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1. On 20 March 1956 it was reported by the Japanese press that the Organizers Society for Delegation of Former Militarists to Visit Communist China (OSDFMVOCC) (Bochu Gunjindan Sewanin Kai), which is headed by its founder former Lieutenant General ENDO Saburo, had received a telegram from CHANG Hsi-jo (1720/1153/5367), chairman of the People's Council on Diplomacy of Communist China (Chugoku Jimin Gaiko Gakkai), formally inviting about 30 former Japanese militarists to make an all-expense paid tour of Communist China in May 1956.
2. Actually, however, ENDO Saburo received a formal letter inviting such a delegation to visit China on 16 March. This invitation was a follow-up to a personal letter written to ENDO by SHA Nan-ko<sup>2</sup> stating that Communist China would like to have a delegation of 30 former ex-servicemen visit the country with all expenses paid by the Communist Chinese Government. In effect, this letter from SHA was in reply to terms laid down by ENDO to Communist China under which a group of ex-servicemen would make the trip to the mainland. The conditions were given by ENDO to KUDO Ho-jo when the latter was in Japan on a visit in January 1956. The terms were as follows:
  - a. That the itinerary of the delegation in China be provided.
  - b. That correspondence for the negotiation of this trip be addressed to TADA Iseo of the Shinko Trading Company.
  - c. That Communist China bear the entire expenses for the trip.
  - d. That 20 former servicemen to be selected by the Japanese side make the visit.
3. Upon receiving the formal invitation on 16 March, ENDO's group met on the following day to discuss the matter of selecting the members of the delegation to make the trip. They decided that they would select 10 from among themselves and let the remaining 20 be picked by the veterans organizations, the Kaiko Kai (Army Officers Association), the Suiko Kai (Navy Officers Association), and the Japan Federation of War Comrades Organizations (Hippon Senyu Dantai Rengekai).

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4. The selecting of the members of the delegation has been entrusted entirely to ENDO, and the Communist Chinese authorities have not attempted to interfere in this matter.
5. Two persons who have been tentatively recommended for the delegation are former Lieutenant General DOI Akio,<sup>4</sup> of the Continental Problems Research Institute (Tairiku Mondai Kenkyu Sho), and former Major General TAKASHIMA (fnu)<sup>5</sup>. They were recommended by former generals TATSUMI Eiichi and IMANORA Mitoshi of the Kaiko Kai. ENDO's group is planning to recommend former Colonel MIYASHI Shigeru and former Captain KANEKO (fnu).<sup>6</sup>
1. Field Comment. The Japanese press further reported that this invitation was the outcome of an invitation extended to ENDO by MAO Tse-tung and other high Communist Chinese officials when ENDO was in Communist China last fall on a trip with KATAYAMA Tetsu. After his return to Japan ENDO organized the OSDPMVCC, an organization of interested ex-servicemen.
  2. Field Comment. Believed to be the Japanese reading for HSIEH Nan-kuang.
  3. Field Comment. By ENDO's group source is probably referring to the OSDPMVCC.
  4. Japanese Comment. DOI may not be acceptable to Communist China as he is too well known as an intelligence officer.
  5. Japanese Comment. TAKASHIMA is a covert operative of the Cabinet Research Chamber (CRC).  
Field Comment. Probably TAKASHIMA Tetsuhiko.
  6. Japanese Comment. Both MIYASHI and KANEKO are presently employed by the CRC, but ENDO is completely unwitting of their connection with CRC. Also, arrangements have been made with the Kaiko Kai to recommend MIYASHI and KANEKO if the ENDO group fail to come through with its recommendation. Arrangements have also been made to have the Socialists (sic) recommend KANEKO.