

SECURITY INFORMATION

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SHIMOMURA Sadamu

1. ZJL-757 dated 27 November 1951

Subject: Rearmament; Political Conflict between the HATTORI Clique and the IWAKURO Group.

Source: []; Sub-source: HATTORI Takushiro.

(PARAGRAPH 4):

"The IWAKURO Clique, including [MIZUNO Shigeo and MATSUOTO Shigeharu], reported on by HATTORI, has lately been criticizing quite vigorously General SHIMOMURA Sadamu and General OKAWARA Noji (Yacutouga) in a variety of ways, chiefly by labelling them as "arch-militarists." In addition SHIMOMURA, the ARAKI's (Dr. ARAKI Kotaro and wife), TSUJI and HATTORI have all been subjected to adverse criticism from the IWAKURO Clique and the Japanese Government since the departure of Maj. Gen. Willoughby....."

Probably TSUJI Masanobu, although the first name is not given in this dispatch.

Since the spring of 1951, HATTORI Takushiro has often divulged some of the results of his investigations of the JCP to Gen. SHIMOMURA Sadamu, his former superior, whom he sees quite regularly these days. ZJL-735 (A), 16 Oct 51, HATTORI Takushiro Dossier.

SHIMOMURA Sadamu, a mutual friend of YOSHIDA Shigeru and HATTORI Takushiro, is trying to change former's unfavorable opinion of the latter. ZJL-536 (C), 16 Oct 51, HATTORI Takushiro Dossier.

Few officers are in contact with SUBJECT in comparison to the numbers in the HATTORI group. SUBJECT may be able to map out a broad rearmament plan but he lacks the officers to fill in the necessary practical details in the manner of HATTORI. Though their stands differ from one another respectively, SUBJECT and TATSUMI and HATTORI are all respectable friends. It is quite unlikely that SHIMOMURA and TATSUMI last year were competitively drawing up their own plans for rearmament while HATTORI was doing it by order of the US Army. TATSUMI believes if HATTORI were allowed, he would choose SHIMOMURA a supreme commander of the new Army. In a gesture to make SHIMOMURA the chief of the new Army, TANIDA Isamu brought a list of the leaders of the new Army of his own choice to Subject. Upon taking a look at the list, Subject promptly saw through TANIDA's intention to disturb HATTORI's plan. At the same time, SUBJECT could note that TANIDA was fairly well acquainted with HATTORI's plan. SUBJECT did not care for TANIDA and informed HATTORI of the latter's conduct and gave HATTORI a warning of the TANIDA-HORIBA plot. BELMFERE/1 believes SUBJECT is on HATTORI's side and fully acquainted with his armament plan. In drawing up the armament plan, HATTORI seems to have conferred with SUBJECT at least on its fundamental issues, and that it is a safe conclusion that HATTORI's plan was mapped out jointly with SUBJECT. ZJL-751, 26 Nov 51, HATTORI Takushiro Dossier.

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- 1. FEC MIS Intelligence Summary #3229 dated 13 July 1951 (Reg. #200-7-23-377)
News item in Nippon Yukan. Excerpt:

"The Government has already laid the groundwork for rearmament. Working in utmost secrecy to prevent needless suspicion abroad, it has blueprinted a post-treaty defense program in conferences with such wartime leaders as former War Minister SHIMOMURA Sadamu and former Admiral NOMURA Kichisaburo, but the main planner is reported to be HATTORI Tokushiro, former Colonel now with the Demobilization Bureau."

- 2. ZJL-744 dated 8 November 1951
Subject: Military Figures Connected with Rearmament and Conflicting Intrigues re the HATTORI Plan

Source: []

- 1. (Sub-source for paragraph 1: HARUKE Yoshitane, elicited from TATSUMI Eichi on 5 October; acquired on 7 October)

During the late fall of 1950 and up till January 1951, former Lt. Gen. TANIDA Isamu, graduate in the 27th class of Army Officers School, and classmate of TATSUMI Eichi, was close connected to the latter in rearmament planning, and had some liaison as well to Gen. SHIMOMURA Sadamu. During all of this time, TANIDA consistently reviled HATTORI Tokushiro, and attempted to undermine HATTORI's reputation with SHIMOMURA and TATSUMI. This attempt was quite unsuccessful.....Although TANIDA, reputedly offering information coming from HATTORI's subordinate in the Historical Records Section of the Demobilization Bureau, submitted information which tended to show Ge. SHIMOMURA that HATTORI was taking a very unilateral approach to the problem of rearmament, TANIDA was not successful in convincing SHIMOMURA of any duplicity or any undue ambition on HATTORI's part. That occurred in November, 1950.

- 2. Sub-source HATTORI Tokushiro; Date of Info: As of 17 September, 1951; Date acquired: 21 September, 1951.)

HATTORI had previously disclosed to SHIMOMURA Sadamu the outline of his plans for rearmament shortly after HATTORI had first been commissioned for that task by General Willoughby. SHIMOMURA had given HATTORI some very pertinent advice on the plan, even though he was not aware of the details. SHIMOMURA, in November 1950, confronted HATTORI with TANIDA's accusations that HATTORI was ambitiously planning to use his excellent position of trust from General Willoughby to advance himself as the new top man in the reconstructed Japanese army. He showed HATTORI details including names and figures which had been submitted by TANIDA to prove that HATTORI was taking a very unilateral course regarding rearmament. HATTORI was able to deny the charges against him and to show excellent reasons for his choices of personnel and to prove that he in no way sought the top post for himself. SHIMOMURA had not lost confidence in HATTORI, but from these events, HATTORI learned that his subordinate, HORIBA Kazuo, had been furnishing TANIDA with information on the HATTORI Plan."

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Japanese Gov't is using NOMURA Kichisaburo, UGAKI Masushige and former Minister of War (sic) SHIMOMURA Sadamu to conduct research on rearmament problems. Subject is the Liberal Party's consultant on rearmament. (Ref. ZJL-596-A, [], Feb. 19, 1951. GE File Japanese Rearmament)

The composition of an eight-man Japanese Army committee on rearmament includes Subject. (Ref. ZJL-641A, 5 June 1951, [], GE File Japanese Rearmament.)

(ZJL-614, 8 May 51, "Japanese Rearmament" folder; [])

"1. The basic point in operations to revive the Japanese Army is found in the meetings between Maj Gen Willoughby of G-2 and the following ex-Army Generals and Field Grade Officers...:

General SHIMOMURA Sadamu. Ex-Minister of War. He has a fine mind, freely handling advanced mathematics. He invented a coastal anti-aircraft gun and an electric calculating machine. He is a man of mild character respected by the younger officers.

KSUHIBUCHI Senichi, KODAMA Keichi, ARIZUE (sic) Seizo, KAMADA Senichi, etc.

Member, Japan Military Affairs Council (ZJL-673B, 19 Jul 51, []; Japanese Rearmament folder)

HATTORI Takushiro claims that English rumor is being circulated to the effect that subject and Gen. OKAMURA Neiji (or IASHTengu) are using him to further their aim of rearmament. (ZJL-689, 20 Aug. 1951, [], HATTORI dossier.)

Following the lines of SHIMOMURA's plans for the Army and NOMURA Kichisaburo's for the Navy, (HATTORI's) draft calls in general for an Army of 150,000 men, a Navy of 250,000 tons, and an Air Force of 2000 planes...Former overall leadership of the advocates of rearmament is exercised by SHIMOMURA for the Army and NOMURA for the Navy. (ZJL-769, 3 Jan 52, []; "Japanese Rearmament" folder)

SHIMOMURA is the leading candidate for chief of the NPR. and NOMURA Kichisaburo for Chief of the MSB. (ZJL-797, 31 January 1952, []; GE File III-32.3)

Prince TAKAMATSU stated to NOMURA Kichisaburo (October 1951) that SHIMOMURA would serve as the nucleus of the rearmament movement in the military sphere. (ZJL-799, 2 February 1952, [] GC A-10.30)

The Council for the Examination of Qualification for Public Office on Mar. 28 decided on the depurge of some 1, 000 more persons including SHIMOMURA Sadamu. (FBIS, KYODO, Tokyo, Apr. 1, 1952.)

SHINOMURA Sadamu: (0007/2625/1353)

According to HAYASHI Saburo graduates of the Japanese Military Academy of the classes of 1908 thru 1912 (20th to 24th classes) in late Apr 52 formed an organization. The principal sponsors of the new group are Gen SHINOMURA Sadamu, LT. Gen IIMURA Minoru, SAKURAI Shoza, and MUMATA Takazo. [], ZJJ-106 9 May 52, SO-89912, III-48.3.

Subject attended a social meeting on 27 Aug 52 of the Continental Affairs Research Institute at its offices. Subject and KAWABE Sorashiro accepted positions in the Institute during July. [], ZJJ-209, MSS 26 Sept 52, CE File III-48.1.

Delivered a congratulatory message at the inaugural meeting of KAISEI KAI on 16 Nov 52. (FJJ-12, 24 Dec 52, [], CE III-48)

1953- One of advisers of Taishu Mondai Kenkyu Sho (1Apr53 issue, Tairiku Mondai) (Otr. J. 54)

See: FJJA-202, 5 Feb 53, filed CE Correspondence-53.

Contributed an article to the seventh issue of Tairiku Mondai. July 52. (ZJJ-211, 3 Oct 52, [], CE File III - 48.1)

Former General SHINOMURA Sadamu is connected with the Historical Facts Research Institute, organized by HATTORI Takushiro in early 53. ([], FJJ-446, 10 Dec 53, CE III, 32.7)

Jul-53. Gave a lecture at summer lecture series of Tairiku Mondai Kenkyu Sho, 13-18 July 1953. (FJJ-275, 19 Aug 53, [], CE File III-48.1).

Subject, probably same. For connection with Rightist Political activities see FJJ-200, 21 May 53, [] Rightist Folder)

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