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SUBJECT Coup d'etat Allegedly Being Planned by Ex-Militarists and Ultrationalists.			DATE 14 Sept 1955	
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<p>Report from Tokyo Japan  Source: American observer from:  (a) Former Chinese general officer with Third Force contacts, and with wide contacts among ex-Japanese Army officers formerly stationed in China and now engaged in intelligence activities. (para 1,2,3,4,5,6)  Date of Info: Prior to 25 October 1952  Dissem No. SO-101342</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS EXCERPTED VERBATIM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since the beginning of July 1952 plans for a coup d'etat have been initiated by a group of ex-purgees including former military officers. The leader of the group is ex-Colonel HATTORI Takushiro (2591/6752/0587/0943/6745)....</li> <li>TSUJI Masanobu ( /2973/0207) has been chosen as the front man for the group, and is reportedly under HATTORI's control. Not a member of the group, but closely associated with IMOTO (IMOTO Kumao (0064/2609/1966/7160)); is former Rear Admiral SHIBAYAMA Shiba (2693/1472/0674/7456), who has close connections with Third Force Chinese. Sympathetic with the aims of the group are: ....OGATA Taketora....</li> <li>The original plan of the group was to engineer a coup d'etat, including the assassination of Prime Minister YOSHIDA Shigeru, on account of his hostile attitude toward depurgees and nationalists. The group hoped to replace YOSHIDA as Prime Minister with HATOYAMA Ichiro (7682/1472/0001/6745)...</li> <li>The group is now amendable to postponing the coup as long as the Liberal Party remains in power, or even if SHIGEMITSU Mamoru (6850/0342/5525), president of</li> </ol>				
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the Progressive Party, should become Prime Minister. Ultimately they hope to succeed in having OGATA Taketora made Prime Minister once the rightists get into power again.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Source Comment. OGATA is reputed to have influential connections in China and other Asiatic countries, and would therefore be useful in any effort made later by the rightists toward an Asiatic sphere.

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