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1. SHORIKI Masutaro, head of the Yomiuri newspaper enterprise, has cooled considerably in his enthusiasm for his proposal for a Japanese satellite. This was a result of the lack of enthusiasm for this project shown by KAYA Seiji, president of Tokyo University and former chairman of the Japan Science Council (JSC), and KANESHIGE Kankuro, present JSC chairman. SHORIKI met with them and his assistant SHIBATA Hidetoshi, director of Nippon Television, between 12 and 18 May 1959.
2. KAYA and KANESHIGE asked that SHORIKI put the Yomiuri money into a long-range improvement of the 30-year-old research facilities at Tokyo University, rather than into a satellite project which would benefit only a small circle.
3. KAYA and KANESHIGE felt that the satellite project would serve to increase the prestige of Professor ITOKAWA Hideo of Tokyo University, Japan's foremost rocketry scientist, which they would find an unwelcome development. KAYA objects to ITOKAWA because he seeks money for his projects from big companies in his own name rather than in the name of Tokyo University, and he does not ask the University's permission for his projects and launching activities.

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