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OGATA Taketora, President of the Liberal Party, is now resigned to the fact that a true central intelligence agency cannot be established in Japan in the foreseeable future. OGATA desires to see an intelligence agency established on a ministerial level and on a legal basis so that it will be secure from journalistic attack. He proposes to establish a Cabinet Information Bureau similar to the one he headed in wartime, to be headed by the Deputy Premier, to whom the other Ministers whose agencies conduct intelligence activities would be responsible. If the establishment of such a body proves politically impossible, OGATA is considering having created a "planning board" which could include a central intelligence agency and which would be responsible directly to the Premier.

Field Comments

- OGATA was, as indicated below, head of the Cabinet Information Bureau during World War II and, while Deputy Premier under Premier YOSHIDA Shigeru, took a direct interest in and effective control over the Cabinet Research Chamber, which is nominally the responsibility of the Chief Cabinet Secretary.
- These would presumably include the State Minister in charge of the National Police Agency, the Justice Minister, the Foreign Minister, and the State Minister in charge of the Defense Agency.
- Unless such a "planning board" were established by legislation, it is difficult to see how it would be an improvement on the present Cabinet Research Chamber.

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