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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PODAM-QKFLOWAGE Relations

Information Communications Agency

1. On 7 November, at () request, I informed () that PODAM was unhappy about his relations with QKFLOWAGE (partly in connection with the jointly sponsored show) and also with ODACID, but that we had succeeded in mollifying him to some extent. I suggested that () ask Chief, QKFLOWAGE to drop in on PODAM, commend him for his cooperation, and assure him that he was esteemed by the ODYOKE people in Tokyo. I reviewed PODAM's personal characteristics and idiosyncracies, pointed up the role he played in the Japanese community, and suggested that ODYOKE personnel should accommodate themselves to PODAM out of self-interest.

2. Later in the day, () telephoned to say Chief, QKFLOWAGE would like to see me on this matter. An appointment was made for 8 November.

3. I reviewed for Chief, QKFLOWAGE what I had told () He, in turn, reviewed the background of PODAM's participation in the QKFLOWAGE show, the haggling about the show's itinerary, and the reasons why there were additional speakers at the opening ceremonies (one of PODAM's complaints). He also stated that () felt a strong antipathy for PODAM, thought him a scoundrel and crook (albeit a clever one), and had instructed Chief, QKFLOWAGE to have as little to do with him as possible. Asked the basis of () feelings, Chief, QKFLOWAGE replied that they appeared to be subjective. After further talk, Chief, QKFLOWAGE agreed to visit PODAM on Monday, thank him for his "splendid cooperation" and inform him that it had been arranged to allow the show to be exhibited in PODAM's home area for its last several weeks. This will be cleared with () but () will not be informed.

4. I informed Chief, QKFLOWAGE that () thought we had already done much good in changing the orientation of PODAM's media, and hoped—~~with ODACID cooperation~~—to continue our effort. He agreed, and stated

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he could confirm that our efforts had borne fruit: recently, Rutherford Peats, UP Chief for Japan, had received instructions from his home office to do a piece leading QKFLOWAGE as the organization which had changed Japan's attitude about atomic energy. Chief, QKFLOWAGE gave JABA full credit for this.

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Acting KUCAGE Operations Officer

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