIFFERENT THINGS ALTOGETHER." HE ADDED GOVERNMENT OPPOSED EXTENSION OF RUNWAYS FOR NEEDS OF BOMBERS CARRYING ATOMIC WEAPONS BUT SAID LENGTHENING WAS ONLY FOR JET FIGHTER PLANES. ALSO GOVERNMENT WAS OPPOSED TO STATIONING BOMBERS HERE.

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AMID HEAVY COVERAGE THIS SUBJECT IN VERNACULAR PRESS ASAHI 30TH REPORTED SOCIALISTS MAY SUBMIT NONCONFIDENCE MOTION AGAINST FONMIN DEPENDING ON HIS REPLIES IN DIET TODAY. YOMIURI HEADLINE STATED US EMBASSY ALSO UNINFORMED OF DELIVERY ATOM ROCKETS.

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