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Policy Toward Japan

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As result of NSC meetings on Japan, Pres has made following decisions:

1. We shall pursue our current relationship with Japan as major partner in Asia, seeking ways to improve relationship from viewpoint of US national interests and seek increasingly larger Japanese role in Asia.
2. We shall allow present Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security to continue without amendment after 1970 when it becomes subject to renunciation or amendment.
3. Shall continue to make gradual alterations in our base structure and base utilization in Japan to reduce major irritants while ~~remain~~ retaining essential functions.
4. Shall continue present policy of encouraging moderate increases and qualitative improvement in Japan's defense efforts, while avoiding any pressure on her to develop substantially larger forces or to play a larger regional security role.

Re Okinawa, Pres has directed strategy paper be prepared by IG/EA under supervision of USC for negotiations with Japan ~~over~~ over next few months on basis ~~of~~ of following elements:

1. Willingness to agree to reversion in 1972 provided there is agreement in 1969 on essential elements governing US military use and provided detailed negotiations are completed at that time.
2. Our desire for maximum free conventional use of military bases, particularly with respect to Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam.
3. Our desire to retain nuclear weapons on Okinawa, but indicating that Pres is prepared to consider at final stages of negoation, the withdrawal of the weapons while retaining emergency storage and transit rights, if other elements of Okinawan agreement are satisfactory.
4. Other commitments to be sough from Japan with respect to Okinawa