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| YOSHIDA YOSHI KJI (U)  | XF-3-202742 (5b3)                             |
| 4. Report of Findings  |   |
| <p>THE DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION IS RESTRICTED BY THE PROVISIONS OF P.R. GR. PH 43, SR 360-320-10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE WILL COMPROMISE THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION.</p> <p>172. (INFORMANT) On 19 August 1957, the following information was obtained from O-10:</p> <p>A. On 2 August 1957, Yoshida, Masuzo (吉田益三); Chairman, KOKUJIN DOSHI KJI (PEOPLES COURTESY SOCIETY); male; Japanese; attended a reception in Tokyo given by Kono, Ichiro (河野一郎); Director, Economic Planning Board; male; Japanese. The reception was given in connection with Kono's recent purchase of a two-storied western-style building, located in front of the Soviet Embassy, Tokyo. The building has been used in the past as a stakeout by the Japanese Police in surveillance of the Soviet Embassy. Although a sign in front of the building reads "Dormitory for the Japan Cattle-Food Company, Ltd"; it is believed that the building will be used as offices for the Shunju Kai (春秋会) (Spring and Autumn Society), of which Kono is an official. Kodama, Yoshio (北玉雄); member of the Kono Faction, Liberal Democratic Party; male; Japanese; is said to have invited Yoshida to the reception. The invitation is believed to have been extended for the express purpose of introducing Yoshida to present political leaders. In addition to Yoshida, the following guests were identified:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Kawashima, Shojiro (川島正次郎); Secretary General, Liberal Democratic Party; male; Japanese.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Miura, Giichi (三浦義一); male; Japanese; well-known rightist official.</p> <p>B. During the reception, Kodama questioned Kono regarding the wisdom of purchasing the building in view of the fact that it has been used by the Japanese police and the purchase might be construed as interfering with police activity. Furthermore, some officials might think that Kono's purchase of the building strengthens charges that Kono is pro-Communist. Kono denied that he intended to interfere with police activities but is said to have offered no rebuttal to the possible pro-Communist ramifications. (B-3)</p> <p>173. (INFORMANT) On 20 August 1957, the following information was obtained from KF-2007:</p> |   |
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Event Summary

a. On 2 August 1957, Yoshida, Masuzo (吉田益三); Chairman, PEOPLES CO-OPERATES SOCIETY; male; Japanese; attended a reception in Tokyo-to, given by Kono, Ichiro (河野一三郎); Director, Economic Planning Board; male; Japanese. Yoshida received a personal invitation by long-distance telephone from Kono, who also offered to pay Yoshida's air transportation to Tokyo. Yoshida, however, declined the offer to pay his transportation. The purpose of the reception was to acquaint governmental officials and other dignitaries with a two-storied western-style building located in front of the Soviet Embassy, which Kono recently purchased for 10,000,000 yen. Kono reportedly said, in a joking manner, that he purchased the building to quell a rumor that he was attempting an under-cover deal with the Soviets and was visiting the Soviet Embassy through the back door.

b. The reason for Kono's personal invitation to Yoshida is unknown. It is believed that he extended the invitation in recognition of Yoshida as the senior rightist leader.

c. It is not believed that Kono is actually pro-Communist; however, he has respect for the powerful dictatorial actions taken by the Soviet leaders. Kono is a career diplomat, willing to negotiate with any power to gain the most benefits for Japan. (B-3)

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