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1. After Source's return to Japan in June, 1950, he met HATTORI Takushiro in early August for the first time after that repatriation. At that time, HATTORI asked Source to be on the lookout for suitable persons to be recruited into the National Police Reserve, which he indicated was about to be formed, as a prerequisite to rearmament. In addition, however, at the same time HATTORI made it known that he was involved in the collection of information concerning the Japan Communist Party on behalf of Major General Willoughby's G-2 Section. This was in connection with his work in the Demobilization Board, otherwise known as the Historical Records Section, and agency of the Japanese government but under authority of GHQ. HATTORI asked Source to aid him in the collection of information concerning the Japan Communist Party.
2. Source could understand how it was that HATTORI had this double interest of rearmament and also anti-Communist policy and operations. After he was discharged from his duties as an Assistant Military Attache at the Legation in France, in about 1936, HATTORI returned to Japan via the continental route. He stopped over to make a detailed inspection of conditions in Soviet Russia at that time. As a result of this inspection, HATTORI gained the conviction and made the prediction that the next great world war would break out before or just about 1940, and asserted the need for adequate mobilization and armament to meet this danger. His assertion was given superior approval and support by the then Colonel MSHIHARA Kanju, later the leader of the DAI TO A REMMEI (East Asia League), at that time chief of the Operational Plans Section, G-1 (NOTE: equivalent to our G-3), General Staff Office. HATTORI had the fear that the world would be dominated by Russia in the near future; therefore, Japan and all the other great powers should unite and exert every caution against that threat. Again, following the end of the last World War in 1945, HATTORI predicted that the entire Chinese mainland would be communized without a doubt and brought under Russian influence and Communist domination in the foreseeable future. HATTORI firmly believes that the only sure way to stave off Russia's plan for sovietization of the entire world is for each country to intensify its rearmament. Therefore, his assertions regarding rearmament are directed not merely at the establishment of a Japanese Defense Army, but at world rearmament capable and strong enough to stand against the armed might of the Communist bloc. For Japan, in concrete terms, this

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means that Japan should be rearmed strongly enough to stand against the Japanese Communists, Communist China, and Russia's Far Eastern forces. Public opinion in Japan has gradually veered toward renunciation of war and opposition of any plan for rearmament since the surrender. From the first, HATTORI regarded this as a fool's dream and mourned the ignorance of the people, and he has insisted all along upon the absolute necessity for rearmament. At the same time, however, he considered the Japan Communist Party as an alien and hostile element under full domination of Soviet Russia; for these reasons, since he was in a position at his officially assigned duties with the Demobilization Board (Historical Records Section) to organize active operations for detection of the treason of the JCP against the nation, despite his lack of experience, he devoted his energies freely to these tasks as well.

3. When HATTORI requested Source for aid, Source at first declined, pointing out that he had his own tasks to perform in connection with possible future operations to be mounted against Communist elements in South East Asia. He furthermore indicated that although the question of JCP investigation work interested him slightly, operations or plans for formation of a National Police Reserve were out of his field of interest. (Evaluation of paragraph 3 so far: C-4.) HATTORI persisted, and so Source secured the services of the scholar of Japanese Communist activities, YAMAMOTO Katsunosuke, to procure information and do research on the JCP for himself and HATTORI. However, Source was to a great extent dissatisfied with the information turned in by YAMAMOTO, and HATTORI described it as almost worthless to him. From HATTORI's remarks, Source deduced that HATTORI had highly authoritative information on the JCP from penetrations within it. Since he considered that there was little value in hanging on to YAMAMOTO any longer, Source discharged him in late September, 1950. After that time, Source attempted no new operational recruitments or leads on behalf of HATTORI. (Evaluation of last sentence: C-3.)
4. It was always a matter of great and serious interest to Source as to exactly how HATTORI Takushiro, former G-1 Strategic Plans officer, was gathering his intelligence information. However, he avoided at all times asking HATTORI directly about it. Since HATTORI has always been what is known as a "tight-lipped" man, he seldom ever revealed the details of his operations to any other person completely. Those who are working for HATTORI and cooperating with him too are also very strict in the safeguard of security. It has nevertheless been Source's opinion that some day HATTORI would discuss his intelligence networks with Source in detail.
5. When Source was talking with HATTORI at the latter's home last year, in September as it is recalled, a visitor appeared before them. HATTORI introduced the visitor to Source, stating, "This is Mr. UCHIYAMA Kanuya (X) (L) (S) (M) of Nagano, who is cooperating with us." At that time, it seemed to Source that UCHIYAMA was very familiar and acquainted with HATTORI's family. Then, when Source called at HATTORI's home on the night of 22 August, 1951, in answer to HATTORI's request for a meeting,

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HATTORI told him, "There is a man named UCHIYAMA who trusts and admires TSUJI (Masanobu) above all persons. He will soon come to Tokyo, because he is worrying about TSUJI's health. He is a very trustworthy and fine person. Since he will stay at my house, I do want to introduce him to you." Then again, a few days after that, HATTORI came to Source and again urged him to come to meet UCHIYAMA, who was in Tokyo a few days.

(For paragraphs 6 and 7: Date of information: 30 August, 1951 acquired by source; sub-sources: elicited from HATTORI Takushiro; Evaluation: C-3)

6. HATTORI Takushiro has been keeping in contact with a certain Chinese Communist leader, (whose name was not divulged). This Chinese is at present on the executive level of the Peiping Communist government, but according to his appraisal of the intelligence situation he seems to have foreseen that Communist China would lose its power and influence. He sent word to HATTORI last fall 1950 asking for the latter's protection of his life and promised to work for someone whom HATTORI might be able to send to direct him. This Chinese last year sent a document entitled "Strategy Plan for Invasion of Japan" worked out by Soviet Russia and Communist China. Generally, the intelligence people speculate that Russia and Communist China would invade Japan from either Hokkaido or Kyushu. According to the outline plan sent by this Chinese, Chinese, one part of the forces would land in Hokkaido and Kyushu respectively, organize and lead assisting Japanese (CP) forces in the same areas, but the main body of invasion troops would then launch landing operations on the coastline running from Niigata to Ishikawa Prefecture. In the view of a professional expert, HATTORI evaluated this plan highly and felt it would be vastly superior. However, he still felt somewhat dubious as to the problem of whether or not the Communist bloc really had such a plan or not. After that was sent from the Chinese, would-be defector last year, other events confirmed this information. Upon the basis of documents of the Japan Communist Party recently seized, it has become evident that the JCP had quietly telephotographed the coastline of the Japan Sea running from Niigata all the way down to Yamaguchi Prefecture. Source Opinion: This fact is almost certain evidence that the Communist bloc is definitely contemplating landing operations on those districts along the Sea of Japan. This fact also indicates that the Strategy Plan for Invasion of Japan forwarded by this certain Chinese leader is close to the truth. (C-3).
7. Russia is openly shipping reinforcements to its troops stationed in the Kurile Islands via the Tsushima Straits (presumably from Deiren), and holding manoeuvres quite brazenly in the Kuriles near Hokkaido; yet of more significance is the fact that Russian-made arms are being shipped secretly into the main Japanese islands through Sado Island (佐島) and the Noto Peninsula (能登半島) and into Hokkaido. Each member of the JCP is armed with a gun. And other such information has been received.
8. On about 1 September, HATTORI consulted with Source and asked if he thought that former Lt. Col. and KACESA Kikan man HARUKE Yoshitane would be satis-

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factory to head up a small organization which HATTORI maintained in HOKKAIDO, an organization which is patently an intelligence organ.

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9. UCHIYAMA Kasuya was a graduate of Army Officers' School in the 42nd graduating class, a former Major in the Army; he did not graduate from the Army War College, but he is indeed a very logical and capable officer. From the time that he was commander of his district unit and then a company commander respectively at Army Officer's School, UCHIYAMA gained a popularity and trust among his subordinates that was well deserved. (Sub-source supervised him there.) He is now living in Nagano Prefecture. He provides HATTORI Takushiro with information on the Japan Communist Party. UCHIYAMA is greatly revered by a JCP member in Nagano who is a former subordinate of his. Also, a former Thought Policeman (TOEKO KEI) who had previously served with that branch of the Nagano Prefectural Police is now operating as UCHIYAMA's right-hand man. Former members of the Retired Soldiers Association (ZAIGO GUNJIN KAI) are also assisting him. His information from these sources concerning the Communists is really authoritative since it is procured from within the JCP. Approximately eighty per cent of HATTORI's information on the JCP is provided to him by UCHIYAMA. The condition and process of the comminisation of the All-Japan Seamen's Union was uncovered by penetration agents of UCHIYAMA's network. Information concerning progress and plans of the Communist movement and operations in Toyama, Niigata, and Ishikawa Prefectures also is being reported to HATTORI via the Nagano Prefectural JCP agents of UCHIYAMA Kasuya.
10. HATTORI may have intelligence networks in Hokkaido as well, but that is not known (to Sub-source). He undoubtedly maintains intelligence operations units in Fukushima and Miyagi Prefectures in the (to Sub-source) (Sub-source has) no detailed knowledge of those nets. It is probable that former Makamatsu Infantry Regiment men are being utilized by HATTORI for intelligence work in these areas. HATTORI once commanded the Makamatsu City regiment and is very well liked there.)
11. TANAKA Tatsuo (田中龍夫), governor at present of Yamaguchi Prefecture, is the son of the late General TANAKA Giichi (田中義一), one-time president of the pre-war political party "SEIYUKAI" and Prime Minister from 1927-1929. TANAKA Tatsuo has an extremely avid interest in the investigation of Communist activity. He has two former Army officers working for him in his collection of information concerning the JCP. They are former Colonel KOTANI (or KOYA: 甲谷), a former section chief in the wartime Imperial General Staff office, a classmate of TSUJI Masanobu's, who has also been on duty in both Germany and Russia, and a former Lt. Colonel KUNABARA (熊原). The information KOTANI (or KOYA) is gathering mainly concerns the JCP, while KUNABARA has been collecting information on Communist China.

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and on Russia. KUWABARA is closely connected with the KIKUHATA KAI (Chrysanthemum Flag Association); the information he procures is accurate. However, neither KOTANI (KOYA) nor KUWABARA have intelligence connections within the JCP or its organizations. Inasmuch as they are making merely observations from outside of the JCP, their information is usually far from being as reliable as that of UCHIYAMA. KOTANI or KOYA was at one time in the past submitting information regularly to HATTORI, probably including some from his colleague, but it is not known whether he is now used by HATTORI or not. It appears most likely that he is not now employed by HATTORI. Sub-source Opinion: HATTORI's information on the JCP is one of the most valuable contributions that any Japanese have made to the United States Army.

12. HATTORI's intelligence organs for the gathering of information on the JCP are scattered around in various areas such as Hokkaido, Fukushima, Sendai, Niigata, Toyama, Ishikawa, Nagano, and Yamaguchi. Among them, the most active and authoritative one appears to be that located in the Nagano Prefectural area. JCP members are of direct service to the intelligence organization of HATTORI in the Nagano area, acting as information brokers. The JCP of Nagano is closely linked to that of the Niigata, Toyama, and Ishikawa Districts. Furthermore, since about 1920, Nagano Prefecture, though a backward and feudal area, has been noted as the traditional stronghold of the Japan Communist Party. A number of primary school teachers in Nagano were JCP members even then. Heads of many of the villages in Nagano Prefecture are at present members of the JCP. If HATTORI's intelligence unit in Nagano is strongly entrenched and has penetrations of the Party there, Source believes that HATTORI's information on the JCP is apt to be quite accurate and authoritative. Since the spring of 1951, HATTORI has often divulged some of the results of his investigations of the JCP to General SHIMOMURA Sadamu, his former superior, whom he sees quite regularly these days.

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