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<p align="center">THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS ARE QUOTED VERBATIM</p> <p>1. <u>Re-Organization and Retrenchment of the JONAN Group.</u></p> <p>B. <u>Re-organization.</u></p> <p>The so-called "re-organization" is actually merely a streamlined re-assignment of duties of the JONAN Group within the framework of its new and most important operational vehicle: The Japan People's Independence and Self-Defense League (NIPPON KOKUMIN JISHUJIEI DOMEI).....</p> <p>(2) <u>The Naval Reconstruction Section</u></p> <p>Resident Chief <u>MAEDA Minoru</u> (w/ Torao w/ WATANABE Ikujiro), Former Vice Admiral.</p> <p>11. <u>Activities</u></p> <p>B. <u>Naval Reconstruction.</u></p> <p>The addition of Vice Admiral MAEDA has brought about a strengthening of active lobby work for rearmament of a Japanese Navy. It is recognized that this may take much longer than the reconstruction of a Japanese Army for defense purposes, but without the revival of the Navy, the ultimate objective will be lost for obvious reasons. Support of the HATOYAMA Clique for rebuilding of a Japanese Navy is assured and MAEDA is to act in conjunction with that Clique in the attempt to bring members of the YOSHIDA Government around to that viewpoint, in accordance with KOBAYASHI Sho-</p>			
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zaburo's plans. MAEDA is not considered to be such an extreme militarist as KOBAYASHI, so his chances of success are better with politicians who feel KOBAYASHI to be dangerous.

At the same time, those former Navy figures within the Maritime Safety Agency such as YAMAGUCHI, TANIGUCHI, and SHIMIZU, particularly the latter in his capacity as Personnel Chief, are to insure that the "Navy Faction" within MSA wins out. Almost all recent personnel shifts and new recruitments as well as certain dismissals, in MSA have been in favor of the "Navy Faction" and against the Civil Marine Service veterans. In addition, technical advice and plans from American GHQ concerning Kure, Sasebo and Yokosuka which are given to MSA are to be forwarded to MAEDA and KOBAYASHI for study and future reference. MSA is now virtually controlled by the Navy Clique.

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