

In the formulation of the Hokushinkai MAEDA was named one of the Navy representatives. (ZJL-772, 20 Dec 51, CE File III-36.2).

MAEDA was listed as a sponsor of the Hokushinkai. (ZJL*793, 30 Jan 52, CE File III-36.2).

A policy maker on the Japanese side (UBARI JIS Groups) of the "Cabinet for joint Sino Japanese Operations." At meeting 22 Mar 48, subject and NEMOTO Hiroshi, qv., were appointed to direct military and intelligence operations with the Chinese National Govt. These two and over 1,500 Japanese troops were smuggled into Formosa during 49. Subject will serve as deputy commander of a fifth expedition scheduled for 15 Oct 50. (ZJL-436, 31 Aug 50, CE File III-43).

The two key figures in these liaisons, joint operations, and military cooperations are NEMOTO Hiroshi, qv, and WATANABE Ikujiro, both called Army Lt. Gen. Actually, WATANABE Ikujiro, a bald man of about 58, may be Vice Adm MAEDA Minoru utilizing "ex-army" for cover reasons. Both have served on Formosa previously; although both have to Japan recently several times and "WATANABE" is still in Japan with the intention of commanding personally the fifth expedition to Formosa once it gets underway, they may properly be considered the representatives of the UGAKI Federation to the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa for the purpose of joint operations military, smuggling, and intelligence. They will also have a hand in the mounting of Formosa of Japanese operations against the mainland with the logistic support of the Chinese "Rainsha." (ZJL-444, 13 Sep 50, CE File III-43).

Lt. Gen WATANABE Ikujiro may be an alias for Navy Vice Adm MAEDA Minoru, who was at one time during the war at Gunshireibu and connected with the Formosan fleet a base at Taipei. "Watanabe" is about 58, stocky, and bald but for a fringe, ring shaped, of gray hair. His present address, when he has been in Tokyo, is in Suginami Ku. He works closely with NEMOTO and uses the latter's two Tokyo offices, one of which belongs to the KAWAGUCHI Kiken. (ZJL-445, 14 Sep 50, CE File III-33).

See ZJL-423, 24 Aug 50, CE File III-43, for Lt. Gen WATANABE Ikujiro's part in the Rightist underground plans to dispatch ships to Formosa and Indo China.

Japanese Underground Govt keeping pace with leftist China-Japan Joint Operations with its own parallel. Subject member of Underground Gov't's China-Japan Joint Operations Guidance Dept. (ZJL-466-A, 26 Oct 50, CE File III-30.3).

See ZJNA-217, 202-3683.

According to former Adm NOMURA Kichisaburo, former Japanese Navy officers comprise a staff currently engaged in high level research on Soviet matters. Among these MAEDA Minoru. (ZJL-640, 5 Jun 51, CE File III-33). MAEDA Minoru considered by the Japanese Navy to be its foremost expert on Soviet matters. [] date of info 24 May 51, asquired same.)

For further Jonan-Gengusha-Hokushinkai references see CE File III-36.2.

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MAEDA Minoru (aka WATANABE Ikujiro) Vice Adm.

Subject is now in Tokyo, but maintains an effective intelligence liaison to NEMOTO Hiroshi on Formosa. MAEDA'S agency is merely a logistic and communication facility, not an actually operative kikan except by aid of the Chinese mission of another JIS organization.

Through his logistic operations agents are being filtered in to Bangkok and Saigon.

He is located at Fujiya, Toranomon Tokyo, but he also utilizes NEMOTO Hiroshi's office in the Teikoku Bank Bldg. His principle subordinate is OKADA Terusato, believed to be a former Navy commander. (ZJL-483, 13 Nov 50, CE File III-36.2).

Subject received some unfavorable publicity for his dealings in the Maruyoshi Smuggling Case. (ZJL-538, 26 Jan 52, CE File III-36.2).

Adm KOBAYASHI Shozaburo and the leaders of the NPIC-Jonan Group do not feel that Vice Adm MAEDA Minoru, who conducts the main liaison to NEMOTO and the Formosan Hq of the Chinese Nationalists, other than those liaisons which are affiliated with ARISUE Seizo, does not know the Chinese sufficiently nor possess enough top level contacts among them to be fully effective. (ZJL-539, 26 Jan 51, CE File III-36.2.)

Information re subject's use of the alias Lt. Gen WATANABE Ikujiro is confirmed. ISHII Sademasa of JONAN maintains a liaison to him at present. In addition, although not in the JONAN Co., he takes KOBAYASHI Shozaburo's orders and the liaison to NEMOTO Hiroshi on Formosa has been virtually taken over by KOBAYASHI and Jonan. (ZJL-561-C, 2 Mar 51, CE File III-36.2.)

Liaison to both Gen NEMOTO Hiroshi and the Chinese Nationalist regime at Taipei, Formosa handled almost exclusively now by KOBAYASHI Shozaburo who has squeezed his former subordinate, Rear Adm MAEDA Minoru out of the closest connection to NEMOTO. (ZJL-568, 1 Mar 51, CE File III-36.2).

Resident chief of the Naval Reconstruction Section of the JONAN*Peoples Self Defense League Rightist group. The addition of Vice Adm MAEDA has brought about a strengthening of active lobby work for rearmament of a Japanese Navy. It is recognized that this may take longer than that of the army, but without a navy the ultimate objective will be lost for obvious reasons. MAEDA With support of the HATAYAMA Clique will work on the YOSHIDA Govt for this objective. Because MAEDA is not considered such an extreme militarist as KOBAYASHI SHO his chances of success with the politicians seems more possible. (ZJL-591, 11 Apr 51, CE File III-36.2).

BABA Kensuke is responsible for contact to MAEDA. MAEDA and SHIMIZU, working with the Navy Clique within the NSA and working outside for inclusion of Navy re-authorization in future political plans, are making progress, but that at present depends largely upon whether an expansion of NSA or American permission for a separate Navy agency. (ZJL-621, 26 Mar 51, CE File III-36.2).