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TSUJI Masanobu Activities During April 1952			16 Jul 1953	
<p><b>PERTINENT INFORMATION</b>            Evaluation: C-3            Source: Former Japanese army officer with intelligence experience</p> <p>Information on Subject, KODAMA Yoshio, contained in the above referenced document has been excerpted verbatim below.</p> <p>After the war, TSUJI was a fugitive for five years, disappearing from sight in Thailand. He has published several war books: <u>3,000 Miles Underground</u>, <u>Nomonhan, 15 to 1</u>, <u>Guadalcanal</u>, and <u>Singapore</u>. His hobby is reading. He has two sons and three daughters. His recent residence is in Suginami-ku, Tokyo.</p> <p>(Note: There follows a series of anecdotes concerning TSUJI's war experiences, taken from TSUJI's books. Items of note are these:</p> <p>(After he had managed to get back to Japan, he hid in the homes of KODAMA Yoshio and TAKAMIYA Taihei, vice president of the <u>Keijo Daily News</u>. He worked for a while during 1949 in the Koshiro Coal Mines in Saga Prefecture, but quit when he found that many of his acquaintances were working there too.)</p> <p>On 7 January 1950, when TSUJI heard that the war crimes tribunal had closed, he showed up at KODAMA's house and handed him the manuscript of <u>3,000 Miles Underground</u>. KODAMA made a request that the book be published through TAKAMIYA and OGATA Taketora. YOSHIKAWA Eiji was reported to have proof-read the book, but actually he only gave it its title. Asahi Press was reluctant to publish it and only reported that "Staff Officer TSUJI has reappeared!" Just when TSUJI became the focus of attention of the press, MORI Masazo, author of <u>A 20-Year Hurricane</u>, negotiated successfully to have his own war experiences in China published.</p> <p>Even after he had been cleared of war crimes charges, TSUJI remained in hiding and continued to be a mysterious hero. The lecture TSUJI gave to the Liberalist Club on "The War Potential and Strategy of America and Russia vs. Japan's Stand" brought about the "slip-of-the-tongue case" just at a time when people were trying to take advantage of him.</p> <p>The people surrounding TSUJI may be classified in four main groups, which may not, of course, include all the important people involved.</p> <p>First, we will name people who are considered to be definitely connected with TSUJI: Former Colonel HATTORI Takushiro, chief of the Historical Records Department of the Demobilization Bureau, is most commonly rumored to be connected with TSUJI</p>				
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on the rearmament problem. However, it seems that HATTORI respects TSUJI as his former superior and that their relationship is purely social.

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Who are TSUJI's financial backers?  
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TSUJI was acquainted with KODAMA Yoshio, former chief of the Nanking Tokumu Kikan, in 1944 when he was selected a member of the staff of the China Expeditionary Army. TSUJI was then boosting the East Asia League. When TSUJI was in hiding in Chungking, he heard that KODAMA was a war-crimes suspect in China. TSUJI then went around the city saying that KODAMA was a relative of his and thus saved KODAMA's life. KODAMA, appreciating the kindness, for a time helped TSUJI support his family and got a house for him at Wakabayashi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo.

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