

TATSUMI Eiichi

One of a number of top-level former Japanese military figures maintaining liaison with either POPOV or [redacted]. Subject liaises with [redacted], Intelligence Section. Served as an attache to England at one time. (ZJL-571, 6 Mar 51, [redacted]; CE File III - 30.1).

Lt. Gen TANIDA Isamu claims he is formulating a plan for rearmament with subject, a former Lt. Gen. HATTORI Takushiro thinks there is no cooperation between the two (ZJL-689, 20 Aug. 1951, [redacted]), HATTORI dossier.)

YOSHIDA Shigeru's objection to rearmament is despite strong urging from NOMURA Kichisaburo and TATSUMI. (ZJL-767, 14 Dec 51, [redacted] ~~YOSHIDA~~ YOSHIDA Shigeru dossier)

Concrete details of the plan to strengthen the NPR were being prepared by Prime Minister YOSHIDA Shigeru's former associates at the Embassy in London, former General TATSUMI and former Admiral YAMAMOTO Yoshio. (ZJL-769, 3 Jan 52, [redacted]; CE File "Japanese Rearmament")

The connection between the Continental Affairs Research Institute and the KAWABE Kikan is secret closely guarded on orders of G-2. DOI is an under-cover member of the KAWABE Kikan and receives from it both a salary and operational funds with which to support his Institute. The persons who are aware of this fact are TATSUMI Eiichi and KAWABE Torashiro, and the G-2 officers concerned. DOI's work for the Kikan consists of supplying it with what information on the USSR he obtains and in analyzing military information on the USSR obtained from other Kikan sources. According to TATSUMI, the analysis of information is done better by YAMAOKA Michitake than by DOI. (ZJJ-27, 28 Feb. 52, CE File DOI Akio Dossier.)

SUBJECT is attempting to change YOSHIDA Shigeru's unfavorable opinion of HATTORI Takushiro. ZJL-736 (C), 16 Oct 51, HATTORI Takushiro Dossier.

Few officers are on intimate terms with SUBJECT in comparison to the numbers in contact with HATTORI Takushiro. Although subject may be capable of working out a plan for rearmament he does not have the necessary officers to work out the practical details.

Although there stands differ from one another respectively, SHIMOMURA, HATTORI, and SUBJECT are all respectable friends. It is quite unlikely that they were competing in drawing up their own plans for rearmament, i.e. SUBJECT and SHIMOMURA, while HATTORI was doing it per order of the US Govt.

SUBJECT's comment: Although HATTORI is a target of various denunciations, SUBJECT, feels HATTORI had neither selfish intention nor ambition. It is absolutely not his idea to have his group monopolize formulation of the new army. If HATTORI were allowed, he would choose SHIMOMURA a supreme commander of the new Army, Subject believed. SUBJECT told HARUKE Yoshitane, v., Oct 51, "Since the attention of the world is focused upon us, I evade meetings with HATTORI as much as possible. But when I have to see him on business, I call at his house at night secretly."

[redacted] in a talk with HATTORI found the latter believed he was distrusted by SUBJECT, although there is no grudge between the two. HATTORI made it evident that he does not confide in Subject. SUBJECT is in the position of the closest military advisor to YOSHIDA Shigeru, and the latter is reported to have consulted Subject many times on the rearmament issue. [redacted] believes if Subject were familiar with HATTORI's plan he

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Councillor, Tairiku Mondai Kenkyu Sho (1Apr53 issue, Tairiku Mondai) (Ditto Jan 54)

Is planning the organization of a new central Japanese intelligence organization built around the present Cabinet Research Chamber and recruiting personnel for the new organization. (FJJ-94, 27 Feb 52, [] CE File III - 32).

Only official military adviser to YOSHIDA ([] FJJ-20, 31 Dec 52, GC File A-10.80)

Subject attended a party for T'ANG En-po on 28 Mar 53 at the Tokyo Kaikan, at which were 100 Japanese well known in financial and business circles, and some ex-military men. (FJJ-160, 17 Apr 1953, [] T'ANG dossier)

A special team of four people in the CRC collect information from repatriates from Communist China through OSHIDA Toshiichi of the Demob Bur. The team was planned by TATSUMI Eiichi. ([] FJJ-314, 18 Sept 53, CE III, 32.5)

TATSUMI Eiichi holds no position in the CRC but is consulted on matters of importance by MURAI. His approval is required before the CRC can employ former army personnel, since any appointment not approved by him will not be approved by PM YOSHIDA ([] FJJ-314, 18 Sept 53, CE III, 32.5)

Rumors existed in 52 that relations were strained between HATTORI Takushiro, head of the HATTORI Kikan, (now head of Hist Facts Research Institute which he organized) and TATSUMI Eiichi. Actually the two men cooperated closely in choosing former military personnel for positions in the NSF. Rumors probably stemmed from fact that in early 52 HATTORI opposed YOSHIDA govt plan of using NSF as nucleus for new army. HATTORI believed army should be built from an entirely new org and not around NPR. Prime Min ordered TATSUMI to have nothing to do with HATTORI. ([] FJJ-446, 10 Dec 53, CE III, 32.7)

See ER 5-2458/A, 26 Feb 54, Filed YOSHIDA Shigeru Dossier.

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Subject attended the inaugural meeting of the organization tentatively known as the Sakurada Kei, which met on 8 May 52 at the Sakurada Kaikan from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. [redacted] ZJJ-116, 23 May 52, SO-90134, III-48.3.

TATSUKI stated at this meeting that he had been assisting Premier YOSHIDA in matters pertaining to pensions, depurging, and release of war criminals. Altho he had been asked for opinions on individual items of the rearmament program, he had not been working on it in an advisory capacity, whatever newspaper reports indicated. He warned that among government officials and journalists there was still a strong hostility towards former militarists. His concluding statement was that, since a government public opinion survey had indicated that the rural population did not favor the revising the constitution to justify rearmament at this time, the government would postpone revision of the constitution indefinitely. Ibid.

Subject was one of a group of former generals of the Japanese Army, who met on 9 and 16 Apr 52, as a preparatory committee to form an organization of general officers. [redacted] ZJJ-98, 2 May 52, SO-89074, III-48.3.

Subject considers YOSHINAKA Yataro sociable, likeable, and able to get along well with anyone. [redacted] ZJJ-91, 25 Apr 52, SO-89074, III-33.

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he would give it to YOSHIDA instead of SUBJECT's broad outline. TATSUMI in conversation with HARIKKE Yoshitane, also told him, war between USSR and the US was inevitable but not in the near future. For further information on re subject's opinions see ZJL751, 26 Nov 51, CE File HATTORI Takushiro Dossier.

SUBJECT was summoned by the Japanese Govt in Nov 51 to get his views on rearmament. INADA Seijun had previously made repeated assertions to TATSUMI that the Govt should create a Rearmament Research Office. After learning of the November meeting, the existence of which YAMAOTO Yoshio had disclosed to the Navy clique, INADA once again pressed his opinions and suggestions upon SUBJECT, even as to give him a rearmament plan which he and HATTORI had drawn up, but was unsuccessful in convincing TATSUMI of the need for such an organization. (ZJL-786, 22 Jan 52, WATANABE Tetsuro Dossier).

Although TATSUMI Eiichi is a member of the KAWABE Kikan, he tells that group nothing about his conferences with Japanese government officials on the rearmament issue. TATSUMI draws a line between his assistance to the KAWABE Kikan on intelligence matters and his dealings with the government on rearmament. He is member of the present staff of the KAWABE Kikan. (ZJL-788, 22 Jan 52, [], KAWABE Torashiro Dossier)

Former Lt. General TATSUMI Eiichi was member of screening committee in charge of de-purging regular officers. (ZJJ-52, 21 Mar. 52, [], KAWABE Dossier.)

Torashiro

See 201-16282, ZJJ-76, 11 Apr 52.

According to HAYASHI Saburo Subject is in contact with OGATA Taketora re the rearmament program. (ZJJ-113, 16 May 52, [] OGATA Taketora Dossier).

Subject submitted to MASUHARA Keikichi a list of candidates for the NPR, when the inclusion of field grade officers was started in August 51. The list of suitable candidates was supplied by HATTORI Takushiro and MIYAMA Yozo. (ZJJ-84, 18 Apr 52, [], HATTORI Takushiro Dossier). Subject is listed as a post war acquaintance of HATTORI Takushiro, who was asked for advice and assistance by HATTORI at the time of the NPR faux pas. Subject reinstated HATTORI in the good graces of G-2, and since then the relationship has continued close between the two. (IBID)

NISHIMURA Toshio, qv., has been closely associated with TATSUMI Eiichi in post-war intelligence work and was his principal agent in the intelligence organization TATSUMI ran for the Chinese Mission in 1946. At TATSUMI's request NISHIMURA prepared a plan for Chinese Mission intelligence operations in Japan, but the plan was so expansive and required such large expenditure that it was rejected by the Chinese Mission in December 1946. In 1947 NISHIMURA assisted TATSUMI in choosing a Soviet code expert for the Chinese Mission to send to China, selecting OKUBO TOSHIIJIRO. ([] ZJJ-71, 4 Apr 52, NISHIMURA Toshio Dossier

TATSUMI Eiichi, who was the superior of TAKASHIMA Tatsuhiko qv., in the Tobu Army in 1944 is one of the closest friends of TAKASHIMA. (ZJJ-77, 11 Apr 52, [], TAKASHIMA Tatsuhiko Dossier).

When KAWABE Torashiro was chosen by G-2 to head the intelligence organization which bears his name, he persuaded TATSUMI Eiichi and others who opposed ARISUE Seizo to include the latter in the organization. TATSUMI is one of KAWABE's principal friends. Their relationship was one which developed after the war. ([] ZJJ-87, 18 Apr 52, KAWABE Torashiro Dossier).

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High level information pertaining to the American Military is flowing to the Japanese Underground Government through ~~the following~~ TATSUMI Eiichi, among others. (Ref. ZJL-390-C, 3 Aug 50, CE File III - 47;

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Is the responsible person in the Tokyo office of MATSU operations. See ZJLA-1181, 22 Sept 50, Filed KAWABE Torashiro dossier.

Prime Minister YOSHIDA Shigeru is thoroughly accepting the plan for the rearmament of Japan advocated by former Lieutenant General KAWABE Torashiro and former Major General TATSUMI Eiichi. (Ref. ZJL-596-A, Mar 51, CE File Japanese Rearmament) Former General TATSUMI Eiichi will be used mainly to recommend the matter to the Americans.

Lt. Gen. Eiichi Tatsumi, Chief of Staff, Eastern District Army (Tokyo), (2-3-45). (Ref. Prominent Persons in Japan & Japanese-dominated Areas, 14 Aug 45)

Among former high-ranking Army officers to whom the Japanese Underground Government has assigned Soviet operations. (Ref. ZJL-609-B, 4 May 51, [] CE File III - 33)

Among others, subject is doing research on problem of rearmament for Japanese Underground Government. (Ref. ZJL-551-C, 8 Feb 51, [] CE File Japanese Rearmament)

See: ZJLA - 1473, 11 May 1951, CE File III - I

In Plan for reorganization of Japanese Military Intelligence Service it is assumed that General TATSUMI Eiichi will head the Bureau. (ZJNA-211, 28 July 1951, Filed [])

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

(ZJL-614, 8 May 1951, "Japanese Rearmament" folder; [])

5. Other persons concerned with rearmament are:

Major General TATSUMI Eiichi. Personally liked by other officers but his influence in military circles is weak. Formerly worked at the Liaison Bureau. Has reportedly been associated with Premier YOSHIDA since the latter was Ambassador to Great Britain.