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ROUTINE

PRECEDENCE

TO: DIR

INFO: TOKY

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FJB 2616. DIST FG DATE OF INFO: FEB 56. EVAL OF INFO: 3.

1. RECD 8 FEB 56 FROM AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN IN TOKY (B) FROM HIGH RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (F) ON 6 FEB: DEATH OF OGATA TAKETORA HAS RAISED PROBLEM OF SUCCESSOR TO PRESIDENCY OF LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP). ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO HAVE HATOYAMA ICHIRO FIRST PRESIDENT, THEN OGATA, THEN KISHI NOBUSUKE. NOW KISHI CANNOT SUCCEED HATOYAMA DIRECTLY. LIKELY CANDIDATE AS INTERIM PRESIDENT IS KAYA OKINORI, FORMERLY BOSS OF ~~K~~KEDA HAYATO WHO NOW SUPPORTS KAYA, AND RECENTLY RELEASED FROM SUGAMO PRISON AS WAR CRIMINAL. (FIELD COMMENT: KAYA WAS FINANCE MINISTER IN FIRST KONOE AND TOJO CABINETS, WAS INDICATED AS TOP WAR CRIMINAL. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, HE WAS PAROLED FROM SUGAMO 17 SEP 55.)

2. RECD 6 FEB 56 FROM JAPANESE FREE LANCE JOURNALIST (F): NEWCOMER TO POLITICS WHO SHOULD BE WATCHED IS KAYA OKINORI. KAYA IS VERY POWERFUL BEHIND SCENES AND IS PLANNING POLITICAL COMEBACK. HE IS PARTICULARLY STRONG IN FINANCE MINISTRY. HE WILL PROBABLY RUN

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