

81

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
NOFORN

COUNTRY Japan	REPORT NO. CS -105823
SUBJECT Activities of SHORIKI Matsutaro	DATE DISTR. 16 October 1956
	NO. PAGES 1
	REQUIREMENT NO. RD
DATE OF INFO. September 1956	REFERENCES
PLACE ACQUIRED Japan, Tokyo	

SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SOURCE: Paras 1-2: A trained American observer (B); from a Japanese journalist who specializes in foreign affairs (F).
 Para 3: An American with numerous contacts among Japanese journalists (F); from an employee of the Yomiuri Shinbun (F).
 Appraisal of Content: 3.

1. SHORIKI Matsutaro recently offered ONO Ramboku ¥400,000,000 if ONO could secure the Premiership for SHORIKI.¹ ONO's response was jocular, to the effect that SHORIKI should give him the money first and then he would consider the matter.
2. SHORIKI's appointment as State Minister in charge of atomic affairs was made on the understanding that SHORIKI would have Yomiuri Shinbun support the HATOYAMA Ichiro administration.
3. SHORIKI Matsutaro has instructed the news staff of the Yomiuri Shinbun to support the proposal that Premier HATOYAMA Ichiro go to Moscow to settle the Japan-Soviet negotiations and to criticize the failure of Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU Memor as negotiator with the USSR. SHORIKI is doing this to back KONO Ichiro, and hopes thereby to be rewarded with the Secretary-Generalship of the Liberal-Democratic Party and a cabinet post as well.² SHORIKI's ultimate goal is the Premiership.

Source Comments

1. According to general belief, SHORIKI is now wealthier than KONO.
2. SHORIKI is also motivated by the fact that he is under obligation to KONO for favors in the past. SHORIKI realizes that KONO wants to become secretary-general of the party but feels that KONO might give up this ambition in SHORIKI's favor.

NATIONAL WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

EXEMPTIONS SECTION 3(b)

- (2)(A) Privacy
 (2)(B) Methods/Sources
 (2)(C) Foreign Relations

Declassified and Approved for Release
 by the Central Intelligence Agency
 Date: 2005

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
NOFORN

STATE #	X	ARMY #	X	NAVY #	X	AIR #	X	FBI	AEC
FJT-928, FJT-899									
(Note: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "#")									

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

EE	SR	FE/FL ()	4 ()	2	FJT-928 No proj	WDH/42
FE	WE	FE/PP	X		FJT-899 No proj	ADG
NE	WH				()	MMC
	IO					NR
						jkm