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TO: DIRECTOR, []

FOR: EA/J INFO EUR/F

SUBJECT: WNINTEL TRACE - [] REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON
<> JAPANESE "<><>SASAKAWA FOUNDATION<><>"

ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION ON THE JAPANESE SASAKAWA
FOUNDATION FOR PASSAGE TO []

1. [] HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE JAPAN
SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY FOUNDATION ALSO KNOWN AS THE SASAKAWA
FOUNDATION. ACCORDING TO LVBOUND, RYOICHI ((SASAKAWA)) (OR
SASAGAWA), BORN CIRCA 1900 IS/WAS A BUSINESSMAN AND HEAD OF A
FINANCIAL EMPIRE AT THE CENTER OF WHICH IS THE JAPANESE NAVY
CONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIES FOUNDATION, KNOWN AS THE SASAKAWA
FOUNDATION. THE FOUNDATION IS REPUTED TO HAVE GENEROUSLY AIDED
A NUMBER OF CULTURAL AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES, AND MAY HAVE
ALSO BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE JAPANESE MAFIA IN PROMOTING ILLEGAL
GAMES AND PROSTITUTION.

2. THE FOUNDATION RECENTLY BECAME INVOLVED WITH A PUBLIC
HEALTH RESEARCH GROUP WHICH WILL MEASURE THE EFFECTS OF THE
CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR CATASTROPHE ON THE LOCAL POPULATION. THE SON
OF THE FOUNDER OF THIS FOUNDATION (NOT NAMED) IS HEADING THE
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE WHICH WILL VISIT THE
BIOPHYSICS UNIT AT THE HOSPITAL IN MOSCOW WHERE THE PEOPLE WHO
HAD BEEN CONTAMINATED WERE TREATED. ACCORDING TO [] FOR
AMBITIOUS POLITICAL REASONS, THE SASAKAWA SON HAS OFFERED 33
MILLION U.S. DOLLARS TO FINANCE FIVE CONTAMINATION DETECTION
UNITS.

3. FILE: 029-002-008/07. DECL OADR DRV LIA 2-82.
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