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Activities of KODAMA Yoshio,  
Japanese Rightist Leader

25 January 1963

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December 1962

Japan, Tokyo (14 December 1962)

An official Japanese service; from a source described as a member of the council of the Current Situation Countermeasures Council. Appraisal of Content: 3.

1. KODAMA Yoshio, the real leader of Japanese rightists, has recently been actively campaigning to bring all rightists to his side. He has had success with many gamblers, gangsters, and ordinary rightists, but some rightists suspect that KODAMA's program is intended to solidify the position of KONO Ichiro as a candidate for Prime Minister, and KODAMA has frequently attempted to break down anti-KONO rightists. The only major anti-KODAMA factions in the right are the Current Situation Countermeasures Council (Jikyoku Taisaku Kyogikai), the Japan Youth League (Nippon Seinen Renmei) headed by TOYOTA Kazuo and reportedly loyal to SATO Eisaku, and the Ginbu Kai headed by TAKEI Keizo.
2. KODAMA has been supporting the Gijin Association since June 1959 and is responsible for its growth. He controls it completely and has made its head, TAKAHASHI Gijin, one of his trusted supporters. KODAMA invited representatives of gambling and gangster organizations including the Matsuba Kai, the Kokusui Kai, and the Gijin Association to a dinner at the Hotel Okura on 4 October 1962.<sup>1</sup>

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3. When, on 10 October 1962, a member of the Inagawa Gumi killed the head of the Chiba chapter of the Matsuba Kai in a jurisdictional dispute, KODAMA worked through the Minato Kai to have the Inagawa Gumi apologize to the Matsuba Kai, and then he collected the persons concerned and brought about a reconciliation.
4. In late September 1962, KODAMA called a meeting of leaders of the Gijin Association, the Kokusui Kai, and Eakusei Kai, and the Minato Kai together in an effort to bring all these bodies into membership in the Toa Doshikai, which he personally heads. KODAMA is now trying to bring FUJITA Uichiro, president of the Matsuba Kai and the real power behind the Nipponshugi Bengo, under his influence.
5. While FUKUDA Susumu, leader of the Anti-Communist Volunteer Corps (Bokyo Teishintai), was in prison, he was much touched by a letter of sympathy sent by KODAMA, and he cannot now make up his mind whether to adhere to the SATO faction of the Liberal Democratic Party through the Ginbu Kai or the KONO faction through KODAMA.
6. KODAMA is giving monetary aid to KOJIMA Haruyuki, director of the Kojima Ideological Research Institute (Kojima Shiso Kenkyusho), to the Japanese Political Materials (Nippon Seiji Shiryo) published by SHIKAI Tameo of the Great Japan Production Party (Dai Nippon Seisan To), to the recently reorganized Racialist Students Research Institute (Ninzokushugi Gakusei Kenkyukai) headed by TAKATA Hiroshi through NAKAMURA Takehiko of the People's General League (Kokumin Sorengo), and apparently also to the Great Japan Patriotic Party (Dai Nippon Aikoku To) headed by AKAO Bin.
1. Field Comment: This is believed to be the meeting described in FJT-8588 as inspired by KONO.