

SHIMOMURA Sadamu, Former Lt. Gen.

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Member of the screening committee in charge of de-purging regular officer. (ZJJ-53
21 Mar. 52., [] KAWABE Dossier.)

KAWABE Torashiro has been reputed to have his own intelligence gathering organization but there is no indication he has actively entered the rearmament field. Actually, much of KAWABE's information and effort are believed to go to support of SHIMOMURA Sadamu. This also is merely a generally accepted rumor nothing more. (ZJL-748,
[], 15 Nov. 51, IWAKURO Hideo Dossier.)

The Japanese Cabinet has recently set up what is commonly known as the "ROKUNIN IINKAI" (Six Man Committee). The actual purpose of this committee is to give informal advice on the question of de-purge of remaining field grade Army officers and future order of de-purging general officers. It is known unofficially as the Japanese Gov Military De-Purge Committee. All of its members are highly trusted by present Cabinet authorities, but the closest to government circles at highest levels is of course TATSUMI. The actual number is believed to be seven. Among these is SHIMOMURA Sadamu, age about 64, MIYAZAKI Shuichi and YAMAMOTO Moichiro are often associated with SHIMOMURA Sadamu in general rumors current in Army circles. The most interesting point concerning the committee is that at least four of the seven including SHIMOMURA would like to be future Defense Minister or top-level "Special Advisor" on Military Affairs to the Government. It is toward that goal which SHIMOMURA is now aiming along with former Maj. Gen. IWAKURO Hideo, SHIMOMURA is not personally competitive-minded, and would prefer to stay in the background because of age. (ZJL-771, [] 18 Dec. 51, TATSUMI Eiichi Dossier.)

ASAHI SHIMBUN ran an article on 8 Jan 52 entitled: Former military men consisting of four generals and one field-officer assist TATSUMI Eiichi. HATTORI Takushiro believes one of the four generals to be SHIMOMURA Sadamu. Although SHIMOMURA and TATSUMI are closely connected, they cannot be regarded as co-workers. TATSUMI's relationship with SHIMOMURA is good, but SHIMOMURA resents the former's secretiveness. (ZJL-787, [] 22 Jan 52, TATSUMI Eiichi Dossier.)

On 24 Feb 52 HARUKE Yoshitane held an informal conference with TATSUMI Eiichi, the latter stated that his association with YOSHIDA is purely personal and he visits the premier only upon invitation and never offers information unless he is asked for it. He is trying to avoid being involved in the rearmament issue, merely answering questions on it when requested, because he feels that if YOSHIDA resigns, he himself would be automatically severed from the rearmament program. He stated that he was collecting information and opinion on rearmament and asking assistance from former associates and military figures, such as SHIMOMURA Sadamu. (ZJJ-57, [] 28 Mar 52, TATSUMI Eiichi Dossier)

Subject was a member of the TATSUMI Eiichi, et al., organization, but he was expelled from it because of his persistent failure to obey the government order and sever connections with HATTORI Takushiro. (ZJJ-90, 18 Apr 52, [] TATSUMI Eiichi Dossier, So-87778).

Subject is among the close friends of KAWABE Torashiro. Subject, a former general, worked with KAWABE, for many years in JIGS. [] ZJJ-87, 15 Apr 52, KAWABE Torashiro Dossier).

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