

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530**Exhibit A to Registration Statement
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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| 1. Name of Registrant Mr. Matthew Martin Braynard | 2. Registration Number 7459 | | | | | | |
| 3. Primary Address of Registrant 1747 Tysons Central Street, 1407, Vienna, VA 22182 | | | | | | | |
| 4. Name of Foreign Principal Sanseito | 5. Address of Foreign Principal I do not know Tokyo JAPAN | | | | | | |
| 6. Country/Region Represented JAPAN | | | | | | | |
| 7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Government of a foreign country ¹ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreign political party <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following: <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Committee</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Corporation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Association</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____</td> </tr> </table> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual-State nationality _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group | <input type="checkbox"/> Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | | | | | |
| 8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state: a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages | | | | | | | |

¹ "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

9. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

a) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

Sen Yamanaka

b) Aim, mission or objective of foreign political party

To win elections in Japan.

10. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

b) Is this foreign principal:

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes No

Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes No

Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes No

Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes No

Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes No

Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes No

11. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 10(b).

12. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date

Printed Name

Signature

09/07/2024

Mathew Martin Braynard

/s/Mathew Martin Braynard

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

September 7, 2024

Matthew Martin Braynard



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Washington, DC 20530

**Exhibit B to Registration Statement
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INSTRUCTIONS. A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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| 1. Name of Registrant Mr. Matthew Martin Braynard | 2. Registration Number 7459 |
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3. Name of Foreign Principal

Sanseito

Check Appropriate Box:

4. The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5. There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6. The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? **03/01/2024**
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

I was asked if I could get the party leader on podcasts that are based in the US and introduce him to political leaders so party leader could invite them to attend events in Japan and to raise the profile of the party back in Japan with audiences that pay attention to US media. There was no compensation requested or offered.

9. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Email podcast hosts to ask if the party leader can appear on their show, and email political leaders I've come into contact with over the years to see if they are interested in meeting.

10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act¹.

Yes No

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

11. Prior to the date of registration² for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, such as political activities, for this foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities, including political activities.

See Appendix for Response

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

| Date | Contact | Method | Purpose |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| see Appendix for Response | | | |

12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register³ for this foreign principal, has the registrant received from the foreign principal, or from any other source, for or in the interests of the foreign principal, any contributions, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise?

Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

| Date Received | From Whom | Purpose | Amount/Thing of Value |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| See Appendix for Response | | | |
| | | | \$ 3,296.14 |
| | | | Total |

13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register⁴ for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies, or disposed of anything of value other than money, in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

| Date | Recipient | Purpose | Amount/Thing of Value |
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¹ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

^{2,3,4} Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

EXECUTION

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

09/07/2024

Matthew Martin Braynard

/s/Matthew Martin Braynard

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

September 7, 2024

Matthew Martin Braynard



Appendix **Response to Item 11-Desc**

Item 11-Desc: Prior to the date of registration for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, such as political activities, for this foreign principal? If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials. Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities, including political activities.

The principal, party leader Sohei Kamiya, had planned a trip to the US. The principal was interested in appearing on Steve Bannon and Tucker Carlson's podcast, so I texted the producers of those shows. I also contacted Americans for Tax Reform, Heritage Foundation, and America First Policy Center to ask if they would be interested in meeting with the principal to discuss common, populist conservative policies.

The objective of all of this was for the principal to learn more about the US political system, raise his profile in Japan with Japanese people who followed US media, and find people to invite to the party's conferences back in Japan.

I was not compensated and did not request compensation.

These requests were mostly in April and May, but no meetings were agreed to, no podcast appearances were secured, and the trip never happened.

Appendix

Response to Item 11-List

Item 11-List: Prior to the date of registration for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, such as political activities, for this foreign principal? If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials. Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

| Date | Contact | Method | Purpose |
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| 06/15/2024 | Zach Bauder, formerly and then again more recently staff of America First Policy Institute, but not employed by them at the time I contacted him. | text | Shared principal's interest in meeting with organization leadership. |
| 06/15/2024 | Candice Boyer, Adam Radman, Lorenzo Montenari, staff at Americans for Tax Reform | email | Shared principal's interest in meeting with organization leadership. |
| 06/16/2024 | Lexi Ciccone (producer for Tucker Carlson) | text | Offer principal as a guest on the podcast. |
| 07/01/2024 | Jake Denton, Heritage Foundation | text (dates approximate) | Shared principal's interest in meeting with organization leadership. |
| 07/09/2024 | Cameron (no idea his last name), producer for Steve Bannon | text | Offer principal as a guest on the podcast. |

Appendix

Response to Item 12

Item 12: During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register for this foreign principal, has the registrant received from the foreign principal, or from any other source, for or in the interests of the foreign principal, any contributions, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise? If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

| Date Received | From Whom | Purpose | Amount/Thing of Value |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 08/19/2024 | Sanseito (the political party) | They invited me to speak at their conference in Kobe in August and offered me 3000 as an honorarium plus some travel-related expenses. | \$ 3,296.14 |
| 08/06/2024 | Sanseito | Expenses related to getting me to Kobe to speak at their conference. | They paid and directly booked the travel and lodging to get to the Kobe conference. I don't know how much was spent. |