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SOURCE: West-trained Japanese journalist (F); from an official of the Japanese Foreign Ministry (F). Appraisal of Content: 3.

1. KUHARA Fusanosuke¹ is in close touch with Sergei L. Tikhvinskiy, head of the Soviet Fishery Mission in Tokyo.²
2. While the Chinese Communist sample fair was in Japan during 1955, KUHARA was active in contacting Government personnel to attempt to arrange for the Chinese Communists to extend their stay, as they wished to do.³ KUHARA contacted, among others, Minister of International Trade and Industry ISHIBASHI Tanzan.
3. KUHARA received funds from the Chinese Communists both when Mrs. LI Te-ch'uan was in Japan in November 1954 and when the Chinese dramatic troupe headed by MEI Lan-fang was in Japan in 1956.
4. KUHARA is working for the unification of Communist and Nationalist China through HAYAMI Chikashige (2483/6015/6024/6850), a soldier of fortune (sic) who formerly lived in China,⁴ through whom KUHARA is trying to strengthen his ties with CHIANG CHING-kuo.⁵

1. Field Comment: The 37-year-old KUHARA is a somewhat equivocal figure on the Japanese political scene, variously reported to be influential behind the political scenes and to be an eccentric dotard whose views are disregarded by political leaders. KUHARA headed the Seiyukai before and during the war but has not returned to active postwar political life since his departure. He is Chairman of the People's Council for the Restoration of Relations with China and the USSR (Nitchu Nisao Kokko Kaijuku Kokumin Kaigi).
2. Source Comment: KUHARA has a more thorough knowledge of Soviet Far Eastern policy than anyone in the Japanese Government. KUHARA considers the Russians as an Asiatic people and so feels close to them.
3. Field Comment: KUHARA's efforts were apparently fruitless.
4. Source Comment: HAYAMI is a graduate of Kyoto University. During World War II he was persecuted by TOJO Hideki and went to China, where he was in charge of an operation designed to bring about peace between China and

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Japan; he was close to Prince KONO Fumimaro.

5. Source Comment. According to informed sources close to Communist Chinese and Soviet circles in Tokyo, it is common knowledge that the Chinese Communists are working on CHIANG-Ching-kuo to bring about cooperation between Communist and Nationalist China. It is believed that overtures to CHIANG are being made by reporters for the Chinese Communist newspapers Jan Min Jih Pao and Ta Kung Pao via Peiping and Hong Kong. Overtures are also being made to K'UNG Hsiang-hsi (1313/4382/3956) and WEN Hsi-chen (7051/6932/1472).

Field Comment. The above Comment appeared in the same original report as the other information above, and no direct connection was indicated between the above approaches to CHIANG and the activities of KUHARA. However, since the objective is the same and in both instances CHIANG is cited as the target of the approaches, it may be inferred that Source feels the two reported activities to be connected. Source also stated that KUHARA was trying to strengthen his ties with CHIANG by working through HAYAMI and HSIEN Nan-kuang, a Chinese Communist official who defected from the Chinese Nationalist Embassy in Tokyo, but if there is any truth in the above it would appear logical that HSIEN would be using KUHARA and HAYAMI as a channel to CHIANG rather than that KUHARA would be trying to get to CHIANG through HSIEN.

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