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Subject: TATSUMI Michi: His
Position and Policy

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Date of Information: Early March 1952

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Source: Former high-ranking Imperial officer in close contact with

1. On 24 February 1952, MATSUDA Yoshitane held an informal conference with TATSUMI Michi at the latter's home. TATSUMI commented that he was not usually at home on Saturday and Sunday (the 24 was Sunday), from which MATSUDA drew the conclusion that those were the days he reserved for consultation with Premier YOSHIDA Shigeru. One other caller, SUZUKI Kazuji, of the Demobilization Bureau, joined the conference part of the time.
2. TATSUMI stated that his association with YOSHIDA is purely personal and he visits the premier only upon invitation and never offers information unless he is asked for it. He is trying to avoid being involved in the rearmament issues, rarely answering questions of it when requested, because he feels that if YOSHIDA resigns, he himself would be automatically severed from the rearmament program. He stated that therefore he was collecting information and opinion on rearmament and asking assistance from former associates and military figures, such as IZUMI Jo, KOTSUKI Yoshio, YAZAMI Shuichi, SHIMAZU Sadamu, and TAMAKO Masahiro, and presenting these data to the army.
3. In regard to rearmament matters generally, TATSUMI made the following remarks:
 - a. Although he would like to use MATSUDA Takashiro in carrying out a rearmament program, the many unfavorable comments on him received in letters, especially from former officers, make it difficult.
 - b. The unification of navy circles on rearmament is only apparent; beneath the surface the navy is as deeply split as the army. It is, however, trying to close the rifts, which the army is not.
 - c. The work on rearmament undertaken by the MATSUDA Research Institute is of great value for interesting the public, although as a private research it is not of direct value to the government.
4. During the conversation, another visitor arrived at the TATSUMI home but was escorted into another part of the house and not invited to join the conference. MATSUDA believed that this caller was MATSUDA Fumoto.

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partly because he was kept out of sight. In HARK's opinion, TATSUMI actually uses MASAMI as the top-ranking member of his advisory staff but keeps the connection secret from his other associates.

5. Early in March, another conversation with HARK brought from TATSUMI a statement that one of the difficulties of his position was that contacts with some persons might start rumors of government influence. One of his problems is MASAMI Jinsaburo, former general, a native of the same town and living near TATSUMI in Tokyo. TATSUMI is greatly concerned over the attitude of MASAMI's followers. The two men are not in contact because TATSUMI hesitated to give an advance, fearing that it would start rumors, and MASAMI will not because TATSUMI was junior to him in the service and he would not be consulted on military problems. A plan for resolving this delicate situation is sought by friends of both, possibly through the agency of former Liaison General General KANEKI Yutsu, who is closely connected with MASAMI.

6. A renewal of relations with MASAMI would assist TATSUMI, both by unifying some dissident elements of the army and by giving him additional backing in rearmament matters to replace the support of the six-man committee. Even before the committee dissolved, TATSUMI had lost its sponsorship because of his opposition to an extensive purge of former regular army officers.

1. Field Comment. According to another source, TATSUMI divides his time between the HARKS organization and government interests on a half-day basis, morning to HARKS and afternoons to the government. See ZJJ-56.

2. Field Comment. These ex-generals were reported earlier as assisting TATSUMI in preparing military advice for TOGHIDA. They make up the "no-main link." See ZJJ-77A and ZJJ-77L.

3. Field Comment. It has been previously reported by the same source that, on information from HATTORI, TATSUMI is friendly with HATTORI but does not discuss rearmament with him. See ZJJ-767.

4. Field Comment. HARKS offered no basis for this conjecture otherwise. According to another source, MASAMI is associated with TATSUMI as a close personal friend and is active in the HPR. See ZJJ-56.

5. Field Comment. Who? Who in Japan states that MASAMI is from Sagan, but TATSUMI is reported in ZJJ-56 to be from Shikane. For comments on MASAMI's activities, see ZJJ-34.

6. Field Comment. This board is discussed in ZJJ-53 and ZJJ-77L.

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