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Report of Findings

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25. On 4 February 1955, the following information was obtained from CIAW-831:

a. With the establishment of the Japan Democratic Party and the rise to power of Premier Hatoyama and Foreign Minister Shigemitsu, the political designs of KODAMA, Yoshio (佐々木 義生); DOB 18 February 1912; male; Japanese; home address, 302-banchi, Jiyugaoka, Maguro-ku, Tokyo-to; and Miura, Giichi (三浦 吉一); DOB 27 February 1898; male; Japanese; home address, 127-banchi, 1-chome, Shin-machi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo-to; may be realized. As long-time intimate and political friends of Hatoyama and Shigemitsu, KODAMA and Miura have financially aided and supported the political growth of Hatoyama and Shigemitsu. Hatoyama first met KODAMA in September 1945, when KODAMA contributed ¥10,000,000 to Hatoyama's Liberal Party funds. KODAMA had acquired a large sum of money while working for the Japanese Government in China as a procurer of rare metals.

b. Hatoyama attempted to have KODAMA appointed Chief of the Youth Department of the Liberal Party in 1945, but Party conservatives blocked the appointment. KODAMA continued to aid Hatoyama and the Liberal Party by arranging for donations from the Hozen Keizai Kai (経済連会) (Economic Security Society), which eventually reached ¥20,000,000. The Progressive Party, now defunct, received a reported ¥40,000,000 from the Society through KODAMA.

c. Although the connection between KODAMA and Shigemitsu has been concealed from the public, they have been close friends since 1937. During the late 1930's Shigemitsu, then Foreign Minister, employed KODAMA as a Foreign Service intelligence agent and supplied him with covert intelligence funds. KODAMA subsequently established the KODAMA Kikan (佐々木 義生 機関) (KODAMA Intelligence Organ) and by the end of World War II the service had assets of ¥3,200,000,000. At the end of the war, KODAMA was appointed a councilor of the Higashikuni cabinet upon the recommendation of Shigemitsu, after which he contributed a substantial amount of money to the cabinet funds.

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d. Miura, a relative of Ichimada, Hisato (一ノ山 七郎); former President of the Japan Bank and present Finance Minister on Hatoyama's cabinet, is now in a position to use Ichimada's influence to establish further connections within Japan's financial circles.

e. It is generally believed by rightists that KODAMA and Miura's influence will be greatly increased upon the formation of a Democratic Party government after the general elections. Their past financial aid and support of the Party will result in their having a voice in the new cabinet where they can actively support anti-communism, revival of Japanese nationalism, disarmament, and other rightist programs. However, it is not believed that they will gain any real power within the Japan Democratic Party because of the apprehension conservative Party members have toward extreme nationalists, such as KODAMA and Miura.

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