

## SECTION B

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VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO JAPAN,  
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## VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO JAPAN – CALL ON PRIME MINISTER IKEDA

Mr. Diefenbaker paid a formal call on Mr. Ikeda on October 27. Mr. Ikeda said he was grateful for the cordial reception he had received in Canada in June, and Mr. Diefenbaker indicated his pleasure at being so warmly received in Japan. Mr. Ikeda expressed gratification at continued improvement in Japan-Canada relations.

2. Mr. Diefenbaker informed Mr. Ikeda of the plan agreed to by Canadian Government for the entry into Canada of Japanese nationals required in connection with the possible establishment of Japanese investments in Canada. Mr. Ikeda signified assent to this plan and said he had no repeat no objection to a public announcement. (This was included in Mr. Diefenbaker's speech of October 28.)

3. On South Korea, Mr. Ikeda said he saw some indication of increased stability in that country, and he mentioned that four problems (property claims; limitations on fishing (Rhee Line); status of Koreans in Japan; and Korea's need of economic aid) would be considered in the current Korean-Japanese talks. He said the Koreans had not repeat not formally requested a definite amount of aid but the figure of \$800 million had been mentioned. He said this was considerably beyond what Japan could provide. He expressed the hope that other nations would appreciate the anti-Communist stand of the present régime in Korea.

4. On Burma, Mr. Ikeda said the Burmese were pressing Japan for greatly increased reparations payments. He observed that Communist China had extended a substantial credit to Burma, providing for such things as a pulp plant, textile mill and rubber processing plant. He asked whether Communist China was paying for Canadian wheat promptly. Mr. Diefenbaker observed that the time for payment had not repeat not yet arrived, but he expressed surprise that despite a reported shortage of foreign exchange the Communist Chinese could extend foreign aid of the kind mentioned. He touched briefly on the visit to Canada of a Communist Chinese trade mission and mentioned also that some of the wheat sold to Communist China is going to Albania and East Germany.

5. On Southeast Asia Mr. Ikeda said the situation in that region was deteriorating. He expressed concern over the situation in Laos and the rupture of Thailand-Cambodia relations. He said that although Thailand viewed Cambodia as pro-Communist, Prince Sihanouk on his recent visit to Tokyo did not repeat not impress him that way. He said this quarrel between Thailand and Cambodia was unfortunate but he was confident that it would not repeat not be too long before diplomatic relations were restored.