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SUBJ: JCP AND SOKA GAKKAI SIGN CO-EXISTENCE AGREEMENT

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

REF: TOKYO 9770

SUMMARY. HITHERTO SECRET LONG-TERM JCP-SOKA GAKKAI CO-EXISTENCE AGREEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED JULY 28. IT APPEARS TO BE YET ANOTHER BLOW TO KOMEITO. END SUMMARY.

1. VERNACULAR PRESS JULY 28 REPORTED HITHERTO SECRET CO-EXISTENCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY (JCP) AND SOKA GAKKAI. FORMAL ACCORD INCLUDES MUTUAL PROMISE TO RESPECT EACH OTHER'S ORGANIZATION AND TO AVOID SLANDER OR INTERFERENCE IN ONE ANOTHER'S ORGANIZATION AND TO AVOID SLANDER OR INTERFERENCE IN ONE ANOTHER'S ACTIVITIES, AND JCP PROMISE (AT ALL LEVELS) TO RESPECT UNCONDITIONALLY FREEDOM OF RELIGION. AGREEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO RUN FOR TEN YEARS FROM ITS DECEMBER 28, 1974 SIGNING

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RANKING JCP AND SOKA GAKKAI OFFICIALS. IT WAS CONFIRMED, HOW-

EVER,

BY DECEMBER 29 MEETING BETWEEN JCP CHAIRMAN KENJI MIYAMOTO AND GAKKAI PRESIDENT DAISAKU IKEDA. WELL-KNOWN NOVELIST AND LONG-TIME JCP SYMPATHIZER SEICHO MATSUMOTO IS NOW CLAIMING CREDIT FOR DECEMBER 29 MIYAMOTO-IKEDA MEETING WHICH REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED AGREEMENT.

2. COMMENT. KOMEITO INTERNATIONAL BUREAU CHIEF KUROYANAGI TOLD EMBOFF JULY 28 PARTY LEADERSHIP WAS UNAWARE OF AGREEMENT AND ITS ANNOUNCEMENT HAS PRODUCED SHOCK AND DISMAY WITHIN PARTY. AT THIS POINT, THEY ARE UNCERTAIN OF EFFECT ON PARTY ORGANIZATION AND KOMEITO VOTERS, BOTH ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY SOKA GAKKAI MEMBERS, BUT THEY BELIEVE IT ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE ADVERSE. THEY VIEW AGREEMENT AS PRODUCT OF SOME LONG-RANGE IKEDA PLAN WHICH THEY DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND, AS A RESTRAINT ON THEIR NORMAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN IMPULSE TO ATTACK JCP AND AS ADVANTAGEOUS TO JCP IN POLITICAL SHORT RUN. AS RESULT, PARTY LEADERSHIP IS BADLY DIVIDED OVER HOW TO RESPOND TO NEWS OF AGREEMENT. ALONG WITH PRESS AND SEVERAL NON-KOMEITO POLITICIANS, WE AGREE KOMEITO FEARS ARE WELL FOUNDED. NEWS OF ACCORD COMES ONLY ONE WEEK AFTER SHARP JCP ORGAN (AKAHATA) ATTACK ON KOMEITO CHAIRMAN TAKEIRI BY NAME. SHOESMITH

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