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FROM Chief of Station, [] JCP			ABSTRACT MICROFILM	
SUBJECT Project to Invite KODAMA Yoshio to U.S.				

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

- REFERENCES: A. FJTW-22530, 20 March 1964
B. FJTW-22794, 15 May 1964

1. We are replying to References partly on the "better late than never" principle and partly because the subject matter is so inherently interesting. We are, however, a little stumped for commentary other than what will already have occurred to you. We agree 100% with the ODACID comments summarized in Reference B. PBSWING has not, in fact, raised this matter with us.

2. The recent roundup on [] (FJTA-44983) may shed some light on the MATSUSHITA-KODAMA-TAOKA [] situation. It indicates that the writer of the letter attached to Reference A was in possession of some basically correct facts, rather blown out of perspective. We suspect that her principal informant may have been [], a known blow-hard (not to say that is not one, and an attendant at the Brussels Conference mentioned. The [] connection is of course well known to us and presumably to you, and it would be quite logical for [] to throw [] name in as window dressing. We have, however, no other indication that [] was in fact involved in the anti-narcotics drive which brought [] to grief, or in other machinations involving MATSUSHITA and KODAMA. Our guess is that [] is above such shenanigans.

3. The letter attached to Reference A of course teems with inaccuracies, beginning with the first sentence, which is pure fantasy. KODAMA is not the "boss" of Tokyo; nobody is, and he does not control the Japanese political scene from the backstage. The "majority faction" of Zengakuren never defected from the JCP; they were never in it. The dope traffic is run in Japan by and for the same type of maqueraux who run it anywhere, not by the

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Communists. Et cetera. But the major weakness of the proposal is of course the vagueness of how anyone would go about using the U.S. trip to influence KODAMA, other than that "the new forces...will be able to capitalize on this increased understanding at key moments and in the ways which Japanese handle these things with Japanese." The foregoing is a statement calculated to induce acute nostalgia in almost any case officer who ever worked in Japan.

4. In short, the writer of the letter forwarded with Reference A seems to have been overcome by an overdose of Sax Rohmer. As stated at the outset, however, we doubt that we have said anything here which has not already occurred to you, and there seems little point in ranting on the subject further. We hope that this requested comment will serve to close the case.

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