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FROM Chief of Station, C J			DATE 22 Dec 1958
SUBJECT Operational Visit of KAYA Okinori to the United States			RE: "43-3" -- (CHECK "X" ONE)
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<p>1. FURUYA Toru, Chief, CRC, mentioned to C J and . e on 18 December 1958 that:</p> <p>*KAYA Okinori (201-103812, DOB: 1889). Liberal-Democratic member of the House of Representatives. Former Finance Minister and war criminal, released in 1955.</p> <p>intends to travel to the United States early in 1959. Although at this point it is not entirely clear on whose initiative FURUYA's action was taken, he stated that it would be very much appreciated if Robert B. ASCHAM could find the time to give KAYA an interview while the latter is in Washington.</p> <p>2. FURUYA stated that, while KAYA is not directly concerned with the intelligence and internal security picture in Japan, he is vitally concerned with national security matters and is, of course, an expert on finance. FURUYA added that he had "helped" KAYA with his recent successful campaign to win a seat in the House of Representatives.</p> <p>3. Our observations have been that KAYA has been behaving admirably since his return to public life. He has several times been entertained at the Embassy, and has expressed his gratitude to the Ambassador for U. S. action in pardoning him. Immediately upon reentering Liberal-Democratic party politics he became an influential member of the party and, while his factional alignment is not explicitly clear, his actions have marked him as a fairly close adherent to Prime Minister KISHI, with strong leanings toward the factions owing allegiance to former Prime Minister YOSHIDA Shigeru. In any case, he promises to be an influential force in future LDP politics and very possibly a future Cabinet Minister.</p> <p>4. This dispatch is merely for the purpose of giving you advance notice of KAYA's desires, and to request any comments you may have on ASCHAM's availability to meet him briefly in January or early February. FURUYA has promised us more details as soon as they are firmed up, and we will forward them to you without delay when received.</p>			
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