

REPORT B

Subject: Political Information - Japanese Government Changes

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1. The Japanese Government will set up a Special Procurement Office

(特需庁), headed by a Minister of State, within the Prime Minister's Office to encourage Japanese-American economic cooperation.

2. There is strong sentiment in favor of NOMURA Kichisaburo's appointment as head of the Japanese Section of the "Japan-American Defense Committee."*

3. The Government has decided to form a Public Safety Ministry (CHIAN SHO) very soon. At the time of Japan's rearmament, this would become the Defense Ministry (KOKUBO SHO), with numerous former military men participating.** (Source: [] date of info: 25 May 51; acquired: 26 May 51).

Field Comments:

* See: ZJI-639.

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