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SUBJECT: RYOICHI SASAKAWA AND OTHER ASPECTS OF
- FRANCO-JAPANESE RELATIONS

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: POLOFF DELIVERED INFO ON RYOICHI

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SASAKAWA (REFS A AND B) TO MFA JAPAN DESK OFFICER OLIVIER ANSART ON NOVEMBER 12. ANSART SAID INFO WOULD BE USEFUL FOR GOVERNMENT IN MAKING "SENIOR LEVEL" DECISION ON WHETHER TO COOPERATE WITH SASAKAWA. ANSART ALSO DISCUSSED GOF-GOJ RELATIONS, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS "GENERALLY EXCELLENT." HE ALSO COMMENTED ON JAPAN'S UNGA VOTE ON NEW CALEDONIA AND ON OTHER EVENTS IN PACIFIC. END SUMMARY

 SASAKAWA -- BAD GUY (?) WITH MUCH YEN APPEAL

2. ANSART THANKED POLOFF PROFUSELY FOR INFO ON SASAKAWA. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT GOF WOULD DECIDE REGARDING COOPERATION WITH SASAKAWA, WHO HAD OFFERED LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO GOF FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FRANCO-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP CENTER. GOF'S MAIN CONCERN IS THAT PRESS WILL PICK UP ON SASAKAWA'S DUBIOUS PAST AND EXPLOIT IT TO DISADVANTAGE OF GOVERNMENT. ANSART NOTED THAT FRENCH PRESS RAN STORY IN AUGUST ON VARIOUS "MAFIA-TYPE" ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE WORLD, AND, IN DISCUSSING JAPANESE MAFIA, RAN A PICTURE OF SASAKAWA WITH COMMENTARY. PUBLIC ATTENTION IS LIKELY BECAUSE SASAKAWA HAS INSISTED THAT IF HIS GIFT IS ACCEPTED, PRES. MITTERRAND OR PM CHIRAC SHOULD FEATURE SASAKAWA IN A PUBLIC CEREMONY.

3. ANSART SAID THAT JAPANESE MISSION HERE IS DIVIDED ON SASAKAWA -- SOME WANT TO FORGIVE AND FORGET, WHILE OTHERS, MOST NOTABLY GOJ AMBASSADOR MORIYUKI MOTONO, "DESPISE" SASAKAWA AND WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM. SIGNIFICANCE OF AMBASSADOR'S REFUSAL TO HELP MR. S WAS NOT LOST ON ANSART. MFA'S ASIA/PACIFIC DIRECTOR CLAUDE MARTIN IS COORDINATING MATTER AND "SENIOR LEVEL" OF GOF IS LIKELY TO MAKE FINAL DECISION. HE PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED.

 EUROPE NEEDS JAPAN, BUT JAPAN NEEDS U.S. MORE

4. DESPITE MINOR DIFFERENCES INHERENT IN ANY BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, GOF-GOJ RELATIONS WERE "GENERALLY EXCELLENT," ACCORDING TO ANSART. FOR THE MOMENT, THE QUAI IS ON HOLD PENDING THE CHANGE IN GOJ LEADERSHIP; ANSART HOWEVER OFFERED NO READOUT ON TAKESHITA. FRANCE WISHES GOJ WOULD TAKE A MORE ACTIVE INTEREST IN EUROPEAN ISSUES, ESPECIALLY REGARDING ECONOMICS AND TRADE, BUT REALIZES JAPAN WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE STRONGEST TIES WITH U.S., MAINLY BECAUSE JAPAN AND EUROPE DO NOT HAVE THE SORT OF DEFENSE/MILITARY RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN JAPAN AND U.S.

5. NONETHELESS, ANSART HOPED FOR STRONGER EURO-JAPANESE TIES. A STABLE WEST DEPENDS ON STRONG U.S./EUROPEAN, U.S./JAPANESE, JAPANESE/EUROPEAN TIES. ANSART BELIEVED THAT LATTER "COULD BE STRONGER." ONE REASON FRANCE IS CONSIDERING THE SASAKAWA OFFER, ASIDE FROM THE MONEY INVOLVED, IS BECAUSE IT COULD LEAD TO A STRENGTHENING OF JAPAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE.

WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?

6. ANSART WAS OF COURSE PLEASED WITH JAPAN'S VOTE CHANGE ON UNGA NEW CALEDONIA VOTE AND WITH THE OVERALL RESULT. GOF HAD LOBBIED HARD AND WAS REWARDED FOR ITS EFFORTS. ANSART THOUGHT GOJ CHANGED ITS VOTE PURELY OUT OF "FRIENDSHIP." HE DID NOT BELIEVE JAPANESE WERE

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SUBJECT: RYOICHI SASAKAWA AND OTHER ASPECTS OF CONVINCED OF "RIGHTNESS" OF GOF POSITION, BUT WANTED TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THEIR FRENCH "FRIENDS." ACCORDING TO ANSART, GOJ DECISION WAS MADE AT LAST MINUTE BY NAKASONE HIMSELF.

7. ANSART COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON OTHER PACIFIC ISSUES:

- VANUATU: NO FURTHER GOF ACTIONS CONTEMPLATED AFTER CUT IN ECONOMIC AID (REF C) -- THERE REALLY IS NOT MUCH MORE FRANCE CAN DO.

- AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND: NEW CALEDONIA HAS OBSCURED THE REAL ISSUE BETWEEN FRANCE AND THESE COUNTRIES -- NUCLEAR TESTING. THIS WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO THE FORE NOW THAT NEW CALEDONIA IS RECEDING. FRANCE IN ANY CASE WILL NOT LISTEN IF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND CONTINUE TO PREACH ABOUT "RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS."

- FIJI: WE WOULD PROBABLY BE HEARING MORE STRIDENT PRONOUNCEMENTS FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND REGARDING NEW CALEDONIA IF FIJI WERE NOT TAKING PLACE. FIJI HAS SHOWN THE COMPLEXITY OF ETHNIC ISSUES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. OF COURSE FIJI HAS DONE NOTHING TO QUIET PAPUA NEW GUINEA. ANSART COULD ONLY THROW UP HIS HANDS AND SIGH WHEN CONSIDERING PNG'S HOSTILITY TOWARD FRANCE. (NOTE: ANSART DID NOT DISCUSS WHETHER FRANCE WOULD OFFER ASSISTANCE TO FIJI NOTED REF D. END NOTE)

COMMENT

8. ANSART WAS FRIENDLY AND CANDID, AND OBVIOUSLY GRATEFUL FOR OUR RESPONSE ON SASAKAWA, FOR WHICH WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK DEPARTMENT. HE KNOWS ASIA AND THE PACIFIC WELL, HAVING STUDIED IN JAPAN AND SERVED IN CANBERRA FROM 1982 TO 1985. HE HAS A MASTERS DEGREE IN CHINESE. END COMMENT
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END OF MESSAGE

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