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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Alfred T. Wellborn  
Assistant Operations Coordinator  
Office of the Under Secretary of State

SUBJECT : OGATA Indications of Probable Conservative  
Need for United States Aid

1. On 18 December 1954, a liaison representative of our ( )  
Mission met with Liberal Party President OGATA Taketora. The main  
points made by OGATA are summarized as follows:

a. The amount of outside financial assistance received by  
the Socialists is a matter of major concern to conservative  
elements. OGATA believes that such assistance will enable the  
Socialists to unite - an action which the Liberal Party here-  
before believed unlikely.

b. Money will be the key factor in the forthcoming election.  
If the conservatives have sufficient funds they will win; if  
they do not have ample funds, they will lose. OGATA's statements  
were just about that simple and direct.

c. OGATA raised the issue that although he felt it was too  
early to discuss possible U.S. financial assistance, (presumably  
to conservative elements), he wanted us to know that he feels  
the United States should be prepared to help, when the time  
comes.

d. He believes it essential that the Director of Central  
Intelligence and the Secretary of State be kept informed of  
Japanese political developments on an accurate and timely basis.  
To this end, at OGATA's request, our representative agreed to  
hold more frequent meetings in the near future.

2. It would be appreciated if you would transmit the above to Mr.  
( ) for his information, in view of his recent conversations on  
the subject of Japanese political action with representatives of this  
Agency.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANS:

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