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SECRET Former Japanese intelligence officer

1. Planning for a centralized Japanese intelligence agency began during October 1952 around the then-Attorney General, KIMURA Taketora (2606/2625/2648/1129/6745). However, YOSHIDA Shigeru named KIMURA Director of the National Safety Agency in his fourth cabinet late in October, and since then the job of guiding the plan through the Diet has fallen to Chief Cabinet Secretary OGATA Taketora (4672/2455/4556/5706).
2. Early plans were large-scaled, but the Diet and the public, showed an expectedly strong opposition, and the plan was revised to make the group much smaller. Originally, the chain of command was to have been:

Chief Cabinet Secretary (OGATA)

MURAI Jun (2625/0066/7311)

Document and Radio Intelligence Section (overt)

Cabinet Research Chamber (CRC)

Communications Intelligence Section (overt)

3. Because of the opposition, the Document and Radio Intelligence Section was excised completely from the plan. The revised plan still calls for an excision of the Administrative Research Section and the Top Secret Communications Intelligence Section.

If the Diet passes the bill, the formation of the new central intelligence group, there is a good chance that the group will be brought into being in the near future. The main reason for the strong opposition is the fact that the DAI is read of Asahi Shimbun.

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that OGATA was wartime chief of the Censorship Information Board, a government propaganda agency which controlled news dissemination. Members of the Diet and the press have expressed their fear of and opposition to revival of this organ.