

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO.

COUNTRY China/Japan

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE DISTR. 18 APR 1949

SUBJECT Smuggling activities in Taiwan and Japan

NO. OF PAGES 2

25X1A6a

25X1A2g

PLACE ACQUIRED [REDACTED]

NO. OF ENCLS. (LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO 25X1X6 [REDACTED]

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.



1. a. The most active smuggling bases in Taiwan are as follows:
  - In the vicinity of Maolin (Morin) village near Shihmen (Sekimon)(121-33, 25-17).
  - Nanao (Nano)(121-48, 24-28) and Tungao (Tco)(121-49, 24-31) area.
  - Taan (Taian)(120-37, 24-21) and Wuhsi (Gosei)(121-49, 24-31) area.
  - Putai (Hotei)(120-10, 23-23) area.
  - Tungchiang (Toko)(120-27, 22-28) area.
  - Hungmaochiang (Komoko)(120-19, 22-33) area.
- b. Other Taiwan smuggling bases are:
  - Suangch'i (Sokei)(121-34, 25-07) area near Keelung (Kiirun).
  - Szuchieh (Shiketsu)(121-45, 24-47) area.
  - Chiuchiang (Kyuko)(~~舊港~~), Kangshan (Okayama)(120-17, 22-48) District, Kaohsiung (Takao)(120-17, 22-38) Province.
  - K'angliang (Koryo)(~~康梁~~) and Fuhsing (Fukko)(~~復興~~) areas in Taitung (Taito)(121-09, 22-45) District, Taitung Province.
  - Hualienchiang (Karenko)(121-36, 23-58) area.
2. Vessels used for illicit trade are 10- to 30-ton sailboats (with motors) and motorboats with engines of 20 to 50 horsepower.
3. Hong Kong, Hainan Island, Foochow (China), Malaya, Okinawa and Japan are the main destinations of the Taiwan smugglers. The Okinawa and Ryukoku (~~和國~~)(sic) areas especially serve as intermediary bases for illicit trade between Japan and the Tanshui (Tansui)(121-25, 25-11) and Fengshan (Hozan)(120-23, 22-38) areas in Taiwan. Although figures are not available, it is believed a considerable amount of goods is smuggled.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

STATE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSRB	DISTRIBUTION										
ARMY		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBI											

This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States.

Next Review Date: 2000

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Document No. 010  
 NO CHANGE in Class.   
 CONFIDENTIAL   
 Class. Exempt To: T, S, C  
 Date: MAY 16 1978 By: 013

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- 2 - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



4. Another smuggling route between Japan and Taiwan has a relay base in the Ryukyu Islands, although some smugglers deal directly with Japan from Suao (Suo)(121-51, 24-36), Taiwan, using motorboats.
5. Kobe, Nagasaki, Hirado (平戸) and Fukuoka (福岡) are the Japanese bases for smuggling goods to and from Okinawa, Taiwan, Malaya and Hong Kong. The Sannomiya Choko (三ノ宮)(長江) Industrial Co., Ltd., in the Kobe and Ikida (生田) areas of Japan, engages in illicit trade on an exceedingly large scale in collaboration with the Ch'angchiang (Choko)(長江公司) Co. -- 3rd Street, Penting (本町), Taipei City, Taiwan -- which in turn has close relations with cooperative societies in the various villages and districts.
6. There is much illegal fishing and smuggling of goods done by the fishing boats, who use bases on Taiwan similar (sic) to the smugglers' bases.
7. a. Goods smuggled out of Taiwan are as follows:
 

Rice	Matches
Sugar	Hemp
Peanut oil	Tobacco
Rubber*	Quinine
- b. Goods smuggled into Taiwan are:
 

Cotton fabrics	Rubber*
Medicines	Daily articles
Machine parts	
8. In an effort to put an end to illicit trade, a patrol station has been established and a search unit stationed in Suao to investigate smuggling activities. After the establishment of the patrol station a census was taken in areas believed to contain smugglers' bases, and all rice-hoarders were arrested. This step was a severe blow to the smugglers, who are said to be devising new ways of hoarding commodities. The patrol station has a thorough organization and has accomplished much in preventing illicit trade. However, smuggling might increase in the future, no matter how strictly curbed, because it is impossible to stamp it out as long as the economic problems of the small merchants are not solved and the living standards of the Taiwanese are not improved.

25X1A6a

Comment. Perhaps the rubber smuggled into Taiwan from one place is smuggled out again to another place.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~