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TO INFO	Chief, FE		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. FF 44-120-13
FROM	Chief of Station, ( ) <i>PM</i>		DATE <b>JUN 5 1959</b>
SUBJECT	Japanese-U.S. Satellite		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
ACTION REQUIRED	None, for your information only.		<input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING
REFERENCES	FJTS 2391 dated 13 April 1959		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
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1. We have acted upon the suggestion contained in Reference that a modification of our proposal of FJTA 26716 might be feasible in view of the United States Academy of Sciences letter to COSPAR. By coincidence, however, it was at the initiative of FOJACKPOT/1 and ( ) that we made our specific proposals. On their own, they had hatched a scheme which was in broad outline similar to the one we had in mind. We were therefore able to modify their plan immediately and put it on a more favorable and acceptable basis.

2. The details are included in the enclosed Contact Reports, but in outline ( ) was investigating the possibility of building both the satellite or instrument package and the rocket. He had floundered when he discovered that Japanese propulsion capability would not permit their scheme. His original concept included a U.S. contribution limited to technical assistance and introduced the letter which Headquarters forwarded with Reference as a way to solve the launching problem. This was eagerly applauded, and ( ) has begun the process of organizing Japanese industry, science and technology behind the banner of the FOJACKPOT/1 empire for publicity.

3. The results of his preliminary efforts were disseminated in FJT-5100. Briefly IDEN A was not enthusiastic for the idea as he has his own plans for Japan in the space age. FOJACKPOT/1 and ( ) then approached IDEN B and IDEN C who were not enthusiastic because they frankly do not want to do anything which will make IDEN A more famous or influential.

4. According to ( ) the industrial side is enthusiastic to build a satellite, but the plan seems to have come a cropper on jealousies on the scientific side. We have passed ( ) a copy of the letter forwarded with FJTS 2391, but plan no further action to stimulate a FOJACKPOT/1 program. This may be the end of the matter or it may catch fire again after a period of burning underground. If it comes up again we will try to participate only to the extent that we can make recommendations on the psychological side -ie, that the launching should take place from the U.S. from our point of view, etc; but we do not plan to take a central role.

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