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Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

1. We humbly apologize for the length of time it has taken to process the material of this report. Even as it stands, it is more or less of a "clean-up" and "catch-all" report, tying together all such items from a variety and long succession of raw reports from [redacted] which appeared to be pertinent or useful.
2. Several of the items commented upon, such as the articles in the Asahi Weekly on HATTORI's activities, were originally submitted by [redacted] a month and a half ago, given to translation, and [redacted] by Mr. [redacted]'s office much earlier. Reporting of the entire [redacted] reports material itself has been a painstaking task which began with ZH-737 and only ended now. Admittedly, redundancies have abounded; cutting of the raw reports here and there was attempted on that score, but nevertheless, many items in one report are again commented upon in another report (considering the entire series) from yet a different standpoint, or are repeated to preserve the continuity of each. [redacted] is a copious writer, and occasionally gets a bit tangential as well. In a sense, the first four pages of this report, giving nothing but background and historical information, are irrelevant to the HATTORI program at present. Nevertheless, we have found [redacted] long introductions and tangential asides quite valuable in presenting the full, well-rounded picture of the personages involved, including their thought processes. This is even more possible by reading between the lines of [redacted] discourse.
3. By Comment Nr. 5, we do not intend to imply that we doubt [redacted] the sincerity of HATTORI's intentions for the accuracy of [redacted] rendition of them; we merely point out that it is only natural that HATTORI's highly organized group, detailed planning, and secret activities would be subject to the most violent criticism from a variety of reasons by persons who oppose his ideas from a variety of viewpoints. Perhaps the most basic significance to the entire report on rearmament is HATTORI's inability to comprehend the varied bases for criticism of his ideas. [redacted] neither would be the general tendency of HATTORI, SHIMOMURA, and HATTORI, each in a different way, to prove [redacted] comments that [redacted] they regret only being defeated, not having been mistakn, and that none is particularly worried about any danger of "remilitarisation."

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