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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT: ABE Yoshinaga**

The following information on subject is from an OSI document entitled "Biographies of Prominent Japanese", dated 15 September 1945:

**Abbe Yoshinaga (A) ABE**

ABE, who graduated from Vanderbilt University, is a former bishop of the Japanese Methodist Church; president, Japanese Christian Council (1940); president, Aoyama School; was one of a group of prominent Japanese Christian leaders who travelled to the United States in April 1941 in an attempt to improve relations between the two countries; in January 1944 he aided the Chinese Christian churches. He became pastor of the Continental Church in Shanghai in August 1944, and he reportedly cooperated with the Japanese government in bringing Christian churches under government domination.

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