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1. Relationship with HATOYAMA Ichiro

- a. In the early spring of 1951, HATTORI Takushiro was unexpectedly invited to the residence of HATOYAMA Ichiro. He had had no previous close dealings with HATOYAMA or other Rightist politicians. HATOYAMA received him warily and told HATTORI that he (HATOYAMA) had been solicited to secure an interview with President Truman's special envoy, Mr. John DULLES, upon the latter's arrival in Japan. HATOYAMA indicated that at the tentatively scheduled interview, he would like to express views on rearmament of Japan to Mr. DULLES at that time. The political leader stated that although he was definitely in favor of rearmament and believed it absolutely necessary, he was a rank amateur on the subject. Therefore, he was desirous of hearing HATTORI's opinions in detail as to what he should insist upon in military matters in his talk with Mr. DULLES. (Evaluation for the above: C-3.) HATTORI has stated before this that he was deeply impressed with HATOYAMA's studious and refined attitude. He unhesitatingly aired his views on rapid rebuilding of the Japanese Army to HATOYAMA. HATTORI believes very definitely that through HATOYAMA his ideas on rearmament were submitted to Mr. Dulles.
- b. Out of admiring respect and friendly goodwill (C-4) for HATOYAMA, HATTORI has reportedly been visiting the political leader frequently since then. When HATOYAMA suffered his apoplectic stroke in the late spring of 1951, Source advised HATTORI to send HATOYAMA an herb medicine prepared from a secret recipe discovered by Source in his duties in FIC. HATTORI has stated that he intends to call upon HATOYAMA in the company of NABU Kenichiro (中 野 健 一 郎), a friend of Source's who was able to recover his health thanks to this medicine, so that he can encourage HATOYAMA to combat the illness valiantly with hope.
- c. HATTORI is quite sympathetic to HATOYAMA's views, and does not approve very greatly of Prime Minister YOSHIDA. He would like to see the establishment of a HATOYAMA Cabinet. If HATTORI has any intentions of entering the political field at all, it will be subsequent to the formation of a HATOYAMA Cabinet.

2. Relationship with Prime Minister YOSHIDA.

In a sense, HATTORI has no relationship with YOSHIDA Shigeru. However, Classification

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HATTORI has been the target of considerable malicious gossip and libel as a "war monger" and "crook-hair militarist" on the part of his enemies, particularly TANIDA Isamu, and persons like HAYASHI Saburo and others affiliated with former Lt. General DOI Akio, and also former Major General IMAKURO Hideo and his new political allies. This criticism has made the Prime Minister quite jittery about HATTORI, because YOSHIDA is extremely afraid of and opposed to unbridled militarism, and HATTORI has been represented as the epitome of examples of that by many politicians and by the above enemies in the military camp. The police officials in charge of the National Police Reserve at present and the Attorney General's Special Investigations Bureau are also opposed to him and that YOSHIDA is constantly told by officials of his own government that HATTORI is a trouble-maker. (General SHIMAZU Sadamu, however, is sympathetic to HATTORI, and Lt. General TATSUKI Riichi claims to be so. Both, particularly TATSUKI, are very close, because of past political connections, to YOSHIDA Shigeru, and both are apparently working at present to convince YOSHIDA that HATTORI has been unjustly maligned.

3. Relationship with MATSUDAIRA Yasumasa (松平康正)

- a. MATSUDAIRA Yasumasa was during the war the executive secretary to Interior Minister KIDO, who is now serving a sentence for an indefinite period in Sugamo Prison as a Class A War Criminal. At the present time, MATSUDAIRA is Grand Master of Ceremonies of the Imperial Household Ministry. He is not a very forward or active politician, but has always had a very deep and keen interest in politics. He is quite interested in the collection of political information. His personality is very meek and refined.
- b. According to the 23 September issue of Asahi Shinbun, MATSUDAIRA is expected to be dispatched to Europe shortly for a three-months observation tour to study the monarchical system and protocol in nations there.
- c. Colonel AKAMATSU Sadao (赤松清雄) was an executive secretary for Prime Minister TOJO Hideki at the time of the latter's tenure of office in wartime. This included the period when HATTORI was, as he says, "kicked upstairs" to become TOJO's aide. AKAMATSU was a classmate and good friend of HATTORI. Through AKAMATSU's introduction, HATTORI met MATSUDAIRA Yasumasa, and formed an intimate friendship with him.
- d. About once every week, MATSUDAIRA, HATTORI, and AKAMATSU get together for a meeting. The purposes of this meeting seem to be for MATSUDAIRA to get information on the political and underground political spheres, and for HATTORI and AKAMATSU to get some knowledge of the post-war conditions and attitudes of the Imperial Household. MATSUDAIRA is today considered to be the most richly blessed with political sagacity and judgment of all the present chamberlains of the Emperor. In former days, the Imperial side-de-camp, the Interior Minister, the Grand Chamberlain, and the Imperial Household Minister were all endowed with high degree of political wisdom and ample experience. Nowadays, however, practically all of these

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offices have been filled since the Surrender with mediocre non-entities lacking in political experience. Under the new constitution, the personal powers of the Emperor in politics and statecraft are extremely limited. However, when the Emperor wishes to seek an opinion on any political issue from one of his chamberlains, he turns to MATSUDAIRA for advice. (C-3) Although MATSUDAIRA is only the Grand Master of Ceremonies, he sometimes seems to be placed in a position similar to the one which he previously occupied in the Domestic Affairs at the Imperial Household.

- ②. It is not beyond the realms of logical presumption to conjecture that HATTORI and AKAMATSU may very well maintain strongly this close connection to MATSUDAIRA in due consideration of the latter's close relationship to the Emperor.

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