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1. There is a movement among conservative political circles to boost KAYA Okinori, former Finance Minister, to a position of leadership in the Liberal-Democratic Party.¹
2. HAYASHI Joji has retired into the background as far as his chances for leadership are concerned.²

Field Comments

1. KAYA, who was Finance Minister in the Konoe and Tojo Cabinets, was paroled in September 1955 after serving part of a prison sentence as a war criminal. Further information on his political aspirations is available in CS-85522.
2. HAYASHI's political prospects are mentioned in CS-84889, CS-86050, and CS-86077.

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Okinori
NUMASA Ryuji, Chief, Central Investigative Agency (public opinion research work) said (to KABAYAMA Gmji): The newcomer to politics who should be watched is KAYA, former Finance Minister recently released from Sugamo. KAYA is very strong behind the scenes and is devoting his attention to a political comeback. He is particularly strong in the Finance Ministry. KAYA will probably run for the Diet at the first opportunity and be elected. (C/R, dtd 5 & 6 Feb 56, FJBA-9183, dtd 28 Mar 56)

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