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**BIOGRAPHIC REPORT  
SECURITY INFORMATION**

NAME SHIMOMURA, Sadamu (Former General) 下村定

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE 25 January 1952

Variants: SHIMOMURA, Sadashi  
SHIMOMURA, Sada  
SHIMOMURA, Tei

NATIONALITY Japanese

BIRTHDATE 23 September 1887 1/  
BIRTHPLACE Kochi City, Kochi Pref.,  
Japan 1/

PRESENT POSITION Military Advisor to Prime  
Minister Yoshida.

RACE \_\_\_\_\_  
SEX \_\_\_\_\_  
MARITAL STATUS \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION Japan

GEN. OCCUPATION Military

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_  
POLITICAL AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION Graduate, Military Academy, 1908;  
Graduate, Army Staff College, 1917.1/

LANGUAGES \_\_\_\_\_

ATTITUDE TOWARDS: U.S.

HONORS First Order of Merit and the Imperial  
Order of the Sacred Treasure, awarded 25  
November 1944.

U.S.S.R.

CAREER:

- 1917- -- Attached to Army General Staff.1/ 2/
- -- Instructor, Army Staff College.1/ 3/ 4/
- 1919 -- Studied at St. Cyr, France.1/ 5/
- -- Military Attache, France.1/ 2/
- 1927 -- Member, Japanese Suite, World War Treaty Working Committee, France.2/
- 1931 -- Promoted to Colonel.1/
- 1933 -- Member, Geneva Disarmament Conference;1/
- -- Member, Committee headed by MATSUOKA Yosuka, League of Nations (participated in Japan's withdrawal from the League).3/
- 1934 -- Promoted to Major General.1/
- -- Unit Commander, Kwangtung Army.1/ 3/
- -- Staff Officer, Kwangtung Army.3/
- 1937 -- Took part in the "China Incident" (presumably, Japanese attack at Marco Polo Bridge, North China, 7 July 1937);2/ 3/
- -- Chief, Fourth Department (War History and Military Geography), General Staff Headquarters.1/ 2/ 3/ 6/
- 1939 -- Promoted to Lieutenant General, March;1/ 4/
- -- Commanding General, Tokyo Bay Fortress.1/ 5/
- 1940 -- Commandant, Artillery and Engineers School.6/
- 1941 -- Commandant, Military Staff College, 6 September.1/ 3/ 4/ 5/
- 1942 -- Commanding General, Thirteenth Army, Shanghai, 25 March.1/ 4/ 6/
- 1944 -- Commanding General, Western Pacific Army.2/ 3/ 4/ 5/
- 1944-1945 -- Commanding General, Japanese Forces in North China, November 1944-August 1945.1/ 2/

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Career (continued)

1945 On behalf of the Army and Navy, accepted bandages made by the  
Empress, Peiping, 15 January;<sup>2/</sup>  
Promoted to General, March;<sup>1/ 3/</sup>  
Appointed War Minister, 23 August.<sup>5/</sup>  
1951 Military affairs advisor to Prime Minister Yoshida, a/o September.<sup>7/</sup>

REMARKS:

General SHIMOMURA Sadamu was seventeenth on the list of Lieutenant Generals in 1942.<sup>6/</sup> He is reported by several sources to be an outstanding Japanese authority on world affairs, and particularly, European conditions.<sup>1/ 5/</sup> Shimomura is known to be an experienced staff officer who, during World War II, served principally as an 'organizer'.

Information dated September 1951 states that when Shimomura was War Minister in the Shidehara Cabinet in 1945, he came to be closely associated with Yoshida, Japan's present Prime Minister. According to this source, Yoshida has maintained friendly relations with Shimomura, and confers with him frequently on the rearmament question, though the extent to which Yoshida relies on Shimomura's counsel is unknown.<sup>7/</sup>

SOURCES:

- 1/ OSS, Source F, Undated, Secret.
- 2/ State, BI, Enemy Broadcasts, Undated, Unclassified.
- 3/ OSS, Source X, Undated, Secret.
- 4/ OSS, Source S, Undated, Secret.
- 5/ New York Times, Undated, Unclassified.
- 6/ State, BI, Who's Who Material, Undated, Confidential.
- 7/ CIA, SO-75534, 7 November 1951, C-3, Secret.

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