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 INFORMANT WITH HIGH-RANKING POLITICAL CONTACTS (F); AND PARA 2 FROM ANOTHER
 JAPANESE JOURNALIST (C). APPRAISAL OF CONTENT: 3. DATE OF INFO: EARLY
 MARCH 1956. DATE ACQUIRED: SAME. SUBJECT: CANDIDACY OF KUHARA FUSANOSUKE
 FOR LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENCY.

RE FJB 2832

1. MOVE TO ELECT KUHARA FUSANOSUKE, CHAIRMAN OF PEOPLE'S COUNCIL
 FOR RESTORATION OF JAPAN-CHINA, JAPAN-SOVIET DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AS
 LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) PRESIDENT IS BEING PUSHED PARTICULARLY BY
 FORMER TRANSPORTATION MINISTER MIKI TAKEO AND BY TANAKA ISAJI. (SOURCE
 COMMENT. TANAKA WAS EXPERT ON DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS IN FORMER LIBERAL PARTY
 AND IS CLOSE TO FORMER PREMIER ASHIDA HITOSHI.) KUHARA WILL SUCCESSFULLY
 SEEK SEAT IN UPPER HOUSE IN JUNE ELECTIONS.

2. BELIEF THAT KUHARA WILL BE NEXT PRESIDENT OF LDP IS WISHFUL
 THINKING.

3. KUHARA WILL NOT BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LDP, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)

- (2)(A) Privacy
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HE HAS NO DIET SEAT. EVEN IF SEAT WON IN JUNE ELECTIONS, NO UPPER HOUSE MEMBER CAN BE NOMINATED PRESIDENT OF A PARTY UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND ACCORDING TO GENERAL POLITICAL PRACTICE.

4. KUHARA'S POLITICAL FUNDS COME MAINLY FROM UBE KOSAN, FERTILIZER AND CEMENT INDUSTRIAL FIRM IN UBE CITY, YAMAGUCHI-KEN.

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