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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KAYA Okinori Visit to the Director

REF: A. [ ] 7081 (IN 10397)  
B. ICEFALL-CRESTFALL Memo dated 22 January 1959

1. Reference B requested guidance from State on the advisability of permitting KAYA to visit the Director while the former is in Washington. In pursuance thereof, I conferred with Messrs. Howard Parsons and Bartlett Wells in the latter's office on 23 January.

2. Howard Parsons had just come from J. Graham Parsons, whose opinion was that "he would prefer that such a meeting be avoided if possible." After some discussion, it was agreed that the main element of undesirability of such a visit lay in press treatment in Japan and possibly also in the U.S. While it would probably not be in KAYA's interest to publicize a visit to the Director, it is unlikely that he could keep it from the Japanese newsmen in the U.S. who would surely give KAYA extensive publicity. Publicity of the visit in Japan might give the Socialists ammunition for linking the new Mutual Security Treaty negotiations with Japanese legislation regarding espionage and internal security. Further, the U.S. press and possibly some Congressmen might look dimly upon the Director's receiving a recently pardoned Class A War Criminal who was a prominent member of Japan's wartime Cabinet. It was agreed, at the same time, that offense to KAYA should be avoided in that he was already a powerful figure in the LDP, and probably a future cabinet member (possibly Prime Minister).

3. Howard Parsons and Wells therefore recommended that Mr. [ ] be informed that the KAYA visit to the Director would not be regarded favorably unless the Ambassador and Mr. [ ] had strong reasons for thinking otherwise, in which case, the matter would be rescrutinized. Mr. Wells said he would put this into a memo replying to ours.

4. Immediately upon my return to my office, Mr. Wells telephoned to state that Mr. J. Graham Parsons had had some second thoughts; Wells requested that action be deferred until we hear from him further.

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