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## US Intercepts Abe's Secret Plan on Carbon Emissions

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### Description

This is a Secret US National Security Agency (NSA) report derived from intelligence intercepts of officials within the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, shortly before the official visit of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to Washington DC, for talks with President George W Bush. Abe's government is reported to have been considering not informing the United States of the Prime Minister's plan to reduce carbon emissions, on the basis that the plan might be opposed by the Bush administration. As the report shows, the National Security Agency was aware both of the plan not to inform the United States, and of the government's change of mind, which was taken at a briefing at the Prime Minister's official residence.

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(S//NF) In preparing for the 26 to 27 April visit to Washington by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI) apparently wanted to come up with a simple message regarding climate change with which the U.S. can agree. Accordingly, METI has pushed three principles: technical development, energy conservation and nuclear energy, and participation of all countries in the future framework. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) apparently wants Abe to mention at the bilateral summit Japan's goal of reducing carbon emissions by half by 2050 as part of the "Abe initiative," which will be announced in late May. The MFA was considering not informing the U.S. in advance of its intention, because the ministry did not expect Washington to approve of such a goal, based on the U.S. reaction to climate change issues so far. It was apparently decided at a briefing at the Prime Minister's official residence that Abe will clearly state the goal at the bilateral summit, with advance notification to the United States. Japan anticipates no major harm to the Japanese-U.S. relationship as a result.

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