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<p>1. It is apparent to leaders of the Democratic Party that they cannot lead the movement for conservative merger because of the disparate factions within their own ranks. Therefore the Liberal Party is beginning to take the initiative in the movement. Since the first requisite is a closing of ranks within the Liberal Party, OGATA Taketora and YOSHIDA Shigeru met at Hakone on 1 August 1955 for that purpose.¹</p>				
<u>Field Comments</u>				
1 According to another source, during the four-hour OGATA-YOSHIDA meeting no mention at all was made of politics.				
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