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Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

1. This report represents [ ] initial probing of the IMAKURO Clique for information on that group. Z.N. 725 and previous reports concerning the group around IMAKURO were prepared on the basis of information from rival groups and individuals, particularly HATTORI Takushiro.
2. Your attention is invited to the following facts which have a bearing on evaluation of this information:
  - a. FUKUYA Shunichi is renowned for his braggadocio and exaggeration of his own importance, and yet
  - b. He is an extremely intelligent man, and undoubtedly had no intention of telling [ ] everything he knows, despite their close friendship, realizing that [ ] is somewhat aligned with the HATTORI camp.
  - c. [ ] had to approach the conversation on IMAKURO from the standpoint of a person who thought highly of HATTORI but also considered IMAKURO very able and wanted to see something worked out between them to end the feud.
  - d. [ ] prejudice and repeated attempt to slant remarks of sub-sources against HATTORI's enemies again reveals itself.
3. The political clique around IMAKURO may be planning to "use" him only, but despite his personality defects, we are inclined to read between the lines a bit and feel that this careful if dogmatic planner may be just as crafty as they. In any event, IMAKURO is ceasing to be a symbol and has become a person.

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Subject: Right Wing Groups ISAKURO Hirose Report No: 211-772  
and Persons Associated with Him. (BU-244) Date of Information: of 23 November 1951.  
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1. Source has not met with FUKUDA Shunichi since November 1951. When Source telephoned FUKUDA on November 20 of this year, the latter immediately asked for a meeting at the earliest possible time with Source. Consequently Source met FUKUDA on the evening of 23 November and talked with him until the next morning. The following paragraphs are FUKUDA's comments at that time on ISAKURO Hirose and persons closely associated with him in the so-called ISAKURO Clique.

2. ISAKURO Hirose's Personality.

ISAKURO is undoubtedly one of the most intelligent generals of the former Japanese Army. He has an ability to initiate and plan out an excellent scheme of any kind and produce a well-cited project which deserves high respect. However, he does lack human feeling and he is very cold-blooded in a way. Therefore, those who have once seen his subordinates often do not speak too well of him. This is, to be sure, an evidence of some defects of his character. He always is obviously desiring to get ahead of others and to gain the respect of others. Because he is lacking in the ability to attract people, however, he is unable to stand out among them. He is wanting in gracious qualities as a leader. There is no question, however, of his peculiarly gifted ability as a staff advisor. Although he takes good care of others, his motivation always seems to be to take advantage of them. He is a person who can unhesitatingly desert his intimate friends whenever it becomes evident that he can gain no further advantage from cultivating them. However, FUKUDA and other members of the political group around ISAKURO, who wish to get ahead in politics, can not ignore his superior intellectual faculties. They are planning to capitalize quite profitably on those intellectual faculties and on his far-sighted planning ability sometime in the not-distant future.

3. The Relationship of ISAKURO to (KUBARA) KUBARA Fusanosuke.

There exists no particular or definite relationship between the two. If there is any rumor going around in the world that the above two persons are connected, it is attributable to the fact that FUKUDA has taken ISAKURO two or three times to KUBARA's home and introduced him. KUBARA has practically no concern today with the armament issue nor with any other military

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difficult to have an overall picture of his movements. At present, however, the following information is available:

Former (Lt. Colonel) Yoshio Iwakura  
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Former (Lt. Colonel) Yoshio Iwakura was a classmate of Iwakura,  
and is former official chief of the Yamaguchi Ministry. He seems  
to have worked in the past as an adviser to the United States 5th Army.  
Former (Major General) Yoshio Iwakura (Gen.)  
Former (Colonel) Yoshio Iwakura  
Former (Lt. Colonel) Yoshio Iwakura

Former (Colonel) Yoshio Iwakura's long-time Intelligence Service  
deputy, is not living in Tokyo at present. He has started a small company  
with the aid of Iwakura and Iwakura Shiro, which is centered in his own  
country area in Yamaguchi. The company is believed to deal in paper and  
pulp supplies, but definite information is not available. Iwakura Hideo  
aids other former subordinates in a similar manner, chiefly through the  
good offices of Iwakura.

6. Iwakura's connection with the formation of a new political party organization.

Concerning operations for establishment of a new political party, Iwakura  
Masamichi, Iwakura Shiro, Iwakura Shinsuke, Iwakura Junzo,  
Iwakura and others have been continually consulting on this since about  
August, 1950. Although Iwakura has introduced Iwakura to these people, he  
has nothing to do directly with directing the new political party organi-  
zation. It is obviously unlikely that Iwakura himself is planning the com-  
position of a different new party. So far as Iwakura and Iwakura's other  
political activities are concerned, Iwakura has no say whatsoever in manipu-  
lating Japanese domestic political affairs at present. He is a purgee.  
Iwakura himself speculates that he will have to remain a purgee for a consid-  
erably long time. He knows that by himself he is unable to carry on the  
political activity for the present. Iwakura told Iwakura that it was his  
most sincere and earnest desire to see Iwakura elected in the expected Lower  
House elections in the spring. He seems to hold the opinion that if Iwakura  
is elected a member of the House of Representatives, Iwakura's political ideas  
could be effected through and by Iwakura. A certain Indian with whom Iwakura  
had become acquainted when he was the wartime chief of the Hikari Kikan now  
holds a top-ranking position in the Indian Government. It appears quite  
certain that Iwakura is now in touch with this Indian and others in the  
Indian Government. After signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty with India,  
Iwakura is apparently planning to enter actively into the Japan-India trade.  
Therefore, he himself shows more serious concern if the political problems  
of India than in that of Japan.

SOURCE Opinion: Iwakura Shinsuke's description of Iwakura's use of Indian  
connections made during his U.S. days is confirmed from other sources; how-  
ever, the general version concerning this move of Iwakura's is that he is  
far-sighted regarding the future and feels that with profits amassed from  
such a trade he would be ultimately in better position to dabble in domestic  
politics. Iwakura's ultimate aim is said to be the post of Defense Minister,  
and he feels that it will be a long time before the post will be open, so he  
has plenty of time to build towards it, even though he is now a purgee.

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7. Iwakuro's relationship to Iwakura Shiro

Iwakuro is a Japanese who is a member of an espionage organization by name of the Iwakuro group. He is a vice-president of the National Study Company, Inc. Iwakuro's main obligation for Iwakuro is to provide the Iwakuro group with money. Iwakuro's remarks in this regard are that Iwakuro has a net worth of approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000 per month. Iwakuro maintains his living mainly on this money. At the request of Iwakuro, however, Iwakuro has made effort to find jobs or suitable living expenses for Iwakuro's family and intelligence friends and acquaintances. This does not mean Iwakuro is a blindly obedient officer of Iwakuro, as Iwakuro too is a rather intelligent man, he can also see very well that certain persons Iwakuro is an enemy of the latter.

Iwakuro's opinion of Iwakuro is that Iwakuro is a very large, with excellent mental facilities, but never thinks of political operations to be directed by Iwakuro. He believes Iwakuro is not the person qualified to lead others, but to help in that direction. Iwakuro is surely well acquainted with the situation of the world, not to speak of America, and has broader and deeper thoughts than other former Japanese and officers, in the opinion of both Iwakuro and Iwakuro. However, Iwakuro's motive in politics, his narrow-minded conceit, and his petty nature, typical of a Japanese military man, can not be overlooked, Iwakuro avers.

8. Iwakuro's sentiments towards Iwakuro Shiro.

Iwakuro has a vigorous antipathy not only toward Iwakuro, but toward all other officers of the former Japanese Army working for G-2 at HK and GHO as well. Iwakuro has stated that the former Japanese officers now working at HK and GHO are serving as spies in the interest of America and are selling out Japan. These characters should naturally be executed in the name of the Japanese people when full sovereignty is restored to Japan. This is not an original belief of Iwakuro himself. Such a belief might have been formed as a result of hearing a lot of things from those former underground leaders and intelligence men surrounding Iwakuro. Anyhow, his hatred against Iwakuro and his group is most serious. Consequently, whoever may try to mediate between them, it will not prove an easy task for the time being to establish any compromise between Iwakuro and Iwakuro.

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