

HATTORI Takushiro

IWAKURO Hideo sentiments towards HATTORI Takushiro. IWAKURO has a vigorous antipathy not only toward HATTORI, but toward all other officers of the former Japanese Army working for G-2 at NYK and GHQ as well. IWAKURO has stated that the former Japanese officers now working at NYK and GHQ are serving as spies in the interest of America and are selling out Japan. These characters should naturally be executed in the name of the Japanese people when full sovereignty is restored to Japan. This is not an original belief of IWAKURO himself. Such a belief might have been formed as a result of hearing a lot of things from those former underground leaders and intelligence men surrounding IWAKURO. Anyhow, his hatred against HATTORI and his group is most serious. Consequently, who ever may try to mediate between them, it will not prove an easy task for the time being to establish any compromise between HATTORI and IWAKURO. (ZJL-773, 18 Dec. 51, Dossier.)

HATTORI Takushiro commenting on 2 Jan 1952 on the information obtained by his own group concerning Sakhalin and the Kuriles, said: "I am dispatching not one intelligence agent to Sakhalin or the Kuriles. (ZSL-963, 18 Jan 52, Dossier.)

TATSUMI Eiichi and HATTORI Takushiro are not on bad terms, necessarily, but no operational connection exists between them at present insofar as rearmament is concerned. Prominent figures in the present government, particularly in the Attorney General's office and in the National Rural Police, have a very strong antipathy for HATTORI. As a result, TATSUMI has lately adopted a very reserved attitude in dealing with HATTORI. Furthermore, he hesitates to approach HATTORI at all on the subject of rearmament, apparently because of the hostility of Cabinet leaders and others to HATTORI.

HATTORI told on 26 Nov. that MATSUTANI Makoto may be foolish enough to help TATSUMI and of his work for him but I (HATTORI) am not". He indicated that during the month of Nov, TATSUMI had contacted him several times concerning the rearmament issue and had asked HATTORI many questions about the latter's studies on rearmament and opinions of what government policy should be. At first HATTORI, encouraged by reports of TATSUMI's warm feeling toward him and high respect for HATTORI's ability, gave our information and advice in general. However, two things annoyed him extremely: (a) TATSUMI, when HATTORI queried him directly concerning what the government hoped or planned to do about rearmament and how they would use his planning information, became first vague and non-committal and then supercilious; (b) HATTORI had confirmed very definitely the general report that all recent candidates for posts in the National Police Reserve are queried very closely on past relationship with HATTORI and if any connection to HATTORI is proven, or even suspected, of any such candidates, they are rejected by the police officials in charge; HATTORI asked TATSUMI to do something about correcting this extremely unfair attitude and practice, not for his own sake but because many very able Police Reserve candidates were being rejected for service on the basis of that discrimination; TATSUMI made only vague and listless promises and showed his impatience with the topic being presented to him that he intended to do nothing in HATTORI's defense at all. As a result, HATTORI who is patriotic enough to want very much at the present time to make his planning ability and the research experience of his group available to the Japanese Government, decided that under those circumstances TATSUMI was not a desirable channel of approach. As a result, HATTORI seems to have re-established a fairly close connection to his predecessor as chief of Strategy, G-1, former Lt. Gen INADA Seijun. HATTORI and his Demobilization Board associates have again become very busily engaged in what are obviously detailed strategic researches, but are being very

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secretive about them. At the same time HATTORI has claimed at other times that the U. S. Army has given him no new directives on rearmament study: yet he has consulted quite frequently with INADA Swijun lately. (ZJL-771, 1 [] 18 Dec. 51, [] Dossier.)