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SOURCE Former Japanese intelligence officer (B) from an acquaintance of YOSHIMURA (F).
Appraisal of Content: 3

YOSHIMURA Hiroshi¹ head of the Asian Problems Research Association (Ajin Mondai Kenkyu Kai)², has always been interested more in intelligence activities than in medicine, in spite of the fact that he was formerly a medical officer in the Japanese Army. He is said to be a very resourceful person.

1 Source Comment. YOSHIMURA was with the HISHII Butai, the bacteriological warfare unit of the Japanese Army in Manchuria during the war.

Comment. YOSHIMURA was a captain in the Japanese Army Medical Corps and is a graduate of the Medical College of the Kyoto University. For more background information see ZJJ-186.

2 Comment. According to a different informant, although there was connection between this Association and the Continental Problems Research Institute (Tairiku Mondai Kenkyu Sho) when the former was first organized, there is none at present.

Field Comment. ZJJ-136 reported that this association was founded in late spring of 1951 by YOSHIMURA, OKAWA Shunsei, and TAI Ch'ung-hsi to collect information necessary for Japan to maintain absolute neutrality and to disseminate it to those sympathetic with the aim of the organization.

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