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SOURCE Former Japanese intelligence officer, from an acquaintance of KO Lan-ch'ing.

- Former Vice Admiral MAEDA Minoru (0467/3944/4457) visited Taiwan late in the spring of 1952, ostensibly for the purpose of making surveys preparatory to salvaging Japanese ships sunk in Formosan waters. Actually he spent most of his time there establishing contact with Nationalist's Ministry of National Defense (MND) for the purpose of getting Nationalist support for a secret intelligence organization to be run in Japan. Using letters of introduction given to him by KO Lan-ch'ing (5502/6031/3237), a Chinese living in Tokyo, MAEDA managed to meet CHIEH-min (0002/0094/3046), deputy chief of the MND, who asked him to set up such an operation.
- Returning to Japan, MAEDA boasted to members of the Attorney General's Office (AGO) and the Cabinet Investigations Chamber (Naikaku Soridaijin Kambo Chosa Shitsu) that he had obtained a large sum of money from the Nationalists to organize an intelligence system in Japan.
- KO, whose name is probably a pseudonym, was a special agent in Peiping for TAI Li during the Japanese occupation of China. After the war he worked for the Nationalists against the Communists in North China and went to Taiwan with the Nationalist government, working in the intelligence bureau there. KO came to Japan in June 1952 ostensibly as a trader, but actually his mission has been to contact Chinese residents in Japan who have connections with Chinese Communists for the purpose of using them as agents in both espionage and sabotage activities directed against the Chinese Communists.
- KO was first introduced to MAEDA by NISHIMURA (fnu) (6007/2625), former secretary to former State Minister MATSUMOTO Joji (2646/2609/3532/3112). He is living at the house of MASAKANE Kikuta (2973/0369/5468/1129), a Japanese to whom he had been introduced shortly after the end of the war, and whom he took care of until MASAKANE was repatriated.
- MAEDA is attempting to bring KO and MASAKANE in contact with the Cabinet Investigation Chamber. About 20 July he requested KO to write out a detailed PHS on MASAKANE, saying that MURAI Jun, head of the Cabinet Investigations Chamber, wanted it. KO refused. On 30 July MAEDA suggested that MASAKANE and KO meet MURAI. Both agreed to do so.

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6. KO has not received information from CHENG on MAEDA's mission. Should MAEDA show progress in setting up an intelligence net, KO will go to Taiwan to check on MAEDA's position.

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