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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army

FROM: James B. Fitzpatrick  
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SUBJECT: Claims of MATSUKI Takahisa re the support of his activities  
by Major General Charles A. Willoughby

1. The following report re support allegedly extended by Major General Charles A. Willoughby to the activities of MATSUKI Takahisa supplements the information transmitted in SO-70197. The source is judged to be fairly reliable. However, he secured this information from contacts with a pro-MATSUKI man.

2. MATSUKI has told intimates that sometime prior to June 1946, General Willoughby outlined his wishes to MATSUKI in the following terms:

Present day Japan is diseased. The Constitution of Japan represents anachronism. However, the day will surely come when Japan must be saved again. Survival is an absolute necessity for Japan in terms of any realistic thinking. It must be carried out on an entirely new scale, not in the "post-war Japanese" manner. The establishment of an excellent new army depends upon the recruitment of a large number of fine leaders. You see on it in my wish that you start out picking out men of superior character, ability, and ideals from among former officers of the army, and making close contact with them. Inasmuch as such an attempt, if it were made openly at this time, would invite unacceptably unfavorable and violent reactions and doubts not only within Japan but among foreign countries as well, you must have your work a complete secret. It is of course perfectly confidential that you and I are related in this work and cooperating in it together. In anticipation of an emergency or any breach of security, give the title of intelligence agents to those persons whom you will now recruit for recruitment planning duties, so that under the cover of your other activities, the fact that our present task is a project in recruitment may be concealed.

It is alleged that from that time forward, a considerable amount of

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operational expenses were provided to MATSURI Takashiro by American G-2. MATSURI was deeply impressed with both the ideas and the absolute trust of Major General Willoughby, and immediately took up the possibility for discharging his given mission.

3. Those in post-MATSURI circles maintain that it was not MATSURI's idea, but the plan of General Willoughby, that MATSURI recruit personnel for intelligence and reconnaissance planning activities. It is believed that much of the adverse publicity surrounding MATSURI at the present time is a direct result of his association with General Willoughby and of a reaction that has set in since the departure of General Willoughby.

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