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THE CIA AND MISS BAEZ

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(TEXT) TYKYO--THE JAPANESE INTERPRETER FOR TOURING AMERICAN
PACIFIST SINGER JOAN BAEZ ADMITTED TODAY THAT HE HAD BEEN
ASKED BY THE CIA TO MAKE MISS BAEZ REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL
REMARKS OVER THE NIPPON TELEVISION NETWORK.

HE ADMITTED THAT IN TRANSLATING MISS BAEZ' REMARKS THAT
SHE REFUSED TO PAY TAXES BECAUSE HER MONEY WOULD BE USED TO
FINANCE THE WAR IN VIETNAM, HE MERELY SAID THAT TAXES WERE HIGH
IN THE UNITED STATES. NEVERTHELESS, INTERPRETER TAKASAKI SAID,
HE COULD NOT GO ALONG WITH THE EXPRESSION "I HAD BEEN ORDERED
TO MISTRANSLATE MISS BAEZ' REMARKS." HE SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED
MISS BAEZ BEFOREHAND THAT HE WAS ACTING AS AN ANNOUNCER, AND
ADOPTED THE ATTITUDE OF OMITTING ALL REFERENCE TO POLITICAL MATTERS.

WHAT I HAD BEEN ASKED BY HAROLD COOPER OF CIA WAS SPECIFICALLY
TO REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL REMARKS--"JUST ANNOUNCE THE MUSIC,"
TAKASAKI TOLD REPORTERS.

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