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Summary:

Report on split within Japanese government and party regarding the Korea-Japan problems and the new cabinet.

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This week's reports could be briefly summarized as follows:

Although Kishi and certain others in the Jap government are anxious to settle the problems with Korea, they are finding it difficult to override strong opposition in the government and party. Whether Kishi will come out strongly against the opposition by accepting our terms is yet to be seen. However, Kishi's political situation is such that it might be rather difficult.

After the new cabinet was formed, with Kono and his group getting a big share of the cabinet posts, the relationship between Kishi and Ishii took a different turn and they are not as close as before. Also, Matsumoto Shunichi, a member of the Kono group is the strongest opponent of settling the problems with Korea. One Jap is no better than the other, however, the existance of such people inside the party is presenting quite a problem to the progress of our talks.