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Subject: Information on TSUJI Masamichi's Report No. ZIL-721-A (FD-302)
Friend, MATSUI Tadao

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1. On 20 August 1951, MATSUI Tadao (AKA # 48) came up to Tokyo from his home at Muro to visit TSUJI Masamichi at the hospital. MATSUI stayed until the morning of 23 August, when he returned home. During this period, MATSUI had talks every day with TSUJI at the hospital, giving him advice and asking him to reflect upon the future.

2. MATSUI's Relation to TSUJI Masamichi and to Source.

a. MATSUI entered Army Officers' School one class ahead of Source and two classes ahead of TSUJI; he was initially a classmate of MATSUI TAKASHIRO. However, illness caused him to lose a year, so he graduated with the 35th Class (Source's class). He has always been a very studious person, gifted with sharp critical sense even in student days. He often aired extremely scathing opinions opposed to training methods and educational system of the various Army schools. Extra-curricularly, he studied all things in his spare time he believed to be essential for the preparation of an officer. He mastered German, and had done considerable research on the technique, training, and tactics of artillery in various and on military history written in German textbooks. He often devoted more time to his own study than attention to the Army examinations; for this reason, he failed to enter Army Staff College, which was based upon competitive examination.

b. Around 1947, TSUJI was a student of Army Staff College, and was assigned to the 4th Field Artillery Regiment for practical study of artillery tactics. MATSUI had been attached to that unit, and the two came into contact and became fast friends. TSUJI greatly admired MATSUI's personality and profound knowledge of military affairs; after graduation from Army Staff College, TSUJI was promptly promoted, all through his career, to ranks which were higher than MATSUI's, but he has always retained that attitude of a disciple towards MATSUI.

c. Source had never met MATSUI until about January 1951, even though they were known to each other at SAC as classmates. In December 1952, they lived next door to each other in an apartment house at

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Osaka, and their contact and mutual respect for each other's capabilities resulted. MATSUI aided unofficially in certain Kengo projects of Source's while at Osaka. Later, in 1939, the Japanese Defense Department of the War Office was attempting to establish a clandestine counter-spying organization in Shanghai. They sought Source's opinion as to the appropriateness of the project and the possibilities for Kengo cooperation with the new organ. Source approved of the idea, and vouched for Kengo TOKIO (Special Operations); especially the "Thought Investigation Section" collaboration to the fullest. At the same time, Source suggested that since cooperation depended upon the Kengo TOKIO Chief and the chief of the new organ, Source would facilitate the appointment of MATSUI as chief of the organ. MATSUI's ability and record, the War Office approved his appointment. He had been a commander of a mountain artillery battalion in the Hangchow area, northwest of Shanghai, but because chief of this new "Thought Section", which was set up for security reasons in a small section of the Kengo Detachment compound at Shanghai, and of which Source was assigned temporary additional duty as a member. Friendly relations and cooperation between them continued from that time.

3. TSUJI had notified MATSUI by letter early in August of his indictment case. Source later notified MATSUI of TSUJI's physical condition and hospitalization. MATSUI lost no time in coming up to Tokyo.
 - a. About August 1950, TSUJI told HAYASHI Tatsuro that it would be necessary for the latter to get cooperation of other field grade officers in order to effect rearmament properly. He called MATSUI to Tokyo, introduced him to HAYASHI, and recommended him for HAYASHI's assistant, although he himself did not give direct support to HAYASHI's program. MATSUI also declined to enter HAYASHI's group, despite high offers for HAYASHI personally, because his opinions were widely divergent with those of HAYASHI's group on various matters at the time. MATSUI felt that his opinions would be unwelcome in that group and that cooperation with HAYASHI's group against his own better judgment would be futile. He believed that no effective rearmament would be possible in view of the situation of Japanese society in 1950, nor indeed in view of the world at large. He wrote for HAYASHI an exposition of his views, with historical references to the rearmament of various countries in the past and to armament races, and warned HAYASHI and the latter's group against taking an optimistic view of rearmament by means of establishment of a Police Reserve type of stop towards rearmament as of little importance; he was just determined to exert himself to the best of his ability in utilizing any chance provided in order to effect rearmament, Source, in complete agreement with HAYASHI, promised to cooperate in every way possible. The issue, of course, never came up, because it was later decided that former regular field officers would be banned from the Police Reserve, and in September 1950, Source severed his contact on that project with HAYASHI. However, at HAYASHI's request, Source

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page a call upon TSUJI together with MATSUI on 22 August 1951, and the three discussed a wide variety of topics for several hours. On the following day, HATTORI inquired after TSUJI at the hospital, and visited the latter's bedside. He was deeply impressed by MATSUI's superb reasoning and ideas, and he reportedly told TSUJI that MATSUI's assistance in his (HATTORI's) rearmament program in the future would be essential.

5. MATSUI is now living at Marv City, c/o Mr. KIYOMA (nom), #16, Tegal Cho. He does not apparently have any fixed employment, but is chiefly absorbed in a study of military science and tactics.