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TO Chief of [ ] Station, [ ] DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FROM Chief, FE

SUBJECT { GENERAL Psych/Operational  
SPECIFIC Anti-U.S. POBULK Editorial

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ACTION REQUIRED: Frank Discussion with PODAM

1. We assume that you were as appalled as we at the content and the tone of the attached POBULK editorial. We are assuming, too, that consideration has been given to what countermeasures may be taken, even though no array of laudatory articles or refutations can effectively offset the damage ensuing from the original article.

2. We have not been unaware of the snipings at things American which have appeared from time to time in POBULK, but have felt, as you doubtless do, that it is not logical - not desirable - that any indigenous newspaper play the U.S. line indiscriminately. We do feel, however, that the referenced editorial goes far beyond the bounds of nationalism, and, indeed, in its venom, challenges the sharpness of AKAHATA.

3. Despite the cordiality of our present relationship with PODAM, he is too astute a politician not to expect some reaction from this editorial, and, in fact, will probably respect us the more for a forthright expression of indignation! However you choose to approach the subject, we feel that PODAM should understand - unequivocally - that we are not interested in a "mutuality of interests" relationship that is chameleon in nature, depending on whether at the moment there is something PODAM desires from us; and that one more such harangue and PODAM may expect no further friendship from KUBARK.

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YOMIURI Editorial

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Tokyo "Yomiuri Shimbun" in Japanese 6/20

(Press Scrutiny)

("Editor's Note")

(Text) The United States seems to be very proud of its hydrogen bomb test conducted in the Pacific on May 21, but the bomb actually missed the target by as much as 4 miles and blinded two persons. The U.S. Air Force Secretary bluntly termed the accident a "human error." This is an astounding remark.

Since the majority of the world's people have expressed opposition to the tests, the United States should have taken every precaution so that no "human error" might occur. If the U.S. policy is as easy-going as this, no one can be sure that there will not be more "human errors" in the future. Besides, do they not think that the very testing of nuclear weapons constitutes an intolerable "human error" from the standpoint of humanity?

Speaking of absurdities, the U.S. interpretation of the spirit of the Japan-United States Security Pact that the United States is entitled to use Okinawa as a military base for as long as 100 years poses the danger of making Okinawa a "Cyprus in Asia." Even if the Japanese people are somewhat forgetful, they still remember Mr. Dulles' remark on Sept. 5, 1951 recognizing Japan's residual sovereignty over the Ogasawaras and the Ryukyus.

According to the Price report, the United States will take action so that it can control for 100 or 200 years the American military bases now occupying 12 percent of the whole area of Okinawa. Stuff and nonsense! It is true that Japan signed the Peace Treaty willingly, but she never promised that she would give Okinawa to the United States.

We are "grateful" for the "kind" proposition that the United States remain in Japanese territory to defend it for 100 or 200 years until Japan's military forces become strong enough to safeguard "international peace and security," but if she is so kind, she ought not to provide the national defense forces with worn out planes. This "kindness" is what is making the United States more and more unpopular in all parts of the world.

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