

The organization of the constabulary by ARISUE Seizo and KAWABE Torashiro, advisers to the General Headquarters' Second Staff Section (G-2), may well become a reality. American made revolvers have already been given to all policemen by the Americans. The fact is that the constabulary will be organized under American guidance. It has also become clear that plans are being made to bring forward purges UGAKI Issai and to allow great leeway to the activities of the Japan underground govt. It is evident that all of this is being done with the mutual consent of America. (Ref. ZJL-256, Report M, 24 Jan 50, CE File III - 32.1 - copied entire report).

mic // (5) KAWABE Torashiro's constabulary (KEISATSU GUN) will set up the following units so as to be able to function as a modern armed force:

Poison Gas Unit (DOKU GASU TAI)
Machine Gun Unit (KIKANJU TAI)
Tank Unit (SENSHA TAI)

(Ref. ZJL-264, Report D, 7 Feb 50, CE File III - 32.1, copied all).

Information has been received to the effect that ARISUE Seizo, KAWABE Torashiro, UGAKI Issai, etc. are acting as advisers to Japan's militarists. (Ref. ZJL-264, Report F, 7 Feb 50, CE File III - 33, copied all).

(6) The group known as the Food and Livelihood Stabilization Assn., Handabashi, Tokyo, is carrying out underground activities aimed at overthrowing the ARISUE-KAWABE line realizing the creation of an independent army for Japan. The latter would have UGAKI Issai as its central figure. (Ref. ZJL-264, Report SS, 7 Feb 50, CE File III - 33, copied all).

mic (7) Secretly selected as a member of the Supreme Guidance Department of the Japanese Police Constabulary. (Ref. ZJL-386, 28 July 50, CE File III - 32.1; [])

mic Former major generals KATAYAMA and SAWAMOTO and former Lt. Generals KAWABE Torashiro and ARISUE Seizo are concerned with supervision of the organization of the Japanese Police Reserve Force (KEISATSU YORITAI). (Ref. ZJL-410-G, 17 Aug 50, CE File III - 32.1; [])

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Will be added to the policy advisors of the new National Peace and Independence Preparations Committee, particularly to assist in operations of the Liaison Bureau to Japanese government agencies such as the new Police Reserve Force and to other agencies such as the Army leaders. (Ref. ZJL-483, 13 Nov 50, [] CE File III - 33)

Member of intelligence kikan affiliated with the JONAN Enterprises-National Peace & Independence Preparations Committee syndicate. For details of inter-relations see ZJL-538, 26 Jan 51; [] CE File III - 36.

Attempts being made by the JONAN-N.E. I.P.C. syndicate for particularly close connections to subject. See ZJL-639, 26 Jan 51; [] CE File III - 43.

JONAN Group activities - ZJL-564, 21 Feb 51; [] CE File III - 43.

See ZJL-404, 7 Aug 50, CE File III - 43, [] for subject's part in Rightist underground plans to dispatch ships to Formosa and Indo-China.

Members of the JONAN Combine, particularly SATOMI, are very anxious to stay on the closest possible terms with subject because they feel certain that with the pending death of OKAMURA, and considering his good relations with both POPOV and the independent Japanese underground, he is virtually assured of heading any revived Japanese Army. Liaison is maintained by SATOMI to ~~KAWABE~~ and through him to Lt. Generals IMAAZE, TANAKA Ryukichi, DOI, OIKAWA Genichichi, and SAKURAI Tokutaro. SATOMI prefers the direct connections to KAWABE. (Ref. ZJL-561-C, 2 Mar 51, [] CE File 202-2662D)

See ZJL-591, 11 Apr 51, [] CE File III - 36.2 for subject's attitude to program for unified military revival action.

Prime Minister YOSHIDA Shigeru is thoroughly accepting the plan for the rearmament of Japan advocated by former Lieutenant General KAWABE Torashiro and former Major General TATSUMI Eiichi (Date of info: 14 Mar 51; date rec'd 15 Mar 51). KAWABE himself stated to source that the American Government attaches the greatest importance to his plan. (Source [] Mar 51) (Ref. ZJL-596-A, CE File Japanese Rearmament)

The Japanese Underground Government (JUG) has decided to undertake the rearmament of Japan, under the leadership of UGAKI Kazushige as Commander-in-Chief and KAWABE Torashiro as Chief of the General Staff. (Ref. ZJL-596-B, Date of info: Feb 51, CE File Japanese Rearmament)

The Japanese Government ~~XXXXXXXX~~ is considering sending ex-Admiral NOMURA Kichisaburo, ex-Lieutenant General KAWABE Torashiro, and ex-General UGAKI Ksunari to the United States for the purpose of explaining the Japanese side of the rearmament proposal. The Government hopes to receive an American invitation for such a mission. (Ref. ZJL-597, 12 Apr 51, [] CE File [])

Subject is one of four former officers who have studied jointly and given their critique of UGAKI Kazushige's "Japan Rearmament Proposal". (Ref. ZJL-609-A, 4 May 51, [] CE File Japanese Rearmament)

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Among former high-ranking Army officers to whom the Japanese Underground Government has assigned Soviet operations. (Ref. ZJL-609-B, 4 May 51, CE File III - 33)

Among others, subject is doing research on problem of Japanese rearmament for the Japanese Underground Government. (Ref. ZJL-551-C, 8 Feb 51, CE File Japanese Rearmament)

KAWABE Torashiro is assisting Prime Minister YOSHIDA as a Counsellor. (Ref. ZJL-611, 3 May 51, CE File dossier)

See: ZJLA - 1473, 11 May 1951, CE File III - I

Japanese Underground Gov't keeping pace with leftist China-Japan Joint Operations with its own parallel. Subject member of Underground Gov't's China-Japan Joint Operations Guidance Dept. (ZJL-466-A, 26 Oct. 50, CE File III-30.3)

As results of the YOSHIDA - DULLES conversations, Japan-American Defense Committees (NICHIBEI BOEI IINKAI) will be formed in both countries for purpose of implementing the Japanese-American Defense Agreement. Military specialists on Japanese committee is KAWABE Torashiro. (Ref. ZJL-639, 5 June 1951, CE File Japanese Rearmament.)

The composition of an eight-man Japanese Army committee on rearmament includes KAWABE Torashiro. (Ref. ZJL-641-A, 5 June 1951, CE File Japanese Rearmament.)

Both MATSUYA Makoto, a former Colonel attached to the Army General Staff, and Subject are working on rearmament plans...Subject, at the request of the Government, is drawing up a detailed rearmament plan. (ZJL-668, 6 July 1951, Japanese Rearmament)

Member, Japanⁿ Military Affairs Council (ZJL-673B, 19 Jul 51, Japanese Rearmament*folder)

Subject has conferred with Col. HATTORI Takashi, Lt. Gen. SAKUMA Ryozo, and Lt. Gen. SAKURAI Tokutaro on the subject of doing research for PCPOV's organization on the subject of the military strength of China, Korea, and a rearmend Japan. (ZJL-571, 6 Mar h 1951, CE III 30.1)

Former Lt. Gen KAWABE Torashiro, member of General Staff, also lives in Kamiya village in the outskirts of Tokyo. One-time veteran of Soviet Affairs, he is a farmer. (FBIS TOKYO TIMES, Tokyo, Nov. 8, 1951)

OKADA Yoshimasa (Naomasa) has engaged in several operations for KAWABE and ARISUE Seizo. Younger brother of the late Gen. KAWABE Shozo. Has another brother junior to him. Subject is now virtually certain of being Chief of Staff. Source's personal comments on subject appear on pp. 7 & 8 of report. (ZJL-604, 19 April 1951, CE III 33)

Member, former SAKURA KAI; now opposed to UGAKI Kazushige (ZJL-699B, 24 August 1951, dossier)

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Subject acts as go-between from IWAKURO Hideo to American agencies. (ZJL-725A
20 Sept 1951, [] [] dossier.)

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The connection between the Continental Affairs Research Institute and the KAWABE Kikan is a secret closely guarded on orders of G-2. DOI is an under-cover member of the KAWABE Kikan and receives from it both a salary and operational funds with which to support his Institute. The persons who are aware of this fact are TATSUMI Eiichi and KAWABE Torashiro, and the G-2 officers concerned. DOI's work for the Kikan consists of supplying it with what information on the USSR he obtains and in analyzing military information on the USSR obtained from other Kikan sources. (ZJJ-27, 28 Feb. 52, CE File [] Dossier.)

See: TSGI 2705, IN 27395, 14 Mar 52, Senior Rep File.

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The elder brother of KAWABE Torashiro, KAWABE Shozo, has been even more closely linked to the IWAKURO political group (toying with the idea of rearmament.) The elder KAWABE is full general, and was in the process of retirement at the time of the Surrender. KAWABE Shozo is believed to be advanced by the IWAKURO group to head a tentative rearmament program merely as a figurehead. This does not necessarily indicate that KAWABE Torashiro is also connected with the IWAKURO group, but it is well known that KAWABE Torashiro does get on quite well with IWAKURO, and that he has accepted in the past information from the IWAKURO Kikan for transmittal to American authorities. There is no definite indication that the younger KAWABE is directly connected with the efforts of his brother and the IWAKURO group. The prestige of KAWABE Torashiro has suffered a slight decline since the eminence of peace treaty ratification, largely because of the same stigma which is attached to HATTORI Takushiro as a military leader who has worked quite faithfully for American G-2 GHQ, particularly for Major General Willoughby. This is merely a general rumor in army and in intelligence circles; nevertheless it is generally accepted that KAWABE has done considerable military planning and intelligence work for G-2 GHQ in the past few years. In this work, he relied quite extensively from time to time upon the services of IWAKURO Hideo, SAKURAI Takutaro, OIKAWA Genshichi, ARISUE Seiso, and other leading former staff figures. KAWABE has been reputed to have his own intelligence gathering organization, but there is no indication that he has actively entered the rearmament fields. Actually, much of KAWABE Torashiro's information and efforts are believed to go to support of SHIMOMURA Sadamu. This also is merely a general accepted rumor nothing more. Far as is known, KAWABE Torashiro and KAWABE Shozo both have refrained personally from any direct attack upon HATTORI Takushiro or any malicious gossip concerning the latter's activities. (ZJL-748, E [] 15 Nov. 52, [] Dossier.)

IWAKURO Hideo and KAWABE Torashiro have no personal contact at present and apparently have had none for a long time. (ZJL-784, [] [], 18 Dec. 51, [] Dossier.)

Subject is among the close friends of KOTANI Etsuo. KOTANI worked with subject in JIGS, and latter regarded him as a likeable junior officer. KOTANI owes his employment by the KAWABE Organization to KAWABE's sponsorship. [] [] ZJJ-70, 4 Apr 52, [] dossier).

KAWABE Torashiro (3109/6708/5706/0934/6745)

The Japanese Cabinet has recently set up what is commonly known as the "ROKUNIN IINKAI" (Six-Man Committee). The actual purpose of this committee is to give informal advice on the question of de-purge of remaining field grade Army officers and future order of de-purging general officers. It is known unofficially as the Japanese Government's Military De-Purge Committee. All of its members are highly trusted by present Cabinet authorities, but the closest to government circles at highest levels is of course TATSUMI Eiichi. Among the members of the committee is KAWABE Torashiro, age about 60. The most interesting point concerning the committee is that some of the members including KAWABE would like to be future Defense Minister or top-level "Special Advisor" on Military Affairs to the Government. (ZJL-771 [] 18 Dec. 51, [] Dossier.)

~~The opinion that GRC will be the first of the three central intelligence bureaus to be held only by MIKAWA and some group first according to TATSUMI Eiichi. MIKAWA will be chief of operations and operate as important organization as the central intelligence bureau. [] ZJL-202, 19 Sept 52, SOCB 58930, GC File J-10.20.~~

KAWABE (Torashiro) Kikan - This organization is steadily reducing its expenditures and personnel. This is as it should be, because the KAWABE Kikan has no place in an independent Japan. Its membership should be absorbed into the future central intelligence Bureau, according to TATSUMI Eiichi in August 1952. [] FJJ-201, SOCB-58930, 19 Sept 52, GC File J-10.20.

Subject accepted a position in the Continental Affairs Research Institute in July 1952. [] ZJJ-202, 26 Sept 52, GC File III-48.1.

Councillor, Teiriku Mondai Kenkyu Sho, (1Apr53 issue, Teiriku Mondai)

See ZJF-80, 18 July 50, [] []
See [] ZJLa-1242

KAWABE, Lt. Gen., Chief of Staff to Gen YAMADA, Commander in Chief of the National Defense Headquarters. (X-2 30014, 17 Aug 43).

Contributed an article to the Tenth issue of Continental Affairs. (FJJ-76, 13 Feb 53, [] GC File III - 48.1) Source Comment: KAKONO Hohel leaves non de plus of KAWABE Torashiro.

Subject attended a party for T'ANG Ho-go at the Tokyo Kaikan on 28 Mar 53 at which were 100 Japanese well known in financial and business circles, and some ex-military men. (FJJ-160, 17 Apr 53, [] [] [] dossier)

Subject, probably same. For connection with Rightist Political activities see FJJ-200, 21 May 53, [] Rightist Folder) (As Lieu Gen in Jpac Army he was chief of the KAWABE Kikan. Reportedly is member of Cont Affairs Research Institute)

KAWABE Torashiro of the KATO KIKAN has in his possession a detailed map of the undeveloped areas of Manchuria and Siberia which is a map of shifting tactics (TENSHIN SAKUSEN YOZU) used by the Japanese Kwantung Army. This map is a Top-Secret document of the Japanese army pertaining to strategy directed against the Soviets and is of great importance in future military strategy directed against the Soviets. There is only one copy of this map in the world. (Ref. ZJL-220, Report B, 10 Nov 49, CE File III - 33, 1 - carded all).

One of the leaders in the plan of the HOSHIDA Shigeru Cabinet for strengthening the police force. (Ref. ZJL-220, 10 Nov 49, Report Z, CE File III-32.1).

10 120 49 KAWABE Torashiro's (of the Japan underground government's UGAKI Issai faction) clandestine organization within the police constabulary special higher investigation net, has currently been named the SAKURADA CLUB. It was formed by bringing together former higher special police officials. ~~xxx~~ This organization wields the greatest power within the metropolitan police. (Ref. ZJL-220, Report D, 10 Nov 49, CE File III - 32.1 - carded all).

The Japan underground govt is planning the creation of a fascist force composed of the constabulary and the fire brigades. It will be led by KAWABE Torashiro and ARISUE Seiso. It is clear that plans for its creation call for organization along the lines of a brigade (ryodan-hensei). The rearming of Western Germany has a great influence upon the organizing of this force. The Japanese underground government is carrying out this organization with great determination. (Ref. ZJL-236, Report H, 8 Dec 49, CE File III - 32.1).

Liaison is being maintained between the Soviet Trade Mission in Japan (CHUNICHI SOREN BOEKI SHISETSU DAN) in Mitsubishi Building 21 and former Lt. General KAWABE Torashiro. (Ref. ZJL-236, Report K, 8 Dec 49, CE File III - 29).

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Apparently this information comes through HATTORI Takushiro, though he is not specifically reported as the informant.

This report is significant as a correction to information previously given by [] paragraph 7, ZJI-771, which indicated that KAWABE Torashiro was collaborating with the Japanese government. The information in ZJI-771 concerning KAWABE's hopes of becoming future Defense Minister, may, nevertheless, be considered valid.

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