

KODAMA Yoshio  
aka KODAMA Takao

(0348/3764/1807/1133)

After repatriation ASABEDA Shigeharu (qv) worked for him for awhile but soon became dissatisfied and left. (ZJJ-76 11 Apr 52, C-3)

TSUJI Masanobu (qv) is friend and hid in his home upon return to Japan; knew him when he on Staff of China expeditionary army; befriended TSUJI upon his return because TSUJI once saved his life. (ZJJ-101, 2 May 52, C-3)

Notorious ultra-nationalist and intelligence operative in China; author of recent book; believed to have managed Midori Sangyo KK until its dissolution in 49. (G-2 C/S to DRS 29 April 52, Scty Div)

Allegedly used MASUDA Kaneshichi (qv) as intermediary in swindling activities (ZJL-540, Dec 50, C-3). Memo 25 Jun 52

Allegedly associated with HAN Yun-chieh, KAWAGUCHI Tadaatsu, and KOBAYASHI Shozaburo (qqv) in East Asia Friendship Society (qv). (ZJJA-294, 27 June 52, C-3)

Miura Giichi (qv) suggested during visit with SATOMI Ryosaku (qv) that the latter see KODAMA in regard to finances for IEPRI (qv) since MIURA has to support New Japan Democratic League (qv) and cannot afford to help IEPRI. (ZJJ-140, 20 Jun 52, B-2)

Organized China Problems Settlement National League (Taishi Mondai Kaiketsu Kokumin Domei) 1937, including NIWA Goro (qv), with semi-official backing from some of his foreign office connections; manager of Imperial Youths Roundtable Society (Kokoku Seinen Kondan Kai), and in this capacity visited Army & Navy Min to press for stronger China policy; reportedly supported by NIWA Goro, Apr 52. (NIWA Goro file, 10 Jul 52, G-2 Scty Div)

Head of International Economics Research Institute (qv); runs KODAMA Kikan, anti-CP info agency; document captured by SIB from CP source. (D2-876(3a) 28 May 52, 441 CIC 2 Dist)

Allegedly backing West Japan National Contractors League (qv) when formed by ASAHARA Kenzo in Dec 51; well known ultra-nationalist and Pan-Asianist; one of the organization leaders, with rightist ODA Masanabu (qv). (TB-1888-52, 12 Jun 52, Scty Div Ops)

Ex chief of Jap naval secret service, Shanghai; head of KODAMA Kikan, private intell organ; in contact with YAZAKI Kanju (qv) in MacArthur espionage organ working against ChiComs (NCNA, 12 Oct 50); member of SCAP sponsored espionage ring (NCNA, 21 Feb 51); subordinate to ARISUE Seizo (qv). (ZJTW-2917, 10 Dec 51, Wash Files)

Closely associated with and reputedly having as political adviser, SASAGAWA Ryoichi (qv) since war; backed him in International Racing Boat Industrial Co. (qv) (ZJL-834, 31 July 52, C-3)

Close to SASAKAWA Ryoichi (qv) and by him introduced to FUJII Yoshio (qv); ultra-nationalist youth group Koa-Seinen-Undo had FUJII as adviser 1941-2; with HOMMA Kenichiro, INOUE Nissho, SASAKAWA Ryoichi (qqv), backed FUJII for Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly 1942-3; used FUJII as manager in unsuccessful campaign for Dist 1942; sent him to China as member of KODAMA Kikan; detained in Sugamo as war criminal 1946-8; used KODAMA Kikan assets to establish Ginsa Permanent Shop; operated by FUJII 1946-8; center of activities for his colleague, in close contact with FUJII since war. (DAIR-2021-52, 24 Jun 52, Scty Div Files)

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Close friend of MIURA Giichi (qv). (ZJJ-167, 8 Aug 52, [ ] F-3)

After war managed NIPPON YUKAN but forced to yield to MIURA Giichi (qv) because of finances. (ZJJ-167, 8 Aug 52, [ ] F-3)

With MIURA Giichi, in charge of fund-raising network for militaryist group of TSUJI Masanobu (qv); with YOKOYAMA YUI (qv), in charge of fund-raising for OKAMURA Neiji (qv); militarist group; recently mentioned as backer of West Japan National Reconstruction League, with ASAHARA Kenzo (qv). (ZJL-822, 24 Apr 52, [ ] C-3)

OGATA Taketora (qv) is popular with him. (ZJJ-221, 10 Oct 52, [ ] F-3)

Formerly in charge of "Kodama Organization" in Shanghai, where responsible for purchasing war supplies and was in charge of intell work. Operations located in Chiyokiku Hotel, Yanagi-bashi, Tokyo. KMT agents WANG Tsu-hui (qv) and CHU Shao-liang (qv) closely associated with him. Singled out as object of special attention as fascist element in Japan by YEN Ching Kung Kuan (qv) (IWAI KAIKAN). Rptdly in constant touch with HATOYAMA Ichiro (qv). MORI Naoji (qv) councilor of People's Party close associate. SHIDEHARA Kijuro, former chief of Lower House cooperating with KODAMA. LI Ch'uan-yuan (qv), KMT BIS agent in contact with KODAMA Takeo. (ZJY-2769, 16 Feb 51, C-3)

Member of group of ex-purgees planning coup d'etat since beginning of Jul 52; leader HATTORI Takushiro (qv). (ZJJ-239, 31 Oct 52 [ ] Etc., F-6)

AKAO Toshi (dossier) was arrested in May 1931 for directly petitioning the Throne for KODAMA Yoshio, who was involved in blowing up the residence of the Finance Minister INOUE. (Memo from [ ] 5 Mar 53, in Dossier [ ] )

Backing the proposed re-centralisation of Jap police into a force like the pre-war as facilitation getting control over the police. Regaining the ground lost after end of war and is again undisputed leader of the Japanese right. Closely connected with HATOYAMA Ichiro (qv). The description of KODAMA as a politician may not be satisfactory to all; KODAMA defies classification. It is probable in the present phase of jockeying-for-power in Japan his activities are currently more political than anything else. HATOYAMA and KODAMA are in "constant touch". (FJJ-112, 13 Mar 53, [ ] C-3)

Name signed to check for ¥72,000 recd in rtn for personal check ~~for~~ for \$200 given to KCGEN. (fnu) (3/5/54); check was going-away gift for daughter of Tokyo Police Chief who recently left for US as bride of Jap diplomat (Source: [ ] IAS Memo to [ ] 13 Aug 53)

Has offered to "cover up" for INUKAI Ken and HATOYAMA Ichiro (qv) who are involved in current economic scandals, even if it means another prison term, allegedly in the interest of preserving Governmental stability. (State Memo, 23 Feb 1954)

Same info as above. (FJJ-545, 23 February 1954, JACO 01777)

KODAMA's name found in diary of arrested narcotics smuggler, WU Yen-sheng (qv). KODAMA came to know WU thru introduction of an acquaintance and confessed that he had been asked by WU for loans and to sell narcotics for him. (FJJ-423, [ ] Prior to Jul 53, [ ] )

KODAMA, Chuzo

Subj., who is the leading figure behind the Junkoku Seinen Tai (Youth Martyr Corp), is believed to have lost favor with many rightists because of his involvement in the Hozen Keizai Scandal and his reported leadership of "goon squads" for the presidents of the Hokkaido Colliery and Steamship Co. Ltd., and the Kanegafuchi Textile Co. Field Comment: FJJ-380 reported that Subj controlled the Hokkaido Construction Co., which was serving as a major source of funds for his activities. For additional info, see FJJ-423. (FJB-240, 16 Aug 54, F-3).

KODAMA became involved in a tungsten deal when KOMATSU Shinnosuke demanded that he affix his name to a promissory note made out by one of his (KODAMA's) subordinates, YOSHIDA Hirohito. KODAMA's two subordinates, YOSHIDA Hirohito and KAGEN Jukichi, were swindled of about 30 million yen in the deal. For further details see ref. (LIAISON UNIT #2, C7R, 15 Aug 54).

Tokyo MPD Investigation Division 2d Section raided KODAMA's home at 0900 9 June 54 at Meguro, Jiyugaoka 302, and confiscated documentary evidence in connection with the Hozen Keizai Kai scandals. It was believed KODAMA had contributed to HATOYAMA Ichiro to keep Hozen Keizai Kai in operation. (CIC Spot Report, 9 June 54; [ ]

KOBAMA involved in attempt to sell uranium to US Naval ATTACHE. See document ~~XXX~~ for details. Also involved: Henry K. ASHIKARI, ONODERA Koichiro, SAKASHITA, Mitsuo, MIYANOHARA, Jiro, YOSHIDA Hiresake, GYOTOKU, Kan and KOBAYASHI Shohei (qv). (Ref filed in Memos from Naval Attache, 4 Aug 54 \* Doc # 21-8-54)

Ultrationalist, working feverishly assisting the Democrat campaign headquarters. Taken from LIAISON SECTION 11 Contact Report of 21 Feb. 1955.

YANAGIDA Sayo (nca), a family friend of subject, told [ ] on 14 Oct 55 that Subj. was reportedly in China illegally for an unknown purpose. [ ] thought informant might have meant he was in Taiwan, not Communist China. CJ-281, F-3, 10 Oct 55.

A KODAMA Yoshio is reported to have smuggled himself out of the country for the purpose of contacting the President's Office of the ChiNat Govt to conduct political intelligence gathering operations. (FC: This is presumably the KODAMA Yoshio who is one of the leading ultranationalists).  
(FJB-2122, 18 Nov 55, [ 7 B-3)

For info on Subj, see document (KIMOSHIMA Report, Rightist Student Movement 15 Feb 56, Filed Tr1 5160-0100)

Subj, a leading Japs ultranationalist, is believed to be in Taiwan for reasons unknown. (FC: According to info dtd Sep 55 in FJB-2122, Subj is reported to have smuggled himself out of Japan for the purpose of contacting the President's Office of the ChiNat Gov't to conduct political intelligence gathering ops). Subj is believed to be associated with the Minran Enterprise Co of Hong Kong which has a branch office in Osaka. (FJT-30, 25 Apr 56, [ 7, B-3)

Subj is obligated to listen to ICB-Japs Party mbr MIKI Bakichi's instructions. MIKI is believed to have been instrumental in either saving Subj's life or changing his name for his part in some ultranationalist activities.  
(FJT-30, 25 Apr 56, [ 7 B-3)