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SHORIKI Matsuzaro has instructed the makeup desk of the Yomiuri Shinbun to support the proposal that Premier HATOYAMA Ichiro go to Moscow to settle the Japan-Soviet negotiations and to criticize the failure of Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU Mamoru as negotiator with the USSR. SHORIKI is doing this to back KONO Ichiro, and hopes thereby to be rewarded with the Secretary-Generalship of the Liberal-Democratic Party and a cabinet post as well. SHORIKI's ultimate goal is the Premiership.

Source Comment. In addition to supporting his own ends by helping KONO, SHORIKI is in KONO's debt for past favors. SHORIKI realizes that KONO wants the Secretary-Generalship of the Liberal-Democratic Party for himself, but feels that KONO might abdicate this ambition in SHORIKI's favor.

Field Comment. Current reports from other sources and from the press indicate that opposition to KONO within the Liberal-Democratic Party is sufficiently strong to prevent his becoming Secretary-General of the Party. Reports from other sources, for instance FJT-894 and FJT-895, however, indicate that his candidate for a dummy Secretary-General is SUNADA Shigemasa.

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