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SUBJECT: TRACE RESPONSE

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1. ACTION REQUIRED: [ ] [ ] -ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND  
[ ] [ ] -PASSAGE OF INFO TO LIAISON.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS A PORTION OF A PNJEWEL SUMMARY ON  
SUBJECT THAT WAS PROVIDED TO NVGROUP IN FEBRUARY 1984.

A. RYOICHI ((SASAGAWA)) ALSO KNOWN AS RYOICHI  
((SASAGAWA)) IS AN 84-YEAR OLD JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN AND A VERY  
CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE IN JAPAN. BESIDES BEING ONE OF THE  
COUNTRY'S WEALTHIEST MEN, HE IS A FORMER WAR CRIMINAL,  
MOTORBOAT GABLING (LEGAL) CZAR, RIGHT-WING LEADER, POLITICAL  
BROKER AND A MODERN PHILANTHROPIST. HE REPORTEDLY HAS  
UNDERWORLD CONNECTIONS IN PROSTITUTION AND GAMBLING, BUT MAY  
HAVE GIVEN UP HIS MORE SHADY DEALINGS AND TURNED ALTRUISTIC.

B. SASAGAWA IS ON THE FAR RIGHT WING OF THE  
POLITICAL SPECTRUM, SUPPORTING BOTH THE RULING CONSERVATIVE  
PARTY IN JAPAN AS WELL AS MILITANTLY ULTRA-RIGHT CASES.  
DURING THE EARLY 1970'S HE WAS OPENLY INVOLVED IN THE WORLD  
ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE. AS A RIGHT-WING BACKER, HE PROBABLY  
SUPPORTS THE U.S. IN ITS STRATEGY AGAINST MOVES BEING MADE BY  
THE SOVIET UNION, BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON HIS SPECIFIC  
POSITION REGARDING THE REARMING OF JAPAN ITSELF.

C. WE ALSO HAVE NO INFO THAT WOULD CONFIRM OR DENY  
ANY PRESENT CONNECTION OF SASAGAWA WITH THE JAPANESE UNDERWORLD  
GANGSTER (YAKUZA). IN 1979, HOWEVER, SASAGAWA RECEIVED AN  
AWARD FROM THE JAPANESE EMPEROR. THE AWARD PROBABLY WOULD NOT  
HAVE BEEN GIVEN IF SASAGAWA'S CURRENT RECORD WERE NOT FREE FROM  
UNSAVORY ASSOCIATIONS. THE AWARD WAS FOR SASAGAWA'S  
PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

3. PER ( ) 71633, 25 SEP 84 (TRACE RESPONSE TO [ ]  
[ ]), SASAGAWA IS A WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN CONNECTED WITH, AMONG  
OTHER THINGS, THE JAPAN MOTORBOAT ASSOCIATION AND THE JAPAN  
SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY FOUNDATION. SINCE HIS RETIREMENT, HIS  
COMPANIES HAVE BEEN MANAGED BY HIS SON. SASAGAWA IS AN  
INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN PHILANTHROPIST WHO GIVES GENEROUS  
DONATIONS TO HOSPITALS, UNIVERSITIES AND U.S. CONNECTED  
INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING REFUGEE CAUSES. SUBJECT'S ADDRESS IS  
SHOWN AS 2-32, SENGOKU-CHO, BUNKYO-KU, TOKYO. PHONE: (03)  
941-0732. NO FURTHER INFO.

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EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)

(2)(A) Privacy

(2)(B) Methods/Sources

(2)(G) Foreign Relations

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4. FOR [ ]: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE ON THIS CASE.

5. FOR [ ]: ALL INFO ONLY IN PARA TWO REF MAY BE PASSED TO LIAISON.

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