

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 31 DEC 54

S-E-C-R-E-T

ROUTINE	
1	4
2	5
3	6

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : ()

ACTION: FE 7

INFO : DCI, D/DSI, COP, A/DD/P/P, PP 2, PP/OPS, PP/ICD 2, FI/RI 2

() 1347 (IN 36666) 14347 31 DEC 54

ROUTINE
PRECEDENCE

TO: ()

INFO: DIR

CITE: ()

PSYCH

RE: () 1345 (IN 36685)

ABRIDGED SHIBATA MEMO FOLLOWS:

1. JAPAN SUFFERED DIRECTLY FROM A-BOMB DAMAGE THROUGH HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, AND AGAIN VERY RECENTLY DURING THE BIKINI EXPERIMENTS. NOT ONLY IS JAPAN THE FIRST, BUT THE ONLY NATION SO AFFECTED. IN EACH INSTANCE, AMERICA WAS RESPONSIBLE AND, AS RESULT, THE FEAR OF A-BOMB HARBORED BY JAPANESE PEOPLE IS SECOND TO NONE IN THE WORLD. THE BITTERNESS PEOPLE FEEL TOWARD UNITED STATES FOR ITS USE OF THE BOMB IS DEEP-SEATED, AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS EXISTING SENTIMENT, THE COMMUNISTS CLEARLY ARE SUCCEEDING IN THEIR ANTI-U.S. AND PEACE PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVES.

2. GIVEN THE INTENSE PRESSURE OF THE SOVIET PEACE OFFENSIVE, BOTH JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES WILL SUFFER SERIOUSLY IF THIS EMOTIONAL TREND OF PUBLIC SENTIMENT IS LEFT TO FOLLOW ITS OWN COURSE. FUTHERMORE WITH THE NEARNESS OF GENERAL ELECTIONS, WHICH MAY WELL DECIDE DESTINY OF OUR NATION, WE FIND CONSERVATIVES

S-E-C-R-E-T

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO MAKE A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE Copy No. 3

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

- EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)
- (2)(A) Privacy
 - (2)(B) Methods/Sources
 - (2)(C) Foreign Relations

Declassified and Approved for Release by the Central Intelligence Agency Date: 2005

S-E-C-R-E-T

31 DEC 54

() 1347 (IN 36666)

PAGE -2-

TRAGICALLY AND FOOLISHLY DIVIDED, BEWILDERED IN THEIR SEARCH OF FIRM GROUND FROM WHICH TO DEFEND EITHER A PRO AMERICAN OR CONSERVATIVE POSITION.

3. IN ORDER TO PRESENT THE WHOLE QUESTION OF ATOMIC ENERGY IN ITS PROPER LIGHT, THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS WOULD BE TO INVITE MEN LIKE JOHN JAY HOPKINS, PRESIDENT OF GENERAL DYNAMICS, AND EMINENT ATOMIC SCIENTISTS TO COME TO JAPAN AS ATOMIC POWER PEACE EMISSARIES IN ORDER TO REVIVE THE HOPES OF THE DEFLATION-OPPRESSED JAPANESE IN RECONSTRUCTING THEIR ECONOMY.

4. IF SUCH A PROJECT BE CONSIDERED, IT WOULD BE ONLY RATIONAL TO CARRY IT OUT IN AMPLE TIME TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THE GENERAL ELECTIONS. THE DATE SHOULD BE SET FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR IN JAN OR EARLY FEB AT LATEST. IF AT THIS TIME AN ATOMIC PEACE MISSION ARRIVES CARRYING SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT, THE INFLUENCE IT WILL HAVE IN ALTERING THE ATTITUDE OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE WILL BE PRICELESS. SHORIKI MATSUTARO IS NOT ONLY PREPARED TO EXTEND A FORMAL INVITATION TO THIS MISSION IN THE NAME OF THE YOMIURI, BUT IS READY TO EXTEND HIS FACILITIES TO THE UTMOST IN CARRYING OUT AN ENLIGHTENMENT PROPAGANDA PROGRAM THROUGH THE FACILITIES OF HIS PAPER AND HIS TV NETWORK.

5. PRESENTLY, WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH MR WELSCH, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITEL CORP OF NEW YORK.

S-E-C-R-E-T

S-E-C-R-E-T

31 DEC 54

() 1347 (IN 36666)

PAGE -3-

6. IF WE CAN BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE IN ACCELERATING THIS
PROJECT WE WOULD BE MOST HAPPY.

END OF MESSAGE

S-E-C-R-E-T