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<p>1. This report collects information passed in by [] in two raw reports and one conversation. The first five paragraphs cover HANSEN's November sojourn in Hokkaido, the next five his December trip. Paragraph 11 represents recent information on an event which occurred in November and was described in ZIL-752 and ZIL-774.</p> <p>2. Reference paragraph 4, WUKS claims to have "a former subordinate" in the coal business who is investigating labor-management relations in Hokkaido under HANSEN's direction. WUKS apparently also expects to use the TANAKA Committee (para. 3) as a source of information for MATSURI on JCP activities.</p> <p>3. Regarding [] we have gone through our files and found that no one with that name exists here. There are a number of possibilities, but no name close enough to [] that we can say with any certainty that any one of them is the right one.</p> <p>4. The maps and documents mentioned in paragraph 11 are the controversial ones originally involved in the existing strategy to get more information on MATSURI's Hokkaido nets. This presents what Source obviously hoped was a satisfying explanation of the alleged "brokering" which would logically relieve him of the necessity for further probing of MATSURI's Hokkaido assets, since they were supposedly not involved in the brokering. The explanation was too glib and too such-in-line with MATSURI's defensive operational strategy when giving out no more than he must at any given time, and at the same time was so lacking in detail as to be meaningless. We very pointedly insisted that, until there were more details than that, we had little more than a hunch on which to base hypotheses.</p>			
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1. Treatment of Japanese POWs by the Soviet Army on Sakhalin was good and therefore the returnees who have settled down in Hokkaido bear little ill-will toward the Russians and have no fear of a Russian invasion of the island. The inhabitants of Hokkaido feel that neither the American Army nor the Police Reserve could hold the island and very few believe that a defense should be attempted. JCP action in Hokkaido is not open and aggressive, due in part to the high standard of living there, the per capita savings of the inhabitants of Hokkaido being about twice as much as the national average.

2. The people of Hokkaido have no fear of Russia, but do entertain a dislike of the United States because of its political and economic interference, particularly in the case of the so-called Redoubt Line drawn through the Soya Strait, which cuts so close to the Cape of Nosappu that fishing vessels sailing around the cape are sometimes driven over the line and seized by Soviet authorities.

3. Liberation zones exist in Hokkaido, resulting from the fact that some areas of the island are so sparsely populated as to be outside the jurisdiction of any police unit. The Governor of Hokkaido, TANAKA Toshibumi (田中 利文), has organized the Hokkaido Defense Research Committee (Hokkaido Bokuji Kenkyuukai) and pledged himself to tackle the problem. It is expected that the Committee will start work in the near future. The plans of the Committee have not been made public but it is known that the organization is short of funds, a situation that HARUKE Yoshitane intends to mitigate by persuading the Kinoshita Store and other leading companies to sponsor the Committee. HARUKE also intends to put himself at the disposal of the group.

4. The JCP has infiltrated the small and medium-sized coal mining companies in Hokkaido in considerable numbers, although the larger mines are largely free from Communist influence.

5. HARUKE once met former Captain YORI (山利), intelligence agent of MATSURI Takemichi, but was not able to find out about MATSURI's Hokkaido network or about his other subordinates. MATSURI has also worked with YAGIWA

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