

**SECRET**

Security Information

From: [redacted] Report No: [redacted] Loc: [redacted] No: [redacted]

No. of Pages: 2 No. of Enclosures: 0

Report Made By: [redacted] Approved By: [redacted]

Distribution:  
By copy to: Wash  
[ ] files  
Orally to:

Source Cryptonym: [redacted] References: ZJJ-185

Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

[ ] submitted this report on 5 August via [ ]

RECLASSIFIED	
SI/AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SI/AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SI/Files	

Classification

**SECRET**

Security Information

CS COPY

RI COPY

10 Oct 52

[ ] [ ]  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

FORM NO. 51-59  
FEB 1948

**INDEX**

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

Declassified and Approved for Release  
by the Central Intelligence Agency  
Date: 2005

- Section 3(b)
- Agency
- Sources
- Operations

**SECRET**  
 Security Information  
**REPORT**  
 COMPOSITE UNIT

JUL 23

COUNTRY Japan  
 SUBJECT OGATA Taketora

DATE DISTR. 10 October 1952  
 NO. OF PAGES 2

PLACE ACQUIRED Japan, Tokyo

NO. OF ENCLS. 0  
 (LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO. Prior to 5 August 1952

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. ZJJ-185

GRADING OF SOURCE					COLLECTOR'S PRELIMINARY GRADING OF CONTENT						
COMPLETELY RELIABLE	USUALLY RELIABLE	FAIRLY RELIABLE	NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	NOT RELIABLE	CANNOT BE JUDGED	CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES	PROBABLY TRUE	POSSIBLY TRUE	DOUBTFUL	PROBABLY FALSE	CANNOT BE JUDGED
A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F. X	1.	2.	3. X	4.	5.	6.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

**MICROFILMED**  
**JUL 23 1983**  
**DOC. MICRO. SER.**

**SOURCE**

Japanese journalist with intelligence experience, a long-time acquaintance of OGATA.

- Three possible positions in the next Liberal Party cabinet have been mentioned for OGATA Taketora (4872/2455/4554/5706), former editor-in-chief of Asahi Shimbun and president of the Information Bureau of the government during the war: Prime Minister, Minister of Defense, and Minister of Education.
- Prime Minister YOSHIDA Shigeru has great esteem for OGATA and his connections with former military and rightist persons would make him acceptable to HATOYAMA Ichiro. OGATA moreover, is supported by financiers and businessmen who respect him as a statesman and who realize that he has influence with Nationalist China. It is possible that YOSHIDA might designate OGATA as his successor or that OGATA might be named to the job as a compromise between the YOSHIDA and HATOYAMA wings of the Liberal Party.
- OGATA has made it known publicly that he would accept the post of Minister of Defense if offered to him.
- Although YOSHIDA would like to have OGATA as Minister of Education, the latter has made it clear that he would not accept the job.
- OGATA is popular with present-day rightists in general. He is in contact with leading members of the pre-war Genyo-sha, in particular with SASAKAWA Ryoichi (4872/1557/5328/0001) and KODAMA Yoshio (0348/3768/6235/1807). His contact with former military figures is not direct, but is closely maintained through TAKAYAMA Taihei (7559/1472/1129/1627), an influential but relatively unknown pro-militarist who was active before the war. TAKAYAMA was close to Generals MINAMI Jiro (SUGIYAMA Heijime, and ANAMI Korechika, and has introduced OGATA to former Colonel TSUJI Masanobu (4872/2398/0207).

1 Source Comment. OGATA is a sincere and patriotic man, but his assumption of either position, Prime Minister or Minister of Defense, would create a danger to Japan and to US-Japanese relations. OGATA cannot say no; he is surrounded by former rightists and military men. It is possible that his judgement would be controlled by these men and it is also possible that he would be too weak to act decisively if a coup were attempted. This is illustrative of his indecision. When, in the fall of 1942, OGATA was in Southeast Asia, he was shown top secret documents which showed clearly that Japan would lose the war. OGATA recognized this fact but did nothing to

**SECRET**

CLASSIFICATION Security Information

DISTRIBUTION

**INDEX**

CS COPY

RI COPY

C 3

**SECRET**

Security Information

ZJJ-221

Page 2

bring about surrender when he returned to Tokyo.

2. Field Comment. TSUJI was elected to the Lower House of the Diet in the general elections of 1 October 1952.

Page 2

ZJJ-221

**SECRET**

Security Information

CS COPY

1.0 Oct 52