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~~STBRANT-1's~~ debriefing, which was conducted in connection with his ~~IAFLUTER~~ examination (see Reference), revealed that three of STBRANT-1 former contacts in Manchuria and Inner Mongolia are now living in Japan, and STBRANT-1 has been contacting two of these individuals. interviewed STBRANT-1 in an effort to determine the extent of these contacts. The enclosure contains STBRANT-1's statement outlining his relationship with these individuals.

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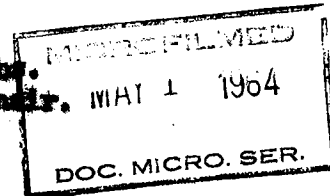
STRANT-1's Close Friends in Japan

1. SHINGOA Kenichi (4646/3944/0001)¹

a. Physical Description:

40 years old.
Height 5'4".
No outstanding features.

Weight 128 lbs.
Heavy black hair.



b. Employment History:

1934-1936, mail clerk at the Mongolian Military Academy at Wangyehsiao.
1936-1937, code clerk for the Wangyehsiao Tokoku Kikan (TKK) group.
January 1937-1938, subject was assigned as a clerk in the Wangyehsiao group.

November 1938-January 1939, subject was made chief of the Khaler Arshan TKK Branch and although a civilian held the rank of a sergeant.

January 1939-February 1940, subject was the chief of the Lamin Sasa TKK Branch.

February 1940-July 1941, subject was chief Tung-liao TKK group.

July 1941-December 1943, subject was assigned as assistant chief of the information group, TKK located at Wangyehsiao.

December 1943 until end of the war SHINGOA was an advisor to Col. KANAGAWA (6855/1557), chief of the Wangyehsiao TKK group.

c. Post War History:

SHINGOA was captured with KANAGAWA at Fa-ku and in September 1945 was sent to the Russian POW camp at Raichikhinsk (phonetic) near the Siberian border where he remained as a TB patient until repatriated to Japan in January 1948. SHINGOA was in a Tokyo hospital from the time of his return to Japan until June or July 1948 at which time he was discharged and went to his father-in-law's home in Tokyo (SHINGOA's wife killed herself at the end of WW II in Wangyehsiao). SHINGOA's father-in-law gave the subject employment in his furniture factory where he worked until the middle of 1949 when he got a job as an advertising man on the Japan Fibre News, a small paper published by the textile industry. SHINGOA kept this job with the Japan Fibre News until the beginning of 1953 when he again changed jobs. This time he found employment as a reporter on the Current News (Jiji Tsushin) (2514/0057/6639/0207), a newspaper devoted to the report-

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ing of political events and government affairs. This newspaper is still being published in Tokyo. About October 1953 SHINODA again changed jobs and found employment with the International News 2 as a staff writer dealing with Chinese and China. He has a very good position but the salary is very small, about \$7,000 per month.

d. STERANT-1's Connection with SHINODA:

STERANT-1 met SHINODA sometime in 1933 at Wangyehsiao when the subject was a mail clerk at the Mongolian Military Academy. STERANT-1 developed a liking for SHINODA and began spending a lot of his free time with the subject. SHINODA more-or-less adopted STERANT-1 as his big brother and came to depend on STERANT-1 as his adviser and sponsor. STERANT-1 did not see the subject from 11 August 1945 until March 1948. Since that time STERANT-1 has been seeing the subject on the average of twice a month. SHINODA has visited STERANT-1 at the latter's home in Yokosuka about five times. STERANT-1 stated that he believes that SHINODA is of the opinion that STERANT-1 is working for some U.S. Intelligence organization; however, STERANT-1 has never discussed his job with the subject other than to say that he was working as a translator at the Yokosuka Naval Base. STERANT-1 further claims that he has never identified the group currently employing him. SHINODA is aware that STERANT-1 is in Japan illegally and is using a Chinese alias. According to STERANT-1, SHINODA has never shown any particular interest in his job with the U.S.

e. STERANT-1's Evaluation of SHINODA's Present Position:

STERANT-1 is of the opinion that SHINODA does not have any connection with Japanese intelligence services (STERANT-1 bases this assumption on the slim fact that SHINODA has never told the subject that he has such connections); however, SHINODA has a friend, SHI Toshiaki (6390/2535/2979/2194) who is working for the Japanese Public Safety Investigation Agency (PSIA) in Tokyo.

2. KATO Kiyonari (0502/5671/3237/0048)⁴

a. STERANT-1's Initial Contact with Subject:

Subject was a Buddhist monk studying at Gengen Temple (just a few miles south of Wangyehsiao) where STERANT-1 met him in 1935. KATO remained at this temple until the end of WW II when he fled to Chan Chun. KATO refused to repatriate to Japan in that he hoped to return to Gengen Temple to finish his study of the Mongolian

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and Tibetan languages. Sometime in 1948 KATO did return to Japan and STERANT-1 received a letter from him while the letter was in Shanghai. STERANT-1 stated that KATO learned of his presence in Shanghai from STERANT-1's wife.

b. Post WW II History:

After KATO's return to Japan in 1948 he worked in Shizuoka as a fisherman for about one year, after which he entered the textile business, in a small way, in Tokyo. Since its beginning KATO's firm has enjoyed only a limited success, but the company does afford him a comfortable living.

c. STERANT-1's Present Connection with KATO:

Between the subject's return to Japan in 1948 and 1952 STERANT-1 used to see him about two times a month, but since KATO's marriage in 1951 the meetings have been very infrequent. STERANT-1 told KATO that he is a translator at the Yokosuka Naval Base and that he was brought into Japan by the Americans illegally and that he is using a Chinese alias. STERANT-1 stated that KATO has never asked him about his work.

X GUNSHI NIKO (6746/0674/1750)⁵

STERANT-1 met this individual in Inner Mongolia while the latter was serving as a Japanese civil administrator. GUNSHI knows STERANT-1 is MAIDARJAB, the agent's alias used in Mongolia. STERANT-1 has seen the subject in Tokyo twice since his return to Japan; however, GUNSHI did not see or did not recognize STERANT-1.

1. Field Comment: File check request on the subject returned from Base marked "no record"; however, files revealed the following references to the subject: "Possibly identical with subject (nta) -- Employee International Affairs Institute; former member of the Harbin Tokuma Kikan (TKK). Source: KUPINE 31 March 1954." "Important member of Tokuma Kikan. Source: IPD-44, 28 October 1948."

2. Field Comment: The International News referred to Harbin should not be confused with the Kokusai Shinbun the Communist-controlled newspaper published in Osaka. The subject International News is a newspaper published monthly in Tokyo, Minato-ku, Nita, and is

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devoted to commenting on international political news. According to STRANT-1, International News' orientation is right of center.

4. Field Comment: No record in Japan Detachment files. Local file checks have been requested.
5. Field Comment: There are numerous references to the subject contained in the STRANT-1 operational reports. In addition the following information was supplied by [] on 15 July 1954: "Subject is a director of the Nissai (2480/6134) Construction Company. He was a councillor of the Marin Daijiri, Botha Group, East Heiyan Prov. He is currently living at 407, Kami-nakasato-machi, Kita-ku, Tokyo. Telephone number (relay) 91-4687. He is a promoter of the Japan-Mongolian Friendship Association."

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