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Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

- 1. The interesting CE information of this report concerning top-level J.I.S. figures maintaining liaison with POPOV and PO ERPLANT agencies is consistently tangential and incidental to the main topics of discussion between [] and [] at this time. Moreover, the operational circumstances surrounding the procurement of this information are of far vital significance than the information itself. However, these circumstances are primarily concerned with the successful establishment of an officer-agent relationship with [] along with other important operational details discussed at the 3 March, 1951 interview with []
2. For those reasons, the general background of the operational circumstances involved in procurement of this information from [] will be given in detail in a forthcoming operational report to be submitted to Chief of Mission, FBU, using this report as an attachment thereto. It suffices to say in this covering letter that both the nature of this CE information, the manner in which much of it was spontaneously given, and the operational developments leading to and following its procurement combine to present a highly credible impression that we shall have [] services available on a far better working basis than we had anticipated. Your attention is further invited to the above-mentioned forthcoming report for details.
3. Only because this material is almost exclusively concerned with local CE matters and is closely tied in with problems we have been studying closely through other operations do we report it through this channel, in order that it will reach the proper [] desk expeditiously. As above-mentioned, it will also be submitted as an attachment to the operational report through FBU.
4. Reference para. 1 (a) and 1 (b). Please see PD-137 and PD-144 for further details concerning both this particular section under POPOV, projects concerning Japanese Army re-establishment, and particularly concerning General SAKUMA's part in them.
5. Reference para. 1 (c). This was undoubtedly part of POPOV's routine check in classification.

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connection with [] It is gratifying to note that [] explained this within POPOV Agency cover to [] on the basis that POPOV did not want HATTORI to know that [] was to run any operations into that area for any agency here, since it was secret; he was therefore expected to maintain security accordingly.

6. Reference 1 (d). It is quite possible that the same officer who personally represented POPOV in the occasion described in PD-147 is the one referred to here.
7. Reference 1 (f) and 2 (a) and (b). A Major HATTORI Tetsu, former Army staff officer is mentioned in para. F, Section 5 of ZJL-483 as a subordinate of Maj. General MATANABE Jataru at the NISSAN Building, Karunouchi, and ZJL-444, para. 3 (c) mentions TSUJI as planning to work with MATANABE Jataru on Korean operations. However, there is no reason for assuming the two HATTORI's to be identical, and the quoted paragraph in ZJL-444 concerning TSUJI further mentions previous independent American connections on his part. Para. 1 of ZJL-444 gives a discussion a-propos of this problem which might serve to explain how several liaisons and cooperative efforts by TSUJI or any other underground JIS figure might be maintained at one time. There is no particular reason, other than information on the June, 1950 Kagoshima Conference (ZJL-444, para. 5) and the general connection of MATANABE Jataru to ARISUE (HATTORI's and ergo TSUJI's former superior) as a sort of semi-autonomous subordinate, to consider that HATTORI Jakushiro and TSUJI worked closely or steadily with or under MATANABE; on the other hand, there are adequate indications of the probability of some sort of working relationship in the recent past. ZJL-483 and ZJL-444 describe TSUJI as a protégé of ARISUE, which does not confirm but at least supplements the information in this report of HATTORI's subordination until the fall of 1950 to ARISUE. This may have also applied to TSUJI, now apparently directly under HATTORI alone.
8. Re paragraph 2 (e). We concur in Source's opinion as to the reasons behind the anxiety of his friends; POPOV was undoubtedly furious, and the vibrations would certainly emanate beyond HATTORI. The topic, when discussed with these Japanese strategists, became an extremely delicate security matter.
9. Re para. 2 (f) and (g). Please see ZJL-444, 483, 539, and other [] reports for confirmatory data regarding this observation of TSUJI's character and personality. It is an interesting commentary of [] professional approach that he describes a man he avers to be a very close friend in such objective fashion.
10. Re para. 3. Other than TATSUNO and AOKI, all of these individuals (or in MIYOSHI's case, General ABE Sadamu who is close to both MIYOSHI and SATOMI []) have been mentioned by [] reports as liaising with POPOV or [] and in pretty much the alignments herein described [] reports have described the [] connection.
11. Re para. 4. The mystery of "I-AAZE" is at last solved in part at least. It appears probable that the supposition given in ZJL-483 that I-AAZE was identical with YABUCHI Itsuo, is incorrect. There is no reasonable doubt, however, that the I-AAZE described with various aliases in al. [] reports to date is identical with I-AKURO herein mentioned. Note carefully that the first name

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6. KAJIBE Torashiro is the chief figure among the contacts of POPOV. He is not an intelligence man, and makes no pretension of being one; he is a contact or "front" man for anti-Communist intelligence activities and for strategical research studies, in which latter capacity he has a direct interest and ability. He is, however, a man of fine character and moderate views, and can be trusted. He reputedly has great trust and increasingly good reputation among the Japanese Rightist leaders, and also has the confidence of POPOV in his work and in intelligence activities directed and ordered by him. For these reasons, it is rumored that either KAJIBE or someone hand-picked by him (in case politics dictate that he should not be used) would be head of a re-constituted Japanese Army.
7. SAKURAI Tokitaro is a man of reasonably trustworthy character, but he is fitted neither by personality, aptitude, nor experience to have anything to do with intelligence matters. He never handled such affairs until the end of the war, and although he now operates an intelligence group, its quality, like that of its chief, is poor because it is made up of men who are ideologically "safe" but who have little other qualification for any sort of intelligence work. SAKURAI does not even enjoy a good reputation among Japanese Army men as a strategist.
8. YATSUJI is not too well known, and is a person of high intelligence, considerable experience in foreign countries, and good character. He does not have any previous direct connections with intelligence work, although he served as an attache in England at one time.
9. MIYOSHI is neither competent nor trustworthy. He is rumored to be associated with underground groups which are basically quite anti-American and he is, like ARISUE, a grafter and an opportunist. His reasons for cooperation with Americans are stated to be purely economic.
10. ROKI is of the same sort as MIYOSHI.

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