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MEMORANDUM FOR: FE/FP

ATTENTION : C

SUBJECT : Support For Matsutaro SHORIKI

1. As a result of my conversation with you and Mr. C on 26 April, I have discussed the possibility of giving support to Matsutaro SHORIKI, State Minister for Hokkaido Development and chairman of the Japanese equivalent of the Atomic Energy Commission, with the AEC and the Department of State.

2. John Hall, chief of AEC's International Affairs Division, expressed complete sympathy with our need to support Mr. Shoriki and also said that the Commission would be willing to help wherever it could in this connection. He said that he had already suggested sending Walter Zinn, recently retired as Director of the Argonne National Laboratories, on a good-will mission to the Japanese AEC and that Ambassador Allison had been enthusiastically in favor of Dr. Zinn's making the trip although no formal action has been taken to send him. Mr. Hall also said that there are several top flight organizers around the Commission whom he would be willing to send to Japan to help Shoriki get the Japanese Commission on its feet. Should Mr. Shoriki ask either Ambassador Allison or Admiral Strauss for U. S. assistance such as the loan of Americans to further the organization of his commission, the Department of State will support his request.

3. We suggest that Shoriki write Admiral Strauss (Admiral Lewis Strauss, Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1901 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.) and state his interest in visiting the United States to discuss his plans for Japan's commission and the possibility of arranging for American personnel to come to Japan to discuss matters of mutual interest. He will probably also wish to tell Ambassador Allison of his plans. The initiative for the visit must come from Shoriki so that it will not appear that the U.S. Government is trying to limit its help on the Japanese. When Admiral Strauss receives Shoriki's letter an arrangement along the lines of that made for the chairman of Germany's atomic authority, Franz Strauss, involving an invitation for an unofficial visit would be forthcoming. The problem of a formal invitation is that foreign

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dignitaries sometimes assume that the U.S. Government will finance the visit and State has no funds for financing a visit such as Shoriki's at this time. If Shoriki makes his trip at his own expense or by using funds which aren't controlled by State, he would be given an appropriate welcome by both AEC and State here.

4. Please let us know whether there is anything else we can do in connection with Shoriki's proposed visit or arranging for American personnel to visit Japan. If you have any questions, please call Miss [] on extension 3894.

(Signed) []

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Chief

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