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Citizens and Legislators Discuss Issues Concerning Two Countries

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Guests include Reps. Dan Glickman (D-KS), Jim Leach (R-IA), James Traficant (D-OH), and Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN) in Washington, and three members of the Japanese House of Representatives in Tokyo.

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The Japan Call-in, produced in conjunction with C-NET (the Japanese Congressional Network), is the first of a two-part special which continues on Sunday, December 9, beginning at 2:00 PM (ET). C-SPAN's coverage that day will include a trip to the Tokyo Stock Exchange, interviews with Japanese political science professors at Waseda University, the Japanese Diet and interviews with members, a walking tour of Tokyo and a visit to the East Asia bureau of the Washington Post with bureau chief T.R. Reid.

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