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(Asterisks indicate documents of special importance)

Our No.	SecDef Contr Nr	Date	Document, Subject & Content
* 1	X-2905	28 May 69	NSC Decision Memorandum 13: <u>Policy Toward Japan</u> . Main thrusts include continuing to pursue our current relationship with Japan as our major partner in Asia while seeking to increase the Japanese role in Asia. encouraging moderate increases and improvements in Japan's defense efforts, and making gradual alterations in our base structures to reduce irritants without eliminating critical functions. In addition, directs preparation of a strategy paper on Okinawa and provides guidelines for it.
2	X-4257	28 July 70	Letter from Under Sec State for Political Affairs to SecDef regarding <u>transfer of an F-4 wing from Japan to Korea</u> . Suggests that the wing be transferred from the Tokyo area instead of from Misawa in order to reduce unfavorable response to the Tokyo base and maintain a second major base in Japan. Points out that careful negotiation could induce the Japanese to pay part of the transfer costs.
3	X-4481	11 Aug 70	Letter from SecDef to Under Sec State for Political Affairs responding to 28 July letter on <u>transfer of an F-4 wing from Japan to Korea</u> . States that Air Force has not made final decisions in this area and recommends that GOJ not be notified until plans are firm. Notes that decisions have been made to transfer an F-4 wing out of the Tokyo area along with other reductions to minimize complaints. Also notes that the wing at Misawa may be transferred as well.
*4	X-0322	23 Jan 71	Letter from SecNav to SecDef regarding <u>plans for use of facilities in Japan</u> . Notes that Navy had planned to relinquish most of its facilities at Yokosuka in favor of expansion and homeporting at Sasebo. Japanese prefer retaining presence at Yokosuka. Navy is willing if they can homeport there and maintain a minor presence at Sasebo. Notes that an evaluation is underway.



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- *5 X-0345 25 Jan 71 Memo from SecDef to SecNav: Homeporting Overseas. Acknowledges 23 January memo and indicates no objection to change in plans for bases in Japan provided no increase in funding is required and something like a 10 year agreement can be obtained in return. Points out SecDef reservations about homeporting but indicates a study may be conducted.
- *6 X-3325 19 July 71 SecDef memo for the President: Trip to Japan. States that context for visit was NSDM 13. Reports on conversations with Prime Minister Sato, Director General Nakasone, and Director General-elect Masuhara. Major conclusions include: 1) NSDM 13 is being carried out and can continue as a basic guideline; 2) Continuing consultations with key officials are needed to insure continuity of the Treaty for Mutual Cooperation and security, to press for improvements in the obsolete Japanese Defense Force and to work toward improvements in U.S. base structure and base utilization; 3) Japan does not need nuclear weapons; and 4) Japan shows no interest in force modernization but must be encouraged to modernize and increase its share of Free World security burden.
- *7 X-4139 7 Sep 71 NSDM 130: U.S. - Japan Joint Economic Committee Meeting. Suggests that meetings emphasize U.S. willingness to work closely with Japan on issues like Okinawa, transportation and ecology problems, sale of technology, etc. U.S. objective is reasonable balance of trade with Japan by end of 1973 and a revaluation of the yen by 15-20%. US will remove 10% import surcharge only when its external position is assured. Other less important issues are also discussed.
- 8 X-4727 23 Oct 71 Letter from SecDef to Senator Strom Thurmond regarding past correspondence on Japanese restriction on nuclear powered warships in Japanese ports. Reports that negotiations with the Japanese have effectively eliminated conditions that previously prevented visits to Japanese ports by nuclear powered warships.



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- Attachments: 1) 24 June insert to Cong. Record by Thurmond
- 2) 24 June letter to SecDef requesting information for Thurmond
 - 3) 28 June letter to Thurmond acknowledging receipt
 - 4) 25 August memo transmitting draft reply to Thurmond
 - 5) 31 August letter to Thurmond from SecDef stating negotiations could be damaged by publicity
 - 6) 22 October letter from ISA reporting results of negotiations to SecDef and transmitting draft letter to Thurmond.

9 X-5406 9 Dec 71

Letter from DepSecDef to SecState indicating DepSecDef's intention of sending a letter to the Japanese Defense Minister indicating U.S. interest in pursuing arrangements for sale of U.S. equipment in Japan or co-production in part because of large deficits related to U.S. presence in Japan.

- Attachments: 1) Draft memo to Defense Minister
- 2) 8 Dec memo explaining need and transmitting draft.

10 X-5512 15 Dec 71

Letter from SecDef to Japanese Defense Minister sent over SecDef signature instead of DepSecDef as proposed above.

Attachment: DSAA memo transmitting memo to SecDef and indicating State concurrence and that State is sending similar letter to Foreign Minister.

11 X-5531 23 Dec 71

Memo from SecDef to SecNav: Resolution of critical and urgent deficiencies associated with the Japan POL complex. Authorizes transfer of \$6,775,000 to the Navy for immediate correction of major deficiencies in the Japan POL complex.

Attachment: 14 December I&L memo providing background information and recommending approval of decision memorandum to SecNav.

12 X-2222 9 May 72

Letter from SecDef to Secretary of State requesting assistance in negotiating two homeport arrangements in Japan. Main thrust is phase two of homeporting in Yokosuka to add a CVA and CVW to a destroyer squadron homeport arrangement. Second area is the homeporting of two combat stores ships in Sasebo.



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Attachment: ISA background memo dated 4 May transmitting above letter.

- *13 X-2763 26 May 72 Letter from Acting SecState to SecDef covering homeporting in Japan. States that homeporting a carrier is very sensitive because of Japanese concern about nuclear weapons that may be aboard. This could jeopardize rights for other ships to use ports at some future time or lead to demands for prior consultation before use of nuclear weapons. Requests DoD comments on this subject and the effect stationing the carrier would have on U.S. facilities now used by the Japanese Navy. Indicates stationing supply ships at Sasebo should be no problem.
- *14 X-3134 17 Jun 72 Letter from SecDef to Secretary of State responds to State Department questions on homeporting in Japan. States that he believes State paints too bleak a picture. DoD believes that the GOJ should be willing to overlook any question of nuclear capability because they have not raised it in regard to visiting warships although the visits have been very regular. Suggests that the main change will be dependents in town rather than an increase in carriers in port. Further indicates that it is not practical to eliminate nuclear weapons on the carrier and that the issue of prior consultation will have to be dealt with sooner or later anyway. Urges that U.S. proceed with negotiations.
- *15 X-4224 21 Aug 72 Memo from SecDef to The President: Meeting with Prime Minister Tanaka. Transmits several talking point papers to the President and suggests that the forthcoming meeting would be a good place to reiterate U.S. intent to uphold its security commitments in the Far East and to point out the attendant continuing need for bases in Japan. Attached papers provide background and suggested talking points for the following issues: 1) U.S.-Japan security relationship, 2) Okinawa Reversion-related construction, 3) the future of Taiwan, 4) U.S. security commitment to Korea, 5) Okinawa bases, and 6) Prior consultation.



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*16 X-4223 21 Aug 72

Memo from SecDef for the President: Meeting with Prime Minister Tanaka. Suggests that forthcoming meeting would be a good place to raise the issue of increasing U.S. concern over signs which indicate a decline in Japan's support and cooperation in the conduct of U.S. military activities in Japan. Recent harassments and public opposition in Japan to U.S. bases and activities seem to reflect a serious gap in Japanese understanding. GOJ needs to bring about a concensus of support for a long-term U.S. presence in Japan and East Asia. Common interest is to avoid helpless Japan in face of nuclear threat or the necessity of a nuclear armed Japan.

17 X-4318 25 Aug 72

Letter from DepSecDef to Under Secretary of State regarding restrictions to movement of tanks in Yokohama. Provides background on decision to return tanks to base. Notes that demonstrations at base could lead to injury or loss of life making the situation even harder to resolve, and requests that we act quickly to resolve the issue because free access is very important and the situation seems to be deteriorating. GOJ must be pushed to resolve it.

Attachment: 25 August Memo defining legal position of USG.

18 X-4507 7 Sep 72

Memo from Chairman, JCS to SecDef: Situation in Japan. Transmits file and indicates that orders have been issued to use utmost restraint in dealing with the situation. Chairman believes that there is possibility of serious injury or death, that US forces under pressure cannot be responsible for the outcome, that the Ambassador is incorrect in counselling patience as the only solution, and that USG should make strong representations at the highest levels to put an immediate end to the harassment.

Attachment: List of relevant correspondence.

*19 X-4533 12 Sep 72

Letter from SecDef to Secretary of State expresses increasing concern over possible confrontations and the safety of US military personnel at the Sagami base. GOJ inability to curtail harassment is breach of its responsibilities



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and portends a serious threat to entire US logistical base structure in Japan and Okinawa. Suggests Secretary apply as much pressure as possible on GOJ including calling Japanese ambassador to express great concern.

20 X-4873 3 Oct 72

Memo from Under SecState for Political Affairs to SecDef reports on State actions taken in dispute over tank movement. We have protested strongly and some progress has been made in moving APC's. However, it appears that the long term solution to moving M-48's will be to strengthen bridges. In the interim, suggests DoD may want to ship tanks via the Numazu Beach facility.

21 X-0074 5 Jan 73

CJCS Memo to SecDef: The Relocation of U.S. Navy/Marine Corps Flying Activities from Naha Air Base. Comments on GOJ counterproposal to an Extended Reef Relocation Plan; suggests that, militarily, the Extended Reef Plan is preferable. However, states alternatives if GOJ is to be accepted on political grounds. JCS stipulates conditions under which they could "agree in principle" to GOJ proposal.

22 X-0083 6 Jan 73

ASD(ISA) memo to SecDef: P-3 Relocation from Naha (Extended Reef). Supplies background to relocation plan (SecDef decision to remove P-3 flying from Naha). Discusses GOJ counterproposal and recommends agreeing in principle to GOJ proposal subject to two conditions (primarily construction cost deferrals). SecDef concurs.



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