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REPORT A

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1. 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. (Date of info: 14 Mar 1951; date rec'd 15 March 1951). KAWABE himself stated to source that the American Government attaches the greatest importance to his plan. (Evaluation: C-6; source: [] date of info: 26 March 1951; date rec'd 27 March 1951).

2. The Japanese Government is using YOMURA Kichisaburo, UGAKI Kazu-shige and former Minister of War (sic) SHIMOMURA Sadamu (下村定) to conduct research on rearmament problems. Former General TATSUMI Eiichi will be used mainly to recommend the matter to the Americans. (Source: [] date of info: 14 February 1951; date rec'd 15 February 1951). SHIMOMURA is the Liberal Party's consultant on rearmament, while former generals TANAKA Shinichi (田中新一) and KATO Kunio (加藤邦男) are being consulted by the Democratic Party. IWAKURO Takao's rearmament activities (see Report B) have no political party affiliations. (Source: [] date of info: 11 February 1951; date rec'd 12 February 1951).

3. IGUCHI Sadao (井口貞夫) was appointed Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs pursuant to the desires of GHQ. The rearmament of Japan will be vigorously carried out by the "ASHIDA-IGUCHI line." (Evaluation: C-6; date of info: 8 February 1951; date rec'd 9 February 1951). IGUCHI is keeping ASHIDA Hitoshi fully informed of developments in the conclusion of the peace treaty. IGUCHI obtained a copy of the draft of the peace treaty from Ambassador Sebald on 31 March 1951. (Last sentence C-2; date of info: 2 April 1951; date rec'd 5 April 1951).

4. Chief Cabinet Secretary OKAZAKI Katsuo, in compliance with orders from Prime Minister YOSHIDA to accelerate the rearmament of Japan, is meeting with former generals ARISUE Seizo and KAMADA Senzo. American materials regarding the rearmament of Japan are being furnished OKAZAKI by SHEPARD of GHQ Civil Affairs Section.* (Date of info: 14 March 1951; date rec'd 15 March 1951).

5. Information from the "OKAZAKI Line" indicates that the Japanese Government desires and plans to create a self-defense force for Japan

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