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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: KOMIYA Yoshitaka
Japanese
Formerly Shanghai, now Gyoda City, Japan
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1. Information covering 1-24 October 1945, Eval. C-2, indicates subject is a bacteriologist, journalist, and member of the Research Institute of Natural Sciences. Before the capitulation, subject was one of the central figures of the Shanghai Cultural Association. Reportedly subject was appointed to the editorship of the Reformation Press of the new Japanese newspaper, Reformation Daily, which was sponsored by General STANIS Hsueh's Third Direction Army. His appointment was made by general manager of the Press, CHIN Hsueh-sheng, who collaborated with the Japanese during the occupation, and he was sponsored for this appointment by HIROSE Hirstare who was described as a war criminal of the second grade, next only to the commanders and staff officers, and who worked with AOKI Kai-ichi in plundering and requisitioning rice and supplies from peasants for the Japanese Army forces stationed in the Shanghai area. Subject was described as a narrow-minded, anti-foreign and neurotic chap, the most merit person conceivable for the task of re-educating the local Japanese, with which purpose the Reformation Press charged itself.

2. Information of 19 December 1945, Eval. B-4, reflects that KOMIYA Yoshitaka who had been arrested in Japan once as a suspected Communist, was founder of the Japanese "Freedom of Thought" club, recently organized by the Propaganda Section of the Japanese Self-governing Association, located at Hai-wing Road. The publicly declared purpose of this organization, as announced to the public, is anti-militarism and anti-communism. The organization's members are chiefly Japanese Communists and/or workers. The purpose of the organization is actually to carry on and aid Communist Party activities among the Japanese.

3. Fairly reliable information of 30 April 1946 indicates that Dr. Yoshitaka KOMIYA, who formerly worked in the Shanghai Science Institute at 2 Route Chini, attached at the time of the report to the Oriental Express and Storage Company at 27 Route Grouchy, was employed by Soviet Intelligence Services in the collection of information about the Japanese who are employed by the Chinese and the American Intelligence Services. (The Oriental Express and Storage Company is half Portuguese and half Soviet, and is a branch of the Soviet Intelligence Service, according to this report).

4. Information covering 11-26 March 1946, Eval. C-3, indicates Dr. KOMIYA Yoshitaka was an employee of the Soviet Consulate in the Far East or Oriental Branch.

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