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RE : A. DIR 09738 (OUT 65596) *

B. EMBTEL 1490, 27 JANUARY **

1. []¹ 27 JANUARY INTERVIEWED POSONNET/²1, ADVISED HIM PER PARA 2 REF A, AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER SAW AMBASSADOR, WHO HIMSELF HAD TALKED AT LENGTH SUBJECT PREVIOUS DAY (SEE REF B).

2. FROM []¹ CONVERSATION, AGREE ENTIRELY AMBASSADOR'S VIEW THAT SUBJECT'S² AIM ON VISIT TO STATES PRIMARILY TO MAKE HIS MARK WITH VARIOUS HIGH LEVEL AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND RAISE OWN STOCK HERE. HIS OBSERVATIONS WERE DISCURSIVE AND VAGUE EVEN BY JAPANESE STANDARDS, ALTHOUGH HE DID CLARIFY THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE REQUESTED TALK WITH ASCHAM WAS TO DISCUSS INTERNAL SECURITY AND COUNTERSUBVERSIVE PROBLEMS. HE WAS VERY GENERALIZED ON THIS SUBJECT, HOWEVER. OTHERWISE, HE WENT ON AT LENGTH AND IN QUITE ELEMENTARY FASHION CONCERNING VARIOUS OF JAPAN'S WELL KNOWN PROBLEMS AND EXPRESSED DESIRE EXPLAIN THEM TO "AMERICANS".

3. ONLY SPECIFIC POINT TO EMERGE WAS NEWS THAT HE WAS CARRYING LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM YOSHIDA TO ASCHAM. HE MENTIONED THIS IN CONTEXT []^I ADVICE THAT, IN CASE MEETING WITH ASCHAM WERE ARRANGED, HIGH DEGREE DISCRETION NEED BE EXERCISED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW DELICATE STATE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID HE ENTIRELY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED AND ADDED THAT ONLY YOSHIDA AND FURUYA (WHO WAS PRESENT) WERE AWARE OF HIS DESIRE TO SEE ASCHAM AND WOULD BE ONLY ONES APPRISED. IF SUCH VISIT CAME ABOUT.

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4. AMBASSADOR REPEATED TO ¹ [] PERSONAL VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REF B AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH RISKS NOTED BY PARSONS NATURALLY EXISTED, HE CONSIDERED THEM MINIMAL, ESPECIALLY IF MEETING ARRANGED WITHOUT FANFARE AND SUBJECT WARNED AGAIN RE NECESSITY DISCREETNESS; THEREFORE HE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO MEETING "IF ASCHAM WISHES IT."

5. WHILE DO NOT CONSIDER KUBARK WOULD GAIN ANYTHING OTHER THAN GENERALIZED GOOD WILL FROM MEETING, ¹ [] BELIEVES THAT LAYING ON OF HANDS IN THIS INSTANCE ON BALANCE ADVISABLE UNLESS ASCHAM' SCHEDULE GENUINELY PROHIBITS IT, IN WHICH CASE PERSONAL MESSAGE OF REGRET SHOULD BE CONVEYED ORALLY TO SUBJECT BY ROBERTSON. BOTH SUBJECT AND YOSHIDA HAVE MADE POINT IN THIS MATTER AND WE SHOULD AVOID THEIR GAINING IMPRESSION SUBJECT BEING SNUBBED. AS AMBASSADOR HAS NOTED, SUBJECT IS HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL AND, BEING ABLE AND VIGOROUS, PROBABLY WILL BECOME MORE SO. HIS PRESENT PROFESSED PRO-AMERICAN ORIENTATION, WHATEVER ITS MOTIVATION, APPEARS REAL ENOUGH.

6. BELIEVE HALF HOUR IN WHICH ASCHAM GAVE GENERAL TALK RE PROBLEMS COUNTERING COMMUNIST SUBVERSION WOULD ADEQUATELY DO JOB. FYI: SUBJECT HAS NO USABLE ENGLISH.

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C/S Comment:

* Recommended that [] (1) interview SUBJECT(2) simultaneously advising him that his wishes were communicated to ASCHAM, but no reply had yet been received.

** OCR/CB notified of reference.

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