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FJB 700. DIST F. INFO RECD 26 JAN 55 BY AMERICAN OBSERVER (B)  
FROM OGATA TAKETORA, PRESIDENT LIBERAL PARTY. DATE OF INFO: LATE  
JAN 55. EVAL OF INFO: 2 (REPORTORIAL ACCURACY).

1. OGATA TAKETORA BELIEVES LIBERAL PARTY WILL LOSE MAXIMUM  
TEN SEATS IN 27 FEB 55 LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS, AGAINST MAXIMUM  
20 SEAT GAIN FOR JAPAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, LEAVING LIBERALS WITH  
30 SEAT PLURALITY.

2. OGATA DESIRES MERGER WITH DEMOCRATS BUT FEELS SPADEWORK  
FOR THIS WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE MONTHS. OGATA THINKS LIBERAL  
MINORITY GOVT MOST LIKELY OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY  
MERGER LATER. OGATA CONSIDERS DEMOCRATIC SECY-GEN KISHI NOBUSUKE  
FINANCE MINISTER ICHIMADA HISATO, AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY ADVISER  
ASHIDA HOTOSHI DEMOCRATS MOST STRONGLY FAVORING CONSERVATIVE MERGER  
AND BEST DEMOCRATS TO WORK WITH FOR MERGER. OGATA DETERMINED TO  
REFUSE COALITION GOVT WITH DEMOCRATS.

3. OGATA DETERMINED, IF HE BECOMES PREMIER, TO LAY BASIS FOR  
CONSERVATIVE ABSOLUTE MAJORITY ABOUT ONE YEAR LATER. HE STATED

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WOULD REVISE ELECTION LAWS IF NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. HIS LONG-RANGE AIM IS REAL TWO PARTY SYSTEM; HE FEARS EVOLUTION OF DISASTROUS FRENCH-STYLE MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM.

4. OGATA STATED JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY (JCP) DECISION TO USE REGULAR ELECTION METHODS (FIELD COMMENT: EVIDENCED BY RECENT SURFACING OF LONG-UNDERGROUND JCP NO. 3 MAN SHIGA YOSHIO TO RUN FOR DIET) WILL HAVE TWO EFFECTS, ONE GOOD, ONE BAD: (A) UWK (AS RECEIVED) CANDIDATES WILL SPLIT LEFTIST VOTE AND MAY COST LEFT-WING SOCIALIST PARTY SEATS, THUS HELPING CONSERVATIVES, WHILE JCP WILL PROB NOT GET MORE THAN THREE SEATS; (B) JAPANESE PEOPLE MAY GET ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION OF JCP AS ORDINARY PARLIAMENTARY PARTY RATHER THAN TOOL OF USSR.

5. OGATA HAS HEARD RUMORS THAT SOCIALISTS (PORTION GARBLED-BEING SERVICED) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ABROAD (FIELD COMMENT: I.E., USSR AND CHICOMS) ON LARGE SCALE BUT HAS SEEN NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF THIS (SOURCE COMMENT: OGATA EXUDED CONFIDENCE AND VITALITY AT THIS MEETING, SEEMED TO RELISH COMING FIGHT FOR DIET SEATS.)

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CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

COMPLETE PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH 5, LINES 1 AND 2 TO READ:

5. OGATA HAS HEARD RUMORS THAT SOCIALISTS ARE GETTING  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ABROAD (FIELD COMMENT;..."

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