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TO : Chief, PDZ

DATE: 16 March 1951

FROM : []

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC - SAKAI Nace

REFERENCE: Wash 31915, [] ZJIA-1213, ZJI-510, ZJI-575

1. Early in 1948 SAKAI Nace prepared a biographical sketch for us but it was so brief, so superficial, we did not care to forward it. Then came the OZAMA case, resulting from an indiscretion by one of his contacts, and we dismissed all further thought of using him. However, we continued to see him; we liked the man.

2. ZJIA-1213 revived our interest in him. We have used him to dig deeper into the activities of rightist groups. ZJI-575 is one of the results. Then [] appeared on the scene. Wash #31915 gave us the excuse we needed to request detailed background information from Subject. He offered fewer objections than we had anticipated. The attached statement is his report, corrected and edited in detail only.

3. We fear his statements may be somewhat misleading. The facts are correct; the early, adventurous years are a matter of record. But when he speaks about his work in Germany, in the Office of the Japanese Naval Attache, we believe he exaggerates the importance of his position. A "Shokutaku" can have many widely different functions. His were numerous and varied; we know he was very active but, we feel sure, always at a fairly low level. From tactful questioning of [] regarding Subject we judge him to have been the Navy's trouble-shooter, the handy-man who knew all the ropes and got things done. There is no doubt that he knew many people in Europe and that he did a good job for the Navy. But we are frankly skeptical of his formal relations and contacts. Insofar as the "peace feelers" are concerned, we know he is magnifying the role he played. But he was, without question, one of those who ran Navy intelligence operations. This is the first time he has admitted it; we hope to get the details later. We are particularly interested in the reference to his connections with Colonel SCHIMMELBERG of the Reichsicherheitshauptamt. Please check the secret log, 1950. There are voluminous interrogation reports of SCHIMMELBERG which should contain some reference to the secretary. Since he is alive and in touch with Subject, this phase of your clearance investigation is important.

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4. Subject is of especial interest to us not only for his intelligence potential but on account of his rather unusual personality. He is the only Japanese we know who thinks and acts completely like a European. In fact, except in appearance, he is entirely un-Oriental. This gives him an objectivity, a critical approach, that is in many ways unique and which could be invaluable to us. It also gives him a strange sort of sensitivity. He is acutely aware that he is Japanese: his British wife and foreign children, and the race prejudice he encountered in Germany, have made him very race conscious. This accounts for his interest, if not participation, in OKAMOTO Jingo's activities and has made him a Japanese "nationalist" in the unreprehensible sense of the term.

5. There is no doubt that he will go back to intelligence. His experience in that field is considerable. Moreover, if he should return to Europe now, he would have an excellent cover position and many old and new contacts. Under the circumstances, our control would be limited, but we have it, we believe, to a great degree in his divided loyalties: in his deep affection for his foreign family and in his pathetic attempts to make over Japan in his own non-Japanese image.

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