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FJT 2437. DIST: FG. INFO RECEIVED 21 JUNE 57 FROM JAPANESE JOURNALIST (C) WITH PARA 1 FROM PROMINENT JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN (F) DURING WEEK OF 16 JUNE AND PARA 2 FROM KAYA OKINORI, 20 JUNE. DATE OF INFO: JUNE 57. EVAL OF INFO: 3

1. GROUP OF INFLUENTIAL BUSINESSMEN GIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PREMIER KISHI NOBUSUKE, HEADED BY NINOMIYA YOSHIMOTO, PRESIDENT TOYO SODA CO, INTENT TO TRY TO PERSUADE KISHI TO APPOINT MATSUMOTO TAKIZO STATE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF DEFENSE AGENCY WHEN CABINET IS REORGANIZED. BUSINESSMEN BELIEVE MATSUMOTO'S RELATIVE YOUTH AND VIGOR WILL REVITALIZE DEFENSE BUILDUP PROGRAM. GROUP IS OPTIMISTIC THAT KISHI WILL APPOINT MATSUMOTO BECAUSE GROUP HAS NEVER REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT.

2. KAYA OKINORI DOES NOT INTEND TO SEEK POST OF FINANCE MINISTER BUT WOULD ACCEPT POST IF OFFERED. KAYA WOULD PREFER TO REMAIN IN BACKGROUND AS FINANCIAL ADVISER TO KISHI. KAYA FEELS JAPANESE ECONOMY BASICALLY SOUND AND BELIEVES JAPAN SHOULD BE ABLE OVERCOME ITS FINANCIAL CRISIS WITH RELATIVE EASE. (FIELD COMMENT: SOURCE HAD NOT MET KAYA FOR DECADE, FOUND HIM MUCH CHANGED AND GOT IMPRESSION KAYA'S STAY IN SUGAMO PRISON HAD CONSIDERABLY MODERATED HIS NATIONALISTIC VIEWPOINT).

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 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MEMBERS OF NINOMIYA GROUP AS SAKURADA TAKESHI, SHIKANAI
 NOBUTAKA, MIZUNO SHIGEO, KISHI NICHIZO, ANDO TOYOROKU, KOSAKA (ALSO RECEIVED
 KOZAKA) TOKUSABURO. GROUP'S EVALUATION OF MATSUMOTO MARKEDLY DIFFERENT FROM
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