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PRESS REPORTS HAVE EMPHASIZED DIFFERENCE OF VIEWS BETWEEN RADIOLOGISTS (INCLUDING TSUZUKI) AND WELFARE MINISTRY OFFICIALS REGARDING RIKKYO UNIVERSITY REPORT. DR. TSUZUKI HAS URGED GOVERNMENT TO TAKE PRACTICAL COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST SITUATION DESCRIBED IN REPORT, BUT WELFARE MINISTRY RELUCTANT TO TAKE ANY ACTION WITHOUT FURTHER SCIENTIFIC EVALUATION. WHILE ADMITTING REPORT CAN BE REGARDED AS POSSIBLE DANGER SIGNAL, MINISTRY HAS ASKED JAPANESE ATOMIC CASUALTY COUNCIL TO ANALYZE CHEMICALLY PRESENT RADIOACTIVITY WITH EMPHASIS ON AMOUNT OF STRONTIUM PRESENT. IN PUBLIC COMMENT ON RIKKYO REPORT MINISTRY EMPHASIZED

(1) GOVERNMENT'S DESIGNATION OF MAXIMUM TOLERABLE LIMIT IS APPLICABLE ONLY IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE STRONTIUM AND OTHER HARMFUL ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT, (2) QUANTITY OF STRONTIUM IS PROBABLY SMALL IN RADIOACTIVITY RECENTLY DETECTED, AND (3) REPORT IS BASED ON SURVEY CONDUCTED AT COMPARATIVELY LOW ALTITUDE WHERE RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION IS SUBJECT TO VARIOUS METEOROLOGICAL CHANGES.

FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS STATE TSUZUKI HAS TENDENCY TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITHOUT REALIZING ALL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM. TSUZUKI WILL ATTEND JAPAN'S SCIENCE COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 5 AT WHICH TIME FOREIGN OFFICE THINKS QUESTION WILL BE DISCUSSED. WILL REPORT FURTHER.

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