

HATTORI Takushiro

The rearmament group headed by HATTORI drew up a draft rearmament plan for submission to John Foster DULLES on his most recent trip to Japan...The HATTORI group is made up of former staff supply officers of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere (DAITOKI HOKYUJU BAKURYO)...Younger members of the HATTORI group claim that the ex-officers who are pushing rearmament are almost all from the old Imperial Guard Headquarters (DAIHONKEI), and that the main faction of the group consists of about twenty men of lieutenant-colonel rank... Such organs as the HATTORI KIKAN are furthering their work for the sake of the revival of the old Army and Navy. (Source Comment: Ever since February 1951, when HATTORI released his rearmament plan to the Americans, three proposals have been constantly under discussion: a) centered on the NPR; b) a compromise incorporating large numbers of ex-military men in the NPR; and c) advocacy of organizing a completely separate Army. (ZJL-769, 3 Jan 52, [] "Japanese Rearmament" folder)

HATTORI appointed HARUKE Yoshitane to the chiefship of the HATTORI Hokkaido organization in mid October of 1951. See [] Dossier, ZJL-752, 22 Nov 51, for details of HATTORI's briefing of HARUKE.

HARUKE Yoshitane, cv., visited Subject 26 Nov 51, 2 Jan 52, and 8 Jan 52. (ZJL-792, 29 Jan 52, [] Dossier).

SUBJECT was contacted by IWADA Seijun, and asked for assistance in the latter's study of rearmament. Although there had been differences between the two in the past they had never been on bad terms. SUBJECT accepted the job, but sent IMOTO (fnu) as deputy since SUBJECT believed that his connection with a member of the WATANABE Group would cause too many adverse comments in the press. ZJL-786, 22 Jan 52, [] Dossier).

When HATTORI Takushiro refused GHQ's request to send agents into Sakhalin and the Kuriles on the grounds that the project was too difficult and dangerous, KAWABE Torashiro attempted to do so, buying a 15-ton ship with ¥ 500,000 from a fund supplied by GHQ, and sending the ship out sometime in the fall of 1950. Nothing has been heard of the ship or its personnel since then. Information procured by both HATTORI and KAWABE is processed by the same G-2 officer, Major Rinalducci. This officer told HATTORI that KAWABE's information is not worth very much. (ZJL-788, [] 22 Jan 52, KAWABE Torashiro Dossier.)

ZJJ-36 lists HATTORI Takushiro, former colonel as acquaintance of HARUKE Yoshitane [] 7 March 52, [] Dossier.)

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