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Summary:

Yoo Chong-Ha, Counselor of the Korean Embassy to the US, and Takakazu Kuriyama, Counselor of the Japanese Embassy to the US in Washington DC, discuss US troop withdrawals from South Korea.

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1. According to the Japanese Counselor, Takakazu Kuriyama, the Japanese Embassy anticipates that it is highly likely for the U.S. government to conduct a comprehensive reexamination of troop withdrawal from Korea.
2. Following the guidelines of the Japanese government, the Japanese Embassy in the United States does not take an opposite stand on the U.S. troop withdrawal if it would be consented by both the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the United States.
3. Counselor Kuriyama stated that that aides to President Jimmy Carter had told that there would be no changes in the mission of the U.S. Air Forces and the U.S. 7th Fleet.
4. The Korean Counselor Yoo, Chong-Ha told the Japanese Counselor Takakazu Kuriyama that he wanted Japan to take the same position as that of the ROK government because ROK had been strongly rejecting the withdrawal.
5. The Japanese Counselor Takakazu Kuriyama replied that it would be better for the ROK government to urge the United States through official diplomatic channels not to pull its forces out of Korea. Such approach would benefit Japan because Japan could comment on the U.S. withdrawal from the viewpoint of its interests.

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