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TAGS: PREL, PINR, FR, JA

SUBJECT: FRENCH AGREE TO COOPERATE WITH RYOICHI

- SASAKAWA

REF: A) PARIS 49660 B) STATE 351869 C) PARIS 48224

1. (U) FRENCH PRESS ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 19 THAT RYOICHI SASAKAWA WOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPEN HIS FOUNDATION (REFTELS) TO PROMOTE FRANCO-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP. THE FOUNDATION WILL BE OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS THE "FONDATION SASAKAWA." JEAN-PIERRE BRUNET, A FORMER GOF AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, WILL DIRECT THE FOUNDATION.

2. (C) MFA JAPAN DESK OFFICER OLIVIER ANSART TOLD POLOFF DECEMBER 3 THAT GOF HAD "COMPROMISED" ON SASAKAWA, A MAN WITH A CHECKERED PAST. HE SAID PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND CULTURE MINISTER LEOTARD HAD RECEIVED SASAKAWA, BUT ONLY FOR BRIEF SESSIONS.

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SASAKAWA WAS REPORTEDLY MIFFED THAT HE DID NOT GET RED CARPET TREATMENT. ANSART SAID THAT ALTHOUGH FORMATION OF FOUNDATION HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED, THERE WAS STILL SOME GIVE-AND-TAKE ON THE PROJECT AND THAT THE "STORY WAS NOT OVER." HE PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED.  
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