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SWEDEN: Gen ONODERA, who is 43 years old, comes from the Japanese nobility. His wife belongs to a Japanese family of the highest nobility and is said to be related to the Emperor, a fact of which the Gen is very proud.

The Office of Imperial Japanese Military Attache, Stockholm is located on the fifth floor at LINNE-GATAN 38, adjoining the General's private apartment. In Nov 44 Gen ONODERA told source that he intended to rent another small apartment so that he would not have to receive visitors in his office. Source believes that this move was contemplated in order to safeguard the security of the work at the office. The function of this office is to furnish military intelligence to the Imperial Japanese Government. Its importance was considered so great that it took precedence over the Japanese Legation at STOCKHOLM. Gen ONODERA's reports went via German military transmitters in BERLIN directly to the Emperor, whereas the reports of the Minister went to the Prime Minister, who submitted to the Emperor only such portions of the reports as he considered of particular importance. Furthermore, Gen ONODERA claimed that he had orders to check the Legation's security measures, and that he could request the recall of the Minister if he did not consider him suitable for the post.

After the successful Allied invasion of France, Gen ONODERA told source that he had received orders to remain at his post after Germany's collapse in order to take charge of the Japanese intelligence system for all Europe. In source's opinion he already has a very considerable network of espionage agents at his disposal.

Gen Onochenko, who according to repeated statements, is excellent work, was a chief source of Gen ONODERA's intelligence on Russia after the capitulation of Finland. Gen ONODERA established connections with Finnish intelligence officers who had escaped and who were anxious to work against the Russians.

ONODERA boasted of having an agent in the British Passport Dept. in the BERGEL-JARSGATAN, STOCKHOLM. He claimed that he regularly used the reports of the Secretary of the British Legation, GHSCHMANN, who is said to be a Capt and chief of the British Intelligence Corps. This was a source of considerable amusement to ONODERA.

Gen ONODERA always waited for the British courier plane, and frequently he stated that he had received "something interesting from England". He also sent money to England, as he inadvertently revealed to source on more than one occasion by such remarks as "People say I am stingy but I believe my men in England are so. I need to always send money." Source believes that ONODERA's informants were British journalists, because he once mentioned knowing newspaper reporters formerly stationed in STOCKHOLM who had been recalled to England.

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As ONODERA frequently remarked, he knew practically everything about the disposition of German military forces. He and his assistants often travelled to Denmark, Norway and Germany to meet German officers.

From information received from England regarding the buildup of supplies, he was able to estimate the date of the invasion of the Continent to within a month of the actual landing. After the landings in Normandy, he predicted that the Germans would not be able to repel Allied forces. Based upon his experiences in the Far East, he declared that the bridgehead would be destroyed within the first 24 hours, or not at all. He anticipated the destruction of Germany soon after the bridgehead was successfully established, and by early 1945 he was making every effort to re-amp his espionage network accordingly.

At the end of Aug 44, ONODERA declared that all Europe would be exposed to the dangers of Bolshevism after Allied victory. Russia is slowly but surely gaining control of the Continent. In Scandinavia she is already at the Atlantic, and from there and from the Baltic Sea she already surrounds Sweden and threatens Denmark. After conquering Northern Germany, she will be able to work her way to the English Channel. Russia already dominates the Balkans, and from there she threatens the Middle East. The smoothly functioning Soviet propaganda machine will do everything possible to provoke revolutions in the Iberian Peninsula, in France and in Italy, and then to tackle Europe from the Southwest. Soviet activities in North Africa are becoming more and more dangerous. Ultimately England will confront Russia alone, because the US will have no time to attend to Europe once she is fully committed in the East. Japan will confront the US with ever-increasing difficulties, and will tie down US forces completely.

The Russians, on the other hand, will receive military reinforcements from the 40 millions Germans in the occupied areas, and will also engage in strong propaganda activities among the impoverished German masses. Once Soviet Russia has had time to reorganize her disrupted agriculture and to bring her factories into full operation again, she will be so strong that she will tolerate no counter power in Europe.

ONODERA spoke frequently of Japanese hatred of the Russians, but he pointed out that Japan's primary enemy was the USA. In '44, he was firmly convinced that Russia would not attack Japan. He based his reasoning on Russia's need to rehabilitate her industrial and agricultural systems. Russia, he stated, must ~~reorganize her~~ reorganize her KOLHOS and SOVKHOS (collective farms), build more and more tractors, and generally revamp her agricultural set-up, which had proved a failure during the war. The Russian farmer would have to take to the fields and shove to escape starvation. If the US had not shipped vast quantities of food to Russia in '43, a major disaster in the food situation would have occurred.

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ONODERA stated in Oct 44 that he expected the European War to end in Feb. 45. He declared that the US had already won the "American War" by binding to herself Canada, Central America, and South America. With the acquisition of numerous air and naval bases the US had gained unquestionable superiority over impoverished Britain. However, Soviet propaganda in South America will greatly increase, and aside from the problems created for the US by Japan, the US will have to face others provided by Russia in Scandinavia, the Balkans, and the oil regions of the Middle East. With the discharge of many American soldiers after the European War, the US will be faced with severe labor troubles. All these factors, ONODERA hoped, would prevent the US from deploying all her forces in the continuation of the war against Japan.

At the end of May 44, source had a lengthy conference with ONODERA during which the latter severely condemned German policies. ONODERA stated that KOCH, German Plenipotentiary for Eastern Territories, and so conducted affairs in the occupation of the Ukraine that he might as well have been working for the Soviets and deserved the "Order of STALIN". The Ukrainians, who had greeted the German Army as liberators in 41, had already turned their backs on the German civilian occupational authorities as far back as 42, simply because of maltreatment, and the transgressions of a few subordinates. The German civilian authorities, through their immeasurable lack of understanding of the people and through their ignorance concerning the Ukrainian question, had made enemies of the Ukrainians, whereas with understanding and cooperation they could have gained an army of three million men.

Gen ONODERA went on to say that the treatment of Japan by the German High Command had been equally stupid. No conferences were held concerning coordinated conduct of the war. The last thing that the Japanese wanted was the German attack upon Russia. The Japanese High Command had a quite different plan. They wanted Germany to drive through the Balkans, Turkey, Iraq, and Iran to the Persian Gulf, and finally to link up with a coordinated Japanese drive in India. ONODERA said that it was high time in these last hours, to try to work together. He had received word from TOKYO that conferences between the two high commands would shortly take place at the FUHRER's Hq. Immediately afterwards, the German newspapers announced that extremely important conferences were pending concerning the common conduct of the war in future operations. Ten days later the subject was dropped completely, and no further word was published or spoken regarding the conferences. When source questioned ONODERA on the matter, the latter answered evasively, merely stating that Japan would continue the war to the end, regardless of the outcome in Europe. Source believes that the Japanese offer of common action in the conduct of the war was intended to mislead the German High Command and to influence Russia to conclude a "special agreement" with Japan, a different form of agreement from the "Five Year Non-Aggression Pact". Gen ONODERA appeared very pleased when he mentioned this pact.

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from that time onward, ONODEA mentioned again and again that he would have to stay in STOCKHOLM for a long time. Prior to Nov 44 he had been receiving additional sums of money from various sources, including 150,000 Swiss francs from the Japanese Attache in Denmark. Source believes that, owing to the present European situation and the disruption of communications, there may be gaps in ONODEA's organization; but he declares that a man of ONODEA's preference and ability would be able to make them without great loss of time. He is convinced that Gen. ONODEA has been an espionage and intelligence service which from henceforth will be the center of such Japanese activity in Europe.