

Chief, Security Office  
Attn: Special Security Division VIA: Chief, CI/SPB  
Chief, FE

24 January 1955

Proposed Trip to Japan by Mr. John Jay HOPKINS and Mr. William S. HALSTEAD

I. Background:

A. The ( ) Mission has recently been in touch with a well known and influential Japanese newspaper and radio executive. This individual is desirous of engaging in a fully extended campaign promoting President Eisenhower's Atoms for Peace proposal.

B. This individual points out that the speech of Mr. John Jay HOPKINS, President of General Dynamics, Inc., before the National Association of Manufacturers on 1 December 1954 has had considerable impact among leading Japanese industrialists. In this speech, HOPKINS urged installation of Atomic power plants in under-developed areas with particular reference to Japan and the Far East. HOPKINS termed the proposal as an Atomic "Marshall Plan".

C. On behalf of HOPKINS, Mr. William S. HALSTEAD, President of UNITEL Corporation of New York City, N.Y., has been in touch with the Japanese principal exploring the possibility of having HOPKINS and HALSTEAD make a trip to Japan to explain his "Marshall Plan" proposal to the Japanese.

II. Conclusions:

A. The Far East Division requests that your office determine:

1. If HOPKINS and HALSTEAD are planning a trip to Japan and if so, when, and the financial arrangements that are being made to cover the costs of such a trip.
2. The complete itinerary of the trip.
3. The individuals (Japanese and Occidental) in Japan that HOPKINS and HALSTEAD may be dealing with concerning the proposed trip.
4. If HOPKINS and HALSTEAD are not going to make the trip, the details and reasons why they are not going.

B. In carrying out the above assignment, the Far East Division requests that no governmental interest be shown, and in particular that no CIA interest be shown.

C. We are forwarding as Attachments 1 and 2 for your information and use brief biographical sketches on HOPKINS and HALSTEAD.

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III. Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to Mr. John Jay HARRIS, Room 2205-J, Extension 2372.

Chief, CI

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Attachments: (2)  
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Attachment 1

Mr. John Jay HOPKINS

15 Oct 1892 - Born, Sant Ana, Calif.

1915 - Graduated Univ of Calif., A.B. degree

Law studies at Harvard interrupted in 1917 by military duty. Received LL. B degree in 1921, and joined New York law firm of CRAVATH, HENDERSON, LEFFINWELL and De GERSDORFF.

1925 - Opened own law offices and practised in New York and Los Angeles.

1932 - Served for one year as Special Asst to Secretaries of the Treasury Ogden L. MILLS and William H. WOODIN.

1936 - 1941 - Maintained law and business office in New York City.

1937 - Became a Director of the Electric Boat Company, a submarine building firm.  
1942 - Became Vice-president in charge of contracts and finances of this company.  
1947 - Became President of the Electric Boat Co., which in April 1952 changed its name to General Dynamics and obtained control of GENWAIR Ltd., Canada's largest airplane company.

Subject has held the following positions:

Chairman of Board of the National Security Industrial Organization  
Vice-chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Trustee of the Committee for Economic Development  
Chairman of the Shipbuilders' Council of America

GENERAL DYNAMICS Corp. is the firm that built the first atomic submarine at Groton, Conn. About 90% of GENERAL DYNAMICS' business is derived from U.S. Gov't contracts.

Attachment 2

Mr. William S. HALSTEAD

17 Apr 1903 - Born Mount Kisco, New York

1927 - Received B.S. degree WABESSETT College

Subject's wife - Mary (MURDOCK) is a vice-president of KENYON & ECKHARDT Inc., a large advertising agency in New York City. Subject resides in a large estate in Mount Kisco., N.Y.,

I & SO dossier contained a report that Subject went to Russia to make moving pictures. The officer who reviewed the dossier stated that the trip probably occurred circa 1938. It was believed that Subject was making pictures under Julian BRIAN of the International Film Foundation. The Foundation had as its purpose, the promoting of understanding between races, peoples and religions.

1951 - Subject visited Japan with "Major" HOLTHESEN to make a preliminary survey in connection with the Nippon Television Network Corp. Subject is currently under contract to the above Corporation as supervisory engineer in charge of planning and construction.

Subject is leading electrical and electronic engineer well-known in communications field, and declared to be a person of excellent character, integrity, financial stability and loyalty.

Subject is President of UNITEL Inc., 205 East 42nd St., New York City. Is also consultant to Furusworth Television and Radio Corp., and Engineering Associate of Crosby Laboratories.

In January 1955, Subject was cleared for OCG as a source of FI information.

1941-45 - Was President of HALSTEAD TRAFFIC COMMUNICATIONS CORP., which was a prime contractor to the U.S. Signal Corps, Navy, ONI, and Office of Scientific Research and Development.

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