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SOURCE Former Japanese intelligence officers

1. IIE Ichitaro (0064/0127/0001/1129/6745), a Progressive Party (Kaishin To) member of the House of Representatives of the Japanese Diet, asked the following questions of Chief Cabinet Secretary OGATA Taketora (1872/2455/4554/5706) during an interpellation session held early in February 1953:

- a. What is the primary objective of the proposed information organization, or intelligence?
- b. Will the organization engage in communications intelligence or decoding?
- c. What is the required budget appropriation for the proposed organization?

2. OGATA's replies were as follows:

- a. The organization will only collect and disseminate information; it will not engage in intelligence.²
- b. It follows that it will not engage in communications intelligence or decoding.³
- c. The organization would require a budget appropriation of about 150,000,000 and would employ about thirty persons.⁴

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1 Source Comment. IIE's questions would indicate that he had information stating that OGATA intended the information bureau to be an intelligence organization.

Field Comment. FJJ-59 contained an Asahi Shimbun article dated 10 January 1953 which claimed that the authorities were considering using the information bureau for intelligence operations, including communications intelligence; hence it does not necessarily follow that the information as to OGATA's reply was the only enquiry made regarding the proposed Bureau's operations.

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2. **Field Comment.** Indications from information received subsequent to this statement are that the Information Service (IS) will be discontinued and that instead the present Central Research Group will be expanded and will continue intelligence operations.

Field Comment. See YIC-35. The Central Research Group's communications intelligence sections 15 and 16 are formed into a single section.

3. **Field Comment.** The Central Research Group's communications intelligence sections 15 and 16 are formed into a single section. The information received from these sections is being processed by the staff section.