

FOR HATTORI Takushiro & TSUJI Masanobu DOSSIERS

The following information was copied from DR-1-221, (22 May 54,

SUBJECTS: 1. Activities of the HATTORI-TSUJI Groups in Defense Planning.  
2. Influence of Federation of Economic Organizations on Defense Planning.

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1. When asked the question, "What do you know of the activities of the HATTORI-TSUJI groups and other interested in defense planning?" Source stated he knew no details. He recalled that agent reports had been submitted at various times (names and dates unknown) to the MVD group in Tokyo indicating that such a group existed, and alleging that it was American-sponsored. Source has no further information on this subject.

2. When asked the question, "What is your estimate of the probable future influence of the Federation of Economic Organizations on Japanese defense planning and the implementation of these plans?" Source stated he had never heard of such an organization and could not estimate to possible influence on Japanese defense plans.

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The following is from "Summary of Conversation with Lt. Gen. Ichiji SUGITA, May 16, 1955", prepared by von BRETZ(p): The only interesting bit of information SUGITA gave me in this connection was that ex-Colonel Takushiro HATTORI, who was one of the leading members of the Japanese historical group and seemed to enjoy the particular confidence of General Charles A. Willoughby, is presently heading a private war history research organization assembling material on World War II. Associated with him are two other former members of the Japanese historical group, ex-Lt. Col. Shiro HARA and ex-Lt. Col. Iwaichi FUJIWARA. During my work with the Japanese group, I came to entertain considerable distrust of HATTORI and HARA, who were both strong pro-Tojo men and seemed more anxious to whitewash the Army of war responsibility than to assist in preparing an objective history. Also I felt inclined to doubt that their "assistance" to G-2 was inspired by any sincere feelings of friendship toward the United States. For that reason, I wonder if HATTORI's organization is only a historical research outfit and what its objectives are. HATTORI did publish two years ago a 4-volume Japanese war history. However, SUGITA mentioned that HATTORI has been travelling around the country lecturing to ex-servicemen. It would be useful, perhaps, to know more about these activities.

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