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TOKYO/BANGKOK/CHINESE LANGUAGE POSTS. ITEM

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ATTN TOKYO

AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD IS PLANNING TO RETIRE (150)
WPOST, 6/16 (FULL TEXT)

GREAT FALLS, MONT., JUNE 15 (UPI) -- U.S. AMBASSADOR TO
JAPAN MIKE MANSFIELD PLANS TO RETIRE EARLY NEXT YEAR, THE
GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE REPORTED TODAY.

"I WILL BE ON MY WAY," MANSFIELD, 77, WAS QUOTED AS
SAYING. "I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FEW YEARS SURCEASE."

IN WASHINGTON, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID IT HAS NOT
RECEIVED ANY INDICATION FROM THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS
SUBMITTING HIS RESIGNATION. LIKE ALL AMBASSADORS, MANSFIELD
WOULD BE EXPECTED TRADITIONALLY TO SUBMIT HIS RESIGNATION IF
A NEW ADMINISTRATION IS INAUGURATED IN JANUARY.

A DEMOCRAT, MANSFIELD SERVED A RECORD 16 YEARS AS SENATE
PAGE 02 -- MANSFIELD
MAJORITY LEADER. HE RETIRED IN 1976, HAVING SPENT 24 YEARS
IN THE SENATE AND 10 IN THE HOUSE.

PRESIDENT CARTER APPOINTED HIM AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN UPON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SENATE. MANSFIELD HAS BEEN A
SCHOLAR OF ASIA SINCE HIS DAYS AS A HISTORY PROFESSOR AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, AND HAS DRAWN PRAISE FROM THE
JAPANESE AND THOSE IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES.

MANSFIELD SAID DEMANDS OF THE DIPLOMATIC JOB HAVE
STRAINED HIS WIFE, MAUREEN, WHO HAS HAD TWO HEART ATTACKS IN
RECENT YEARS AND IS RECOVERING FROM A BROKEN BONE IN HER
FOOT.

THE NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWED MANSFIELD LAST MONTH IN TOKYO.

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ATTN TOKYO

OHIRA'S FUNERAL: SHOULD CARTER ATTEND? (120)
JOC, 6/16 (FULL TEXT)

BIG QUESTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE: SHOULD PRESIDENT CARTER
ATTEND THE STATE FUNERAL OF JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER
MAYSAOSHI OHIRA? ATTENDING THE FUNERAL, SOME AIDES ARGUE,
WOULD IMPORTANTLY BOOST U.S.-JAPANESE RELATIONS AND PERHAPS
COINCIDENTALLY HELP PRO-U.S. JAPANESE CANDIDATES IN JAPAN'S
NATIONAL ELECTIONS JUNE 22. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN MIKE
MANSFIELD REPORTEDLY HAS DIRECTLY URGED MR. CARTER TO GO,
AND HE HAS THE SUPPORT OF WHITE HOUSE POLITICAL AIDE ROBERT
STRAUSS. ONLY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
IS SAID TO QUESTION THE TRIP. MR. CARTER COULD GO DIRECTLY
FROM THE VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT TO TOKYO TO ATTEND THE
FUNERAL.

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ATTN TOKYO

LEADERLESS JAPAN (500)
BSUN EDIT, 6/16 (FULL TEXT)