ATR DISPATCH NO. SPECIFY AIR OR SEA POUCH SECRET CLASSIFICATION 10 January 1950 TO Chief. FBZ FROM Chief of Station, (SUBJECT: GENERAL-Operational SPECIFIC-KODAMA Yoshio 1. The microfilms attached hereto are copies of documents relating to KODAMA Yoshio, a former Naval Intelligence officer in China and today a known member of the revised JIS. The documents were procured by from a contact in the Army Language School, Tokyo. The students of this school are sent out on assignments; one student innocently contacted Subject who proved to be so cooperative, so eager to answer questions that Source went out of his way to meet him. The notes in long hand are in Source's handwriting. They are based on an interview with Subject and on the CIS file on KODAMA Yoshio that was available to Source. 2. The other documents are photostats of two ATIS intercepts, in Japanese and in translation, of letters to Subject from old Korean friends. Attachment - 1 flod - Auch 2007 and photostats) Dist: Wash - 2

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Net Kodam, Yoshio through Kimase, Satashi P.R.C. of Political Affairs Bursau, Foreign Office. Kimase had previously conferred with Nokajima, Secretary to Vice-Minister Foreign Office.

Kimase and I picked up Kodama and we went together to "Tsura No. h" in Shibuya. There we were alone with exception of vaitresses who came and went, always knocking before entering our room and leaving immediately after serving.

As Kodama had spoken but little during the 15 minute drive, I was quite surprised when he finally poured forth. First of all he made it clear that he thought the occuration of Manchuria was misunderstood by the Americans. Then he made it equally clear that he as well as most of the Japanese had misunderstood the Americans. Especially, after the occupation of Japan he was impressed by the occupation policy and the conduct of our troops. He cited the misbehavior of Japanese troops in Chica and the fact that the Japanese weren't forced to stand by and mave American flags. Furthernore, he was quite impressed with the treatment afforded him during his 3 to 4 year stay at Sugamo Prison. He was speaking with some authority as he claimed to have spent almost one-helf of his 35 years in prison. (I think that he possibly included the time he spent at an apprentice carpenter in convitude in Korea. This would of course include the 2 years pent in prison after the cabinet slayings of 1930(1)).

All in all, he said that he had become nore and more convinced of the good intentions of America and the fact that Japan today and tomorrow was inseparably limked with America. Moreover, the fate of Japan in the near future definitely was linked with that of formosa and 5. Norea. If Formosa and 5. Norea fell to the Reds, the next insvitable step was Japan.

He holds Chiang Fai-shek in high regard, however, nest of his followers are in the battle for only what they can get and amait the opportunity to flee or turncoat. The thinks from information that he has that the hads will make an attack on formosa in March or april of next year and will have control of Formosa within one week.

General Chir Jeh, C.R.C. of Nationalist forces in Formosa vill but up a fight. Generals To on Pak and Bu Teh Chang will flee to Jacan.

He justed an example of the corruptness in Formose. Recently he received an order for heavy gauge cable to be used in barricades. Accompanying the order was a letter requesting that much lighter cable be sent and the cash difference be put to an undisclosed account in Japan.

The Korean situation is very had. Dutaide of President Shee there is a bare handful of men of ability in top retking positions in Korea. In a border clash recently the N. Foreans demonstrated that this artillery far outranged that of the S. Koreans. Kodama thinks that the N. Koreans are using long range pieces taken from the Japanese which the Russians didn't destroy.

without further eid from America the South Acreans will last about 2 months. Aith long range artillery and other basic weapons for a larger force S. Korea will probably last 6 months, during which time. America may take further steps in Pacific Defense.

Kodama proposes that Japan be allowed to dismantly a factory capable of being converted into an arsenal and ship it to Korea, along with the necessary raw materials and technicians. He does not advocate that a great amount of supplies be sent in view of the fact that same right fall into Red hands as in the case of China--just enough to give America time to take decisive action. (I think he referred principally to the role Japan and the Japanese would play in an overall conflict.)

He said that he thinks he has two more years to live--war is inevitable within that time and he expects to be billed. Japan will be the P.I. of World War III. Japanese as a whole dislike communism and hussis; however, should hussis attack Japan about 1/3 of the populace would actively resist whereas the other 2/3 would possibly submit.

Kodama says that he ariently desires to be of assistance to SCAP in fighting the communistic menace. In case of hostilities he will fight if only with a namboo pole. Mowever, he wishes to be realistic and do something now. In this connection he spoke at length of a proposed espicinage net. This net would have as its members many of the people in Koren and China with whom he had business connections during the last war. He claims to have more friends in horea and China than in Japan. At the same time he proposes that he would cooperate with his friend General Fang, the Chinase military attache in cool. General Wang is at the present time supposed to be planting an espicinage net in communist-occupied Manchuria, China and North Korea.

Kodama claims to have at his disposal skilled cryptographers who can decipher radio code massages sent between Moscor and the fuscian mission in Tokyo.

Kodama claims to have spent many years in Morea and speaks 'orean fluently. He mays that 'e could easily get to Morea undetected and in disguise get in touch with some of his many contacts in Morea and pick up a great deal valuable information. However, he made a promise to Mr. Carpenter, Legal Section, SCAP, that he would stay legitimate and, therefore, without official sanction he wouldn't go.

Kodama said that he might be considered forward in hoping that his proposals would be listened to. However, he was impassioned in his desire to be of assistance to UCAP in any way that he right and felt that with his background of contacts in the Crient he might be of some use. He said that former Colonel Hatton now working in a G-2 Section was able to youch for him as were Prince Higgshiymi and Prince Mikasa.

He gave we 3 letters which he thought would be interesting, translation of which are attached. The Korean Kim Zai Gen of whom Maj. General Wang writes is supposed to be the liaison between Major General Wang in Seoul, Chiang Kai-shek, and General Chin Seh in Formosa.

MCTE: Kodama supposedly became acquainted with General sang during recent war during negotiations between China and Japan concerning cessation of hostilities and joint attack on Russia.

Rec'd ATIS 21 Nov. 1949

Administrative Liaison, 23 Sep 1949 Army Arsenal Depot. Superintendent, Lt. Colonel KIM Chang-kyu KANGRUN Do, ULJIN Kun, Pyonghas Myon, Hupori 248 Banchi

Mr. KIE, Chewon
In regard to transfer of installations.

This is a request to transfer abroad all installations and materials that produce meapons.

NOTE: Installations be be moved. Arms and ammunitions, manufacturing installations, and raw materials.

- (2) Appointee: KI!, Chemon.
- (3) Time: "ithin four months from 25 Sep. 49.

(TN: According to the Korean translator, the Korean language in this text may have been written in code, since strange signs have been added to the Korean words.)

Rec'd ATIS 21 Nov 49 TO: KODAMA, Toshio

FROM: KIM Chang-kiu

DATE : 25 Sep 49

BODY: I am happy to know that you are feeling fine as ever, and that you are making strenuous efforts not only as a pioneer in the reconstruction of Jarvil but also as the mainspring for the reconstruction of the Far East.

I have been impressed by your aims and intentions which Fr. ALM has explained to me in detail.

It is with a feeling of being honored that I take the liberty of introducing myself to you. I was a member of the Military academy's TH: JAFAN)55th graduating class, graduated from the Air Cadet School on 27 Mar 42, and was assigned to the Hayabura Unit in Central China after finishing training at the Air Technical School. I was with the unit until the end of the war.

Feeling attached to aviation after the war, I attended the Secul University of Technology, the former Secul Imperial University. I finished my course at the University last year.

I am pursuing a military career again and am now under order to make military weapons. Although my work is hampered by bottlenecks in regard to facilities, materials, techniques, and power, I feel incomparable pleasure in seeing that it is making progress by degrees.

I fully understand your present plans. I feel honored to be able briefly to express my personal views.

Successful elimination of the present difficulties and bottlenecks in my work will not only be helpful in the establishment of a long-range program for the nation, but it will also help toward satisfying my ambition.

Maj. CHEN (TN: presumably formerly e Major in the Japanese Army), Chief of the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the Korean krmy, is my senior, and a member of the 49th graduating class of the Military Academy. Shen I told him in detail about you (though KIM Chewon) he was very pleased with you.

Since the Americans are opposed to production, it will be difficult for us to make individual official trips on this pretext. But, I certainly would like to go to Tokyo, whose ICHIGATA comes back to my memory. Our sims and interests will surely materially go. I hope to make a trip to TCKYO by all means.

I always listen to the resounding echoes of the Far East and JAPAN in their march toward reconstruction. I read about them in the paper every day.

Excuse my disorderly scribbling. I pray for your continued efforts in good health.

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TO: KODAMA, Yoshio

FROM: XU, Sheng

DATE: 1 Nov 49

BODY: I am delivering this letter to you through Vice-chairman CHANG, Wen of the Taiwan Salt Gabelle Bureau, who is returning to FCRECSA from SECUL via TCKYC. I believe Mr. CHANG will remain in TCKYC for a week, (TN: Sentence may also be translated to mean stay from three days to one week.) commencing from the 3rd. He does not speak Japanese, so please have one of your men interpret for you. It would be beneficial to discuss various matters with him, because hereafter he will be commuting between FCRECSA, JEPAN and KCREA, quite often.

Please take him to the usual place in YAOMATSU or SHIBUTA once, because he likes such places.

Sincerely yours, RU Sheng

Dear Fr. HCDAMA.

Have you read the letter I sent to you through the care of Er. KIN, Chewon? He should be reaching JAPAN very soon on a boat which left PUSAN. I have reached SECUL eafely, and have established an office at the Embassy. At present, I am meeting schoolmates, old friends, and responsible persons from various government offices every day, and am discussing ratters with them. I believe Mr. KIN will tell you the details upon his arrival.

Fishing in the vicinity of TOKIC will be a pleasant memory for you.

Testerday (31 October) during the course of my telephone call to TOKTO, I learned from MANG Ling that my name appeared in the newspapers in connection with the smuggling incident (probably of two or three months ago) by a certain ship of the Chaoshang-chu (A large shipping company of CHINA). I do not know by whom or for what reason I am being slandered, but I believe it is being done deliberately under a planned project. This is a matter which affects my honor, so please investigate thoroughly and warm the newspapers of this matter. Also, please see that the newspaper company rectifies this error.immediately. (If the correction appears in the newspaper, please cut it cut and send it to me. It will be necessary when I report to the National Defense Department.)

It seems to me that it cannot be helped that I am being attacked as a black sheep, because I have been unable to be broadminded and tolerant of all men. However, since you are in TOKYO, I believe you are the person most suitable to negotiate on my behalf (I will be awaiting a reply).

Well, in this country some Chief of Staff epsulettes are necessary, so if theme are any gold braid, clive drab, or yellow epsulettes formerly of the Japanese Army in storage please send one or two to me (Give them to MANG Ling and have him send them by Northwest Airlines.)

The Westher in NOKTO must be bright and clear now, but in this country we are

already using our steam heaters.

I hope some day we together may enjoy fishing in this country once again. Please give my regards to your wife.

Sincerely yours,

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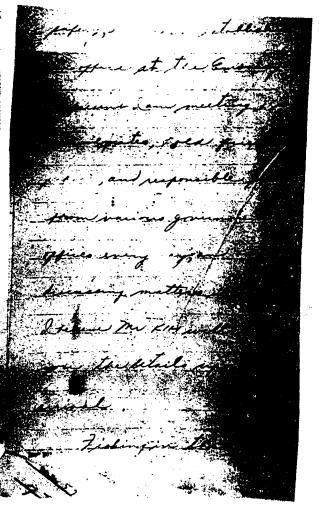
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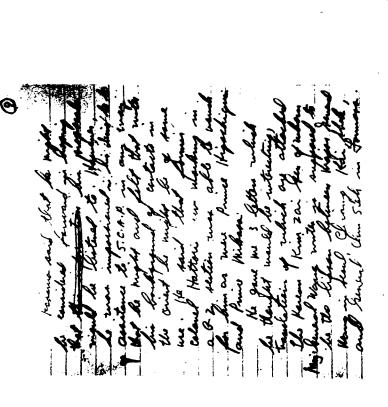
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