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1. YABE Chuta (4247/6752/1613/1129) has formed a group known as the Defense Committee (Boei Iinkai) to study the National strength of the USSR. The members of the group are as follows:

MAEDA Minoru ASIA Isamu TANKMURA Sako MARUYAMA Naomitsu SUKSAWA Yoshimasa (1467/3944/4457) (3239/0064/0516) (4467/2625/0146/1630) (0029/1472/4160/0342) (2608/3419/1987/2398)

- 2. This committee meets each wednesday and Saturday at 1300 hours in the office of the Cabinet Research Chamber (CRC) (Naikaku Chosa Shitsu). SAEGUSA Saburo (0005/2655/0005/6745) attends the meetings are the representative of MURAI Jun (2625/0064/7311), head of the CRC.
- 3. The Committee has completed a plan of activity, and YABE is preparing a study on Soviet intelligence organization in Japan prior to 1945 which will soon be submitted to the Committee for study and discussion. The Committee is, however, hampered in accomplishing its mission by shortages of reference material, personnel, and funds.

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