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TRACE RESPONSE AND BIO DATA ON RYOICHI ((SASAKAWA))

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1. ACTION: PER REF REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM HQS RECORDS CAN BE GISTED TO ()

2. THERE ARE NO HQS RECORDS IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE FOUNDATION, MENTIONED IN REF, OF WHICH HENRY KISSINGER IS AN HONORARY PRESIDENT. THERE WERE ALSO NO HQS RECORDS INDICATING THAT RYOICHI SASAKAWA IS PRESENTLY RESIDING IN THE U.S.

3. RYOICHI SASAKAWA, DPOB: 4 MAY 1899, MINOMO-SHI, OSAKA-FU, JAPAN, IS AN ULTRA-RIGHTIST, W.W. II CRIMINAL, AND WEALTHY INDUSTRIALIST WITH PAST TIES IN CRIMINAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. IN RECENT YEARS, HE HAS BECOME QUITE A PHILANTHROPIST, DONATING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO INTERNATIONAL CAUSES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1984, HE MADE A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA. HE HAS ALSO DONATED MONEY TO SPECIFIC UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTIONS AMONG OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES. NEEDLESS TO SAY, HIS PHILANTHROPY IS WELL-DOCUMENTED. THOUGH HE IS NOW RETIRED, (HE IS CLOSE TO 90 YEARS OF AGE), SASAKAWA'S BUSINESS ACTIVITIES STILL PROSPER AND ARE CARRIED OUT BY HIS SON.

4. SASAKAWA BEGAN MAKING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATION'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS (DPR) IN 1979. CIRCA 1983, SASAKAWA TRIED TO HAVE A MEETING WITH U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR, BUT THIS MEETING NEVER MATERIALIZED AS A RESULT OF PROTESTS FROM U.N. MEMBERS WHO WERE WELL AWARE OF SASAKAWA'S WAR CRIMES. SASAKAWA'S QUESTIONABLE REPUTATION ALSO AROSE FROM HIS ALLEGED CONNECTION WITH THE JAPANESE UNDERWORLD. THE ASSUMPTION MADE IN THE DPR WAS THAT SASAKAWA'S BASIS FOR SETTING UP A FOUNDATION FROM WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DPR WERE MADE WAS SO THAT HE COULD FUNNEL THE "DIRTY MONIES" THAT HE ACQUIRED THROUGH HIS SPONSORSHIP OF MOTOR BOAT RACES.

5. THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF BUT RELEVANT CHRONOLOGY OF SASAKAWA'S POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND CAREER:

EDUCATION: TOYOKAWA-MURA PRIMARY SCHOOL, 1914

CAREER: 1918 - JOINED THE JAPANESE NAVY

1932 - ESTABLISHED THREE COMPANIES: KOKUSUI MINING, IRIDOSMINE, MORIKAWA BORING

1942 - MEMBER OF JAPAN'S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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(2)(A) Privacy

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1945 - IMPRISONED AS AN A-CLASS WAR CRIMINAL

1948 - RELEASED FROM PRISON

1955 - CHAIRMAN, TOKYO MOTORBOAT RACING
ASSOCIATION.; CHAIRMAN, FEDERATION OF PREFECTURAL ASSOCIATIONS
OF MOTOR RACING

1962 - CHAIRMAN, THE JAPAN SHIPBUILDING
INDUSTRY FOUNDATION

ACTIVITIES: 1926 - FORMED AN ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE

1931 - MARCH, ADVISOR OF THE PUBLIC NATIONALIST
PARTY; SEPTEMBER, PRESIDENT, PUBLIC NATIONALIST PARTY

1932 - FORMED NATIONALIST AVIATION FEDERATION

1933 - REORGANIZED ABOVE FEDERATION AND BECAME
A COMMANDER OF THIS CORPS

1939 - WENT TO ITALY AND MET MUSSOLINI

1942 - PRESIDENT, NATIONALIST LEAGUE

1961 - VICE CHAIRMAN, WAR VETERANS ASSN. OF
JAPAN

1969 - HONORARY PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL
OVERCOME-COMMUNISTS LEAGUE

1972 - EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO RETIRE FROM
RIGHTIST ACTIVITIES; RETIRED AS HONORARY PRESIDENT OF
INTERNATIONAL OVERCOME- COMMUNISTS LEAGUE

NOTE: ALTHOUGH HE WAS A VERY ACTIVE NATIONALIST BEFORE
W.W. II, AFTER THE WAR, SASAKAWA'S RIGHTIST ACTIVITIES WERE
RATHER PASSIVE

6. HOPE THIS BRIEF OVERVIEW OF SASAKAWA WILL HELP. GOOD
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