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SPECIFIC PRQ Parts I and II, PODAM

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PART I - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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- Instruction: 1. Write clearly.
 2. Answer all questions completely. If question does not apply, write "not applicable."
 3. Attach blank pages if additional space is needed.

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1. Full Name Matsutaro
 First Middle Last XSHORIKI
2. Name in native script (2973/0500/2646/1132/6745)
3. Name at birth (if different from 1.) Not applicable (NA)
4. Aliases, nicknames, legal changes (State briefly time, reason and place of use.) First name possibly read: Shotaro
5. a. Date of birth 11 April 1885 b. Place of birth in a village near Takaoka in Toyama Prefecture
6. Present citizenship, race if appropriate Japanese (race: Mongoloid)
7. Nationality at birth and any subsequent nationalities (if different from 6.) Japanese
8. Present residence (Owner, tenant, sub-tenant.) Kanagawa Prefecture, Zushi-
 Tom, Shijiku, 1990.
9. Permanent address (if different from 8.) _____
10. Present occupation (full title, salary etc.) President, Nippon TV; Owner,
 Yomiuri Shinbun. Member, House of Representatives since Feb. 1955.
11. Naturalization of subject or of close relatives in the United States.
 (Give date and name in which certificate granted.) Unknown
12. Relatives, friends, correspondents in United States. (Explain relationship) Vernon Welsh, General Dynamics Corporation; business
 relationship.

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13. Father - full name, occupation, present residence, year and place

of birth, nationality at birth and subsequent nationalities.

SHORIKI Shojiro (Matsutaro was his second son.), a contractor.
SHORIKI Matsutaro's grandfather, SHORIKI Rin, also a contractor, is
credited with the invention of a tool to extract a pike.

14. Mother - same information as 13.

Unknown.

15. Wife (or husband) - full name, maiden name, date and place of birth,
date and place of marriage, nationality at birth and any subsequent
nationalities, present residence, divorce, annulment. (Give data
for all previous marriages.)

Wife is named SHORIKI Namimitsu, born April 1895 in Chiba Prefecture.
She is the sister of YOSHIHARA Kiyoharu.

16. Children - full names, sex, year and place of birth, nationality
at birth and any subsequent nationalities, present residence.

Oldest son: Jiro - born October 1918; graduate of Keio University.
Oldest daughter: Umeko - born March 1920; graduate of Toyo English Girls
High School. She married KOBAYASHI Yosaji, Chief of Administration
Department, Autonomous Ministry.
Second daughter: Toshiko - born February 1923; graduate of Surubadai
Women's School. Married SEKINE Chozaburo, an employee of the Kogyo bank.

17. Brothers and sisters - Same information as 16.

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18. Relatives in service of any government, names and positions held.
19. List all official identity papers held with dates, numbers, place of issue and duration of validity.
20. Religion - degree practiced, membership in religious orders
21. Present and past political affiliations
Former Chairman, Yokusan Kai (an old pre-war political party).
Is presently an Independent member of the Lower House.
22. Travel outside country of present residence - country, dates, purpose, people and firms visited
23. Education - school, location, course, degree, dates
Graduated from Takoaka Middle School, the Fourth High School and finally, in 1911, from the German Law Department of Tokyo Imperial University. His school record reportedly was not one of the best. During his high school days SHORIKI was noted as a Jude champion.
24. Languages and dialects (Indicate proficiency as good, fair, poor.)
Language _____ Speak _____ Read _____ Understand _____
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25. Military service - dates, country, unit, rank, duty, where services performed, decorations, when discharged, why. Give details if ever prisoner of war

26. Present and past membership in organizations (professional, social, & 29.

political, etc.) For several years a member of the Metropolitan Police Department, SHIRIKI resigned from the force in 1924 to become the President of Yomiuri Shinbun Sha (Yomiuri Newspaper Company). He was concurrently Chairman of the Yokushin Kai (previously mentioned), Kyushu Nippo (Kyushu Daily News), Sanin Shinbun (Sanin Newspaper), Shizuoka Shimpo (Shizuoka Newspaper) and the Dai Nippon Tokyo Yakyu (Great Japan Tokyo Baseball Club). In June 1949 he was appointed as Chairman, Japan Baseball League. He is presently the owner of Yomiuri Shinbun; President, Japan Television Broadcasting Station; Director, Korakuen Stadium; Dir., Japan Skating Rink;*

27. Special skills, abilities, hobbies (radio, photography, etc.)

Judo (was champion in high school).

Kendo (is a sponsor of Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei (All-Japan Kendo League).

Is also a sponsor of the revived Butoku Kai (Martial Arts Association).

28. Financial status - earnings, bank deposits, securities, property

29. Employment history - type of work, salary, dates, employers, addresses, reasons for leaving. Include employment by any government.

* President, Kanto Racing Club; and President, Japan Public Entertainment League. Is a sponsor of the Nippon Boei Kyokai (Japan Defense Association). Elected to the House of Representatives on 27 February 1955. Is an advisor to the Japan Reconstruction League.

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30. Has subject done any writing? Give details including titles of books, articles, publishers, dates.

Articles: 1 January 1954 Bungei Shinju, "Grandchildren's Schooling".
1 April 1954, Maru, "How Powerful Mr. GOTO Shimpei Is".

31. List persons living at same address, close associates, (individuals or groups,) correspondents at home and abroad.

32. List five character references.

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33. Court record - court, date, arrests, charges, punishments,

sentences, acquittals, denazification, etc. Jailed in December 1945 by the US Army in Sugamo Prison as an A Class war criminal suspect. War crimes prosecutors failed to find enough evidence to try him in court (allegedly) and released him after two years.

34. Description (Use American standards of measurement, if possible.)

Age	70 (in 1955)	Posture	slightly stooped
Apparent age	Same	Weight	160
Height	5'8"	Teeth	stained
Eyes	black	Hair	bald
Face - shape	oval, heavy	Scars	
Complexion	dark	Build	strong, broad chested
Sex	male		
General appearance	dignified, strong.		
Prominent features			
Other identifying features	hesitation in walking.		

35. Other miscellaneous biographical data and comments.

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Part II - OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CASE OFFICER:

1. If feasible, subject should fill in Part I of PRQ in his own hand
 2. Part II of PRQ is classified, must be filled in by the case officer and is not to be shown to subject
 3. Headquarters will not be able to provide an Operational Clearance unless it receives answers to all questions on page 1 of Part I (Items 1 to 12), and to all questions of Part II (Items 26 to 28).
 4. In emergency these answers, keyed to items 1 to 12 by number, and with summary of Part II, may be cabled to Headquarters, followed promptly by pouch with complete data.
 5. Fully completed PRQ must be sent to Headquarters as soon as possible, two copies of Part I (including copy in subject's handwriting, if possible) and one copy of Part II,
 6. Data acquired later must be sent to Headquarters in PRQ format on a continuing basis.
 7. All pages of both parts will bear the PRQ number, composed of (a) Station symbol (b) PRQ (c) number assigned consecutively by the field station; e.g. PG./PRQ/10.
36. Cryptonym PODAM
37. How, when and where was subject first contacted or developed? Subject was first contacted as a result of an introduction by in February 1955.
38. Could subject be turned over quickly and in a secure manner to

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Probably not; however, the same comments apply to subject as would apply to estimate of Subject's motivation. Subject is motivated by a desire to advance himself both as an outstanding Japanese television owner, newspaper owner, and as a prominent and powerful politician. He is convinced that he

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needs a backdoor channel to key American figures, and is further convinced that he must work for the Americans when it is in the mutual interest to do so.

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40. With what agencies and files has subject's name been checked?

When? Result? What else has been done to verify biographical

information furnished by subject? KUPARK, Embassy, G-2 Security Group, and CIC files have all been checked, as have the public press and other overt sources. Subject is extremely well known in Japan; the details of his life are public knowledge.

41. What control exists over subject at present? How can it be

increased? No control. Mutuality of interest is the basis of working with this person.

42. For what service does he think he is working? What does he

think is his motivation? Subject has been told that case officer is a with close Embassy connections. He thinks his information is passed to the Embassy or to Washington, whenever appropriate.

43. Explain fully subject's past or present connection with any

intelligence service. No connection known. However, in furtherance of project of establishing a Far East-wide microwave net, he was in limited contact (mainly through with J. Woodall Green, Chief of G-3 Psy-war, in the early 1950's.

44. What type of information has subject furnished? What type is

he best qualified by education and experience to furnish? Give

evaluation of information received.

He has furnished information on political events and tendencies in Japan. He has also helped in completing our files on media personalities, newspaper organization, et cetera. Information so far has been of good quality. As a prominent and powerful figure in the political and media field, subject is in a position to know what he is talking about.

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45. If subject's duties are to be other than intelligence gathering, explain. Subject is a vehicle for media influence.

46. Has he been given special training as an agent? Explain.

None.

47. How and from whom does he obtain information?

Subject's contacts are extensive and include many prominent political, financial and industrial figures.

48. Is it proposed to pay subject a regular salary? If so, amount per week, month, etc. Explain any other methods of payment, such as exchange commodities.

No.

49. Have any promises or commitments whatsoever (not covered elsewhere in this form) been made to subject? Explain.

No.

50. Are subject's language abilities and other characteristics such that he could pass as a native of a country or region other than his own? Explain. Obviously Japanese; speaks no other language.

51. What is subject's social standing? Aristocracy, upper middle class, lower middle class, peasantry, etc.? Lower middle class origin, but sufficiently powerful and prominent at the present time to be on familiar terms with individuals of any strata.

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52. What are subject's personal habits? Liquor, drugs, gambling, mistresses or lovers? Almost no liquor, no drugs, no gambling, no mistresses known.

53. Evaluation of subject's character, reliability, security. Subject is absolutely secure, ruthless, power directed, ambitious. In contrast, however, to many Japanese of this sort, he is extremely direct in speaking and never pretends to be anything that he is not. He is ~~completely~~ reliable when functioning within common areas of interest.

54. With what other foreign power would subject be most likely to collaborate because of his ideology, obligation, etc.? Explain.
None.

55. What special abilities, talents, or qualifications are possessed by subject which would conceivably be of value for other operations in the future? No comment at present time.

56. Attach samples of subject's signature and handwriting in all languages known to him, also a recent, dated photograph, and fingerprints.

Letter signed by subject (attached.) under separate cover.

57. How was information in Part I obtained?
From subject himself and from files; from public press.

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58. Other miscellaneous operational data and comments.

During the 30's subject was the head of the entire Japanese police force, and would have been made Home Minister had not he been discredited by a very nearly successful attempt on the Crown Prince's life by fanatic Japanese Communists. Starting from virtually nothing, he became in a few years the controlling factor in the Yomiuri Shimbun, from which position he was again reduced to nothing through the action of the war crimes trials. He served for a year and a half as a war criminal in the Sugamo Prison. He began again; in 1952 he gained control of Yomiuri Shimbun and also created and organized Nippon TV. At present he is aiming to be Prime Minister and is thought by some to be within striking distance of this post. He works with Americans not because he likes them but because he believes that it is in the best interests of himself and Japan to do so.

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