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TO : Chief, FE DATE _____
FROM : Chief of [] Base, [] INFO: Chief of Station, []
SUBJECT { GENERAL: Intelligence/POCAPON
SPECIFIC: Report Concerning POCAPON

1. There is quoted below an extract from a memorandum of conversation between Mr. Richard Lamb of the American Embassy Political Division, and YU Ta'e-ha, Counsellor of the ROK Mission, Tokyo, which refers to POCAPON. This report was called to [] attention by [] and to [] attention by Iden A.

"As we were leaving the restaurant YU, assuming his most secretive and conspiratorial manner, whispered that one thing which 'had everyone worried' was the widespread report that the U.S. favored POCAPON and wanted him to be the next Prime Minister. He added that word was going around to the effect that the U.S. was giving POCAPON considerable financial support, with the funds being supplied by KUBARK. I told YU the rumor sounded fantastic to me."

2. [] of course knows of our interest in POCAPON but Iden A, who knows of [] KUBARK connection wittingly, has no knowledge of our interest in POCAPON other than the general knowledge that POCAPON is generally friendly to the U.S. and would more than likely be a good man for the position we all hope he ultimately gets.

3. For your further information, [] mentioned this fact to Iden B during the latter's recent visit to Japan.

4. We will pass the essence of this allegation to POCAPON at an appropriate time and will advise you of his reactions and any light he may be able to shed on the story.

5. We have no further information as to YU's sources and while such a rumor may well be making the rounds of YU's associates, we have not picked it up from any other source.

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