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1. This report was originally prepared as EIL-727 B, but was revised in accordance with headquarters numbering procedures.
2. In a sense, this report is more of a sequel or annotations to EIL-725 than an actual part of the series of recruitment reports starting with EIL-727. Most of this information is sketchy, and we realize that much of it contains opinion. This is largely because the latter paragraphs of it were obtained in conversation with [] It resulted from several questions which we were quite anxious to ask about the KAMAKI and their respective relationships to IZUMI Hideo. We have by no means probed the bottom of this topic.

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1. Former Lt. General HANAYA Tadashi invited MATSURI IMAKURO, Lt. General IMAKURO Hideo, and MATSURI's friend, Col. ~~AKAMATSU~~ Ritschi, to dinner recently in order to bring about a rapprochement between MATSURI and IMAKURO. The invitation issued to AKAMATSU in itself was an interesting prediction of the type of evening it was to become, since HANAYA obviously was giving credence to the current rumor in the public that AKAMATSU is part of MATSURI's political action group. Although AKAMATSU and MATSURI are merely friends, and are in no way connected politically or militarily, and although AKAMATSU is not a member of MATSURI's rearrangement group, nevertheless such was the apparent supposition.
2. At the dinner, Lt. General HANAYA urged each of the participants to disclose what he had in his mind to the other one so that all misunderstandings might be eliminated between "the two great military leaders, MATSURI and IMAKURO".
3. IMAKURO took up the challenge quite gracefully. He said to MATSURI, "You may be informed at the present time by general rumor that I have been saying bad things against you." To this remark, MATSURI replied that such was true. He added that in the past he had little interest in such news but that since the rumor was getting more and more rampant at present he could not ignore it. IMAKURO then stated that there was absolutely no foundation in fact for the rumors that he had been maligning MATSURI. MATSURI stated that since the time in the fall of 1950 when it had been apparent that there was no possibility for him to enter the National Police Reserve, he had no direct concern in the rearrangement issue and did not have one at present. IMAKURO then said that he had never been primarily concerned himself with the rearrangement issue at all but was merely interested in the political, intelligence, and economic fields and desirous of working within these areas. Such being the case, it was obviously impossible that he should malign any efforts which MATSURI might have made on the rearrangement issue or in connection with the Police Reserve. In this manner, IMAKURO completely denied the rumor.
4. Since the report that IMAKURO had been spreading malicious rumors concerning MATSURI had been reported to the latter in detail by a person in very close touch with IMAKURO, it was very difficult to believe that the report was entirely baseless despite IMAKURO's denial. MATSURI did not feel that the dinner had made any basic change in his relationship to IMAKURO, nor in

ITALMO's attitude toward him. Nevertheless he hoped that some good results would be achieved for the future. (Sub-covered for pages 1-4; MIRRI Subcovered. Date of transcription: 22 September; date captured: 27 September, 1951.)

(Date captured: 1 October, 1951.)
MIRRI stated is a graduate of Army Officers School and of the Army War College, a former Lt. General in the Army, a Staff Officer for Strategy of the Japanese Army at one time, later commanding general of the 39th Division, and Chief of Staff of the 19th Imperial Army stationed in Thailand at the time of the surrender. He was a general favorite in the Japanese Army with many officers and was regarded as a leader by others. He is a soldier who has always taken an interest in politics from a time he early youth. He was one of the Japanese Army's Staff Officers who greatly contributed to the upbuilding of the Japanese leadership of the empire. He is a person who does not believe at all in presenting his own opinion to anyone with equality. In the treatment of his subordinates officers he often resorted to violence. Among Army men, approximately half of them are very disinterestedly in favor of him, while the other half is very violently opposed to him. Although MIRRI and Sargent are from the same base team, division, were training and discipline of MIRRI's rule character and ways, and therefore they have never exchanged any conversation at all. Although Sargent cannot remember if he clearly he believes that MIRRI was a graduate of the 25th or 26th Class of Army Officers School. MIRRI is far more educated in ego, class, and rank than either ITALMO or MIRRI, and has been paying considerable attention to the movements of former officers after the end of World War II. Therefore, since he hypocritically presumed that the violent conflict between MIRRI and ITALMO in the treatment quarters and other issues, in 1947, unfolded without the advice and order of some superior officers, would be no good to, the victims benefit of degree, he took upon himself the work of mediator and tried to establish a compromise between them.

6. Foreign Relations: If it was in, General MIRRI's purpose to invite MIRRI and ITALMO to dinner for two more purposes of having them arrive at a friendly settlement, it does not seem probable that his purpose would be achieved in any event. MIRRI and ALAMING were disoriented. They were placed in a position were they were actually isolated in class and, then much later when MIRRI was Sargent's secretary and ALAMING was old to 90, they could not have very close relationship. Yet MIRRI does not place all his trust in ALAMING, and does not include him in the treatment group. In addition, it was quite obvious that if MIRRI had any sense of classing confidentially his relationship with ITALMO, he would not do it in the presence of ALAMING, since it would be impossible for him to speak that he had in his mind to ITALMO while his good friend ALAMING was present. Furthermore, the feud between MIRRI and ITALMO does not seem to be such a minor and unimportant one that it could be peacefully solved in just one banquet occasion. The decision of MIRRI that MIRRI and ALAMING were co-conspirators in an

indication of his rather wide generality.

7. (Info of Information 25 October 1951 date acquired; 26 October 1951.) The other members of ELMER SHERIDAN, ELMER HOGAN, has been even more closely linked to the HALLIDAY political group being with the idea of re-arranging. The other ELMER to a full general and was in the process of re-arrangement at the time of the turnover. ELMER HOGAN is believed to be arranged by the HALLIDAY group to head a suitable rearmament program nearly as a replacement. This does not necessarily indicate that ELMER SHERIDAN is also connected with the HALLIDAY group, but it is well known that ELMER SHERIDAN does get on well with HALLIDAY, and that he has accepted the information from the HALLIDAY group for the transmission to American authorities. There is no definite indication that the younger ELMER is already connected with the efforts of his brother and the HALLIDAY group.

8. The prestige of ELMER SHERIDAN has suffered a slight decline since the disclosure of some very information, largely because of the same alleged which is attributed to HALLIDAY SHERIDAN as a military leader who has worked quite extensively for the American 6-2 6th, particularly for Major General HALLIDAY. This is merely a general name in any and in intelligence circles military planning and intelligence work for C-2 6th in the past few years. It is well known that ELMER SHERIDAN is the one who was the services of HALLIDAY, ALVIN FORTNER, OWEN CAMPBELL, ALBERT BAKER, and other leading former staff figures. ELMER has been reported to have his own intelligence gathering organization, but there is no indication that he has seriously entered the rearmament fields. Actually, most of ELMER SHERIDAN's information and efforts are believed to go to support of HALLIDAY SHERIDAN. This also is merely a generally accepted rumor, nothing more. For as is known, ELMER SHERIDAN and ELMER HOGAN both have refused personally from any direct stand upon HALLIDAY SHERIDAN or any activities regarding the latter's activities.

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1. (Info Summary) It can hardly contain George's opinion of HALLIDAY on this point; it would seem to be odd to suggest to assume that HALLIDAY and ALVINSON are very close politically and every other way, since they never to meet was a week (reference 24-726 9).

2. The information in many 8 was verbally obtained, at the end of October in a meeting with [redacted]. This information was specifically requested, on the basis that in the past few months there has been a virtual breakdown of information concerning ELMER SHERIDAN, and even more complete disarrangement of any facilities of recent activities of ALVINSON. All that [redacted] had to offer concerning ELMER SHERIDAN is given above; concerning ALVINSON being. There was no comment made by [redacted]. This would seem to indicate [redacted] reports that ALVINSON is "completely out of the picture", and with the death of information on ALVINSON from any quarter of late.