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<p>Information pertinent to Subject, KODAMA Yoshio, contained in the above referenced document has been excerpted verbatim below.</p> <p><u>Announcement in OFFICIAL GAZETTE</u></p> <p>Tokyo, JIJI Release in Japanese and English, May 24, 1948, 2:30 a.m. EST--T (Text)</p> <p>"Tokyo, May 24.—Jotaro Kawai, former Social Democratic Party leader, and Shiro Ozaki, noted novelist, are among the 526 persons who were purged by the Central Screening Commission from May 1 to 10, according to an announcement in the OFFICIAL GAZETTE today. During the 10-day period, the CSC investigated 3,514 cases and cleared 2,988 persons.</p> <p>"The purgees included Ashihai Hino and Komatsu Mitamura, novelists; Kanichiro Kami, former representative involved in the military uniform fraud case; Shuko Shirayanagi, writer, and a large number of former navy officers. They were purged as their appeals against their provisional purge decisions were rejected.</p> <p>"Among those who were purged automatically as they (failed to appeal) within the time limit are Yoshio Kodama, a rightists politician, former General Shun Tada, writers, men in press and publicity circles, former members of the Jimmu-kai, Sacred War Prosecution League, Blood Brotherhood, and other rightist organizations."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION</p>				
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