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SOURCE: **Trained American observer (B); from a close associate of a prominent Liberal-Democratic Party member (F). Appraisal of Content: It is probably true that the rumor exists as reported.**

1. There is a rumor current in the Liberal-Democratic Party (LDP) that Agriculture-Forestry Minister KONO Ichiro gave Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU Mamoru ten million yen just prior to SHIGEMITSU's departure for the Japan-Soviet negotiations in Moscow. Ex-Progressive Party leader OASA Taduo allegedly handed the money to SHIGEMITSU on KONO's behalf and also took a "commission" for himself.
2. This allegation is being used within the LDP to explain why SHIGEMITSU changed his mind at the last minute in Moscow and favored signing a peace treaty with the USSR on Soviet terms.

**Field Comment.** For a report on speculation within the Japanese Foreign Ministry on why SHIGEMITSU changed his mind in Moscow, see FJI-992 from a different source.

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