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<p>PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p>Evaluation: F-3</p> <p>Source: Japanese journalist with intelligence experience, a longtime acquaintance of OGATA.</p> <p>The following information pertinent to Subject, KODAMA Yoshio, has been excerpted verbatim from the above referenced document.</p> <p>1. Three possible positions in the next Liberal Party cabinet have been mentioned for OGATA Taketora (4872/2455/4554/5706), former editor-in-chief of <u>Asahi Shimbun</u> and president of the Information Bureau of the government during the war: Prime Minister, Minister of Defense, and Minister of Education.</p> <p>5. OGATA is popular with present-day rightists in general. He is in contact with leading members of the pre-war Genyo-sha, in particular with SASAKAWA Ryoichi (/1557/5328/0001) and <u>KODAMA Yoshio</u> (0348/3768/6235/1807). His contact with former military figures is not direct, but is closely maintained through <u>TAKAYAMA Tabei</u> (7559/1472/1129/1627), an influential but relatively unknown pro-militarist who was active before the war. <u>TAKAYAMA</u> was close to Generals <u>MINAMI Jiro</u>, <u>SUGIYAMA Hajime</u>, and <u>ANAMI Korechika</u>, and has introduced OGATA to former Colonel <u>TSUJI Masanobu</u>.</p> <p><u>1. Source Comment:</u> OGATA is a sincere and patriotic man, but his assumption of either position, Prime Minister or Minister of Defense, would create a danger to Japan and to US-Japanese relations. OGATA cannot say no; he is surrounded by former rightists and military men. It is possible that his judgement would be controlled by these men and it is also possible that he would be too weak to act decisively if a coup were attempted. A story illustrative of his indecision: When, in the fall of 1942 OGATA toured southeast Asia, he was shown top secret documents which showed clearly that Japan would lose the war. OGATA recognized this fact but did nothing to bring about surrender when he returned to Tokyo.</p> <p align="center">THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.</p> <p align="center">SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION</p>			
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