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MEMORANDUM

TO: J-PI  
FROM: Chief, Reports Branch  
SUBJECT: Operational Use of Members of ENDO Saburo Group

1. The following extract from [ ] report AH-826, received by [ ] on 18 April 1956, is cited for your information.

"Three members of the delegation of former militarists to visit Communist China have agreed to cooperate with PSIA. These men, whose passport applications were filed with the Foreign Ministry on 9 April along with the other members of the delegation, are former Lt. Gen. DOI Akio, former Col. SHIGEKAWA Hidetaka and former Maj. Gen. WATANABE Wataru. However, WATANABE does not expect to make the trip himself and will recommend another qualified person."

2. Because of our own operational interest in this activity, I do not contemplate further dissemination of the above item. I have, however, checked with [ ], who advises that DOI and SHIGEKAWA are among the members of the group who have been represented to him by [ ] as their assets. Of course, [ ] is supposedly the coordinator on the Japanese side of our joint operation and may have been speaking in that sense, but there is also a good possibility that somebody is kidding somebody.

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