Japan Ready to Commit $2 Billion Aid to Russia

WASHINGTON

Japan now seems prepared to commit as much as $2 billion in immediate aid to Russia despite its continued insistence that Russia return its World War II island holdings for substantial financial support, officials here and in Tokyo said Thursday.

Japanese officials have assured Western leaders that Japan would contribute to an aid package to be announced next week at a meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations. At the same time, however, they’re refusing to give ground on the islands’ issue.

While the $2 billion figure is far less than Japan can afford to give it, it was a $10 billion offer to the Russians with the requirement that the islands be ceded in perpetuity — a move that would alarm Tokyo in light of American objections.

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U.N. Court Orders Yugoslavia to Prevent Genocide in Bosnia

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By Tamaras Jones

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Clinton Visits Pentagon in Effort to Boost Standing with Military

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By John Lancaster

President Clinton was to visit to the Pentagon Thursday for the first time since his presidential visit in March.

He flew to the capital from Little Rock, Arkansas, on Thursday.

During his visit, the president planned to meet with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and otherSenior officials.

He also planned to meet with aircrews, dropping food to besieged Serbians in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The president also was expected to discuss general issues such as the status of U.S. troops in Somalia and pending enforcement of the “no-fly” zone over the conflict areas.

President Clinton was to meet with U.S. Defense Secretary Les Aspin.

Two United Nations’ electoral workers, including a Japanese volunteer, were shot to death Thursday while driving in a stronghold of the Khmer Rouge guerrillas. Their deaths brought to seven the number of U.N. peacekeepers killed over the past two weeks.

The body of Asahi Nakata, 25, was found under his bullet-riddled vehicle near the village of Ben Tre.

Nakata’s Cambodian interpreter, Lay Sokhip, was critically wounded when found by another electoral worker a few minutes after he was stopped.

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