

NOMURA

NOMURA, Kichiasaburo
(name)

JAPAN
(country)

Service:
date:

(FBI letter of 3-26-41 from J. E. Hoover to Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State - file #701.9411/1386).

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As of possible interest to you, I desire to advise that this Bureau has been informed by a confidential source that Admiral Kichiasaburo Nomura, present Japanese Ambassador to the United States, had held this position several times.

Our informant has recently returned to the United States from Japan after having spent twelve years in the latter country. She has stated that she is a very close friend of Dr. Ryojin Kinoshita, Professor of Pathology, Cancer Research, Imperial University, Osaka, Japan, who in turn is a very close friend of Admiral Nomura.

Dr. Kinoshita reportedly advised the informant that Admiral Nomura would not accept the Ambassadorship to the United States until he was promised by the Japanese Government that Japan would not keep the recent treaty made with Germany. Admiral Nomura reportedly was very much opposed by the radical element of the Japanese Government and it was frequently discussed among the common people in Japan that Nomura would be killed before sailing to the United States.

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