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Source, Operational Data, Comments:

1. Attached are two reports on the recruitment activities of TSUJI Masanobu and HATSUMI Takeshi which, although from entirely independent sources, are working in their condemnation of these men that we have included in one transmittal.

2. source is a former Navy Captain of Atomei (), who worked in the G-2, GSQ Military Historical Section until 31 March 1951. Previously he had been in the office of the Naval General Staff (GENSEI SHIBU), chief of staff of the Marine Guard Headquarters (?), and for two years around 1950 he was in the office of the Naval Attaché at Washington. His report was rendered to just before he resigned his U.S. job with the request that it be handled confidentially and with the offer of further information if the investigation of HATSUMI's activities, which he recommends, were carried out.

3. quotes former Colonel YOSHIMI Nagayo and former Lt. Col. KIKUCHI Genji as the sub-sources for his report, which he claims came through their connections in the stock exchange. Again it must be remembered that has his own very definite bias with regard to recruitment, which he appears to have told very successfully to ASHIDA Kitechi. Nevertheless, the unconditional indictment of HATSUMI and TSUJI by both these sources is felt to be worthy of serious consideration at this time when Japanese recruitment is approaching the action stage. Furthermore, its implications in the current POPOV- negotiations add to our already serious reservations with regard to the utilization of POPOV's sources.

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REPORT A

Subject: Japanese Instrumentalities
by former Japanese Army officers
to China Central
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In 1949, when the Japanese National Police Bureau was formed, it had 10,000 members of former Japanese military personnel assigned to check back over positions. It is by implication that the Japanese Government, through General Hashimoto, the Vice-Chairman of People's Liberation, and King Li, can be used as leverage, were made orders from Maj. Gen. Ellington of USA, that command given by General Hashimoto, and the project was finally carried forward, largely by General Hashimoto, bringing obstructions to Gen. Ellington, Gen. Hashimoto and others.

2. After that incident, the group reached stalemate, but the members of Hashimoto's government have found their goals merged in approaching activity. The Leader of the group is former General HASHIMOTO TAKEMOTO (ハシモトタケモト), who is also the vice-confidential secretary to 1000 Black, another who is of the same rank in MIKEA Bureau, and MIKEA is working in the National Security Council, etc., etc. The principal Japanese spokesman of that, according, ASAKI Hashiro (アサキハシロ) is based at MIKEA Imperial Univ., appears to be working as a liaison man for MIKEA and others. Mr. ASAKI Hashiro (アサキハシロ) is also a member of former Hashimoto MIKEA (ハシモトタケモト) in charge former members of the Japanese Army General Staff (陸軍本部) in attempting to get Japanese American military personnel in USA, who speak English, French and United Chinese, and has used her locality in dealing with Hashimoto to become close to General Ellington, Hashiro and Harcourt.

3. HARROD is of the opinion that Japan's rearmament must be achieved through democratic methods, and advocates the reorganization of the old Japanese army, to which he aspires to be leader of PACC. However, he and his group take their opinion from their American colleagues, according to whom Hashimoto and Hashiro are to compete for power. There is a serious lack of Japanese military personnel in USA, and will be taken in by this group. For this reason, a peace treaty must be concluded as quickly as possible so as to have Japan's reorganization.

4. Hashimoto's primary intent to expand Hashimoto, YOSHIDA's Chinese military activities, and USAF are indications in certain sources in C-3 and C-4.

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REPORT 2

Subject: Japan's Government—Danger of Report No: 244-408
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Source:

1. Two former Colonels of the Japanese Army General Staff, MATSUOKA (fmr) and TSUJI, Masanobu, are directly connected with ONG authorities in conducting research on rearmament. They are an inseparable pair, with TSUJI dominating the more docile MATSUOKA.

2. It is a known fact among former General Staff officers that MATSUOKA and TSUJI planned and urged the hostilities which brought about World War II. They were the prime movers whose tireless efforts of convincing the General Staff finally brought the opening of hostilities.

3. Both MATSUOKA and TSUJI are extremely irresponsible, and will not take the consequences for their actions. They have cleverly avoided all responsibility for the Economic Decalogue, letting their superiors or other staff officers bear the consequences. TSUJI is the type of man who, given the chance, would start World War III without any misgivings.

4. There is sufficient feeling among former General Staff officers unfavorable to MATSUOKA and TSUJI that, if the latter were to be given a voice in Japan's rearmament, these General Staff officers would refuse their cooperation, knowing that they would again be led down the wrong road. These facts are being discreetly circulated among stock exchange circles, who anticipate an effect on the market when MATSUOKA's and TSUJI's rearmament activities become known to the general public.

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