

SECRET

SECURITY INFORMATION

From: [redacted]

Report No: ZJL-737A Local File No: PD-504

No. of Pages: 5 (A)

No. of Enclosures: 0

Prepared By: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

NPC

Distribution:

Copy to:

- Wash. Div. - 2
- Files - 3
- Personnel - 1

Orally to:

Cryptonym: [redacted]

References: ZJL-889, 890, 714, 724, 725, 726.

Operational Data, and Comments:

Report is the first in a series of reports on the major figures and groups involved in the rearmament question and in haggling over who will be top dog in the future set-up. We deeply regret the necessity of sending you these place-refer, and should have most of the following ready for the next pouch, but there has not been time to organize properly into a proper interim report the vast bulk of SHIMIZU material, much less collate and re-interrogate on the basis of it. We finally decided to break Report ZJL-737 down according to the various groups and individuals competing in the rearmament derby, and apply to each SHIMIZU's running comments over the past month or so in its proper niche. To give you a preview of that breakdown:

ZJL-737 A covers three entities, all closely connected and cooperative:

1. Ichiichi and the Clique assisting YOSHIDA.
2. CHUURA Saemaru, holding nominal support from many various groups.
3. HATTORI Shuichi and HARAHI Genji, two CHUURA subordinates.

b. ZJL-737 B will outline data on HATTORI Saemaru and his subordinates, formerly close to HATTORI Ichiichi.

c. ZJL-737 C will describe the anti-HATTORI position of three rival groups which are believed to be closely inter-related and which are using considerable influence at SIE and Police Reserve HQ against HATTORI:

1. The IWAKURO Hideo Faction.
2. The position of DOI Akio.
3. TSUKAMOTO Sakoto and HAYASHI Saburo.

d. ZJL-737 D will give data on HATTORI and his subordinates, NISHIURA, EMOTO; and that "spy for IWAKURO and TANIDA", HORIBA Kazuo.

e. ZJL-737 E will show Source's conjecture of the increasingly retiring
Classification

SECRET
COPY

~~SECRET~~

SECRET

-2-

(Cover Letter to ZJL-737A)

position of KAWABE Torashiro in between IWAKURO and SHIBAMURA.

2. A subsequent report with a different number will deal with the actual plans advanced by these various groups concerning rearmament, particularly the now famous "HATTORI Plan", which has caused so much furor. [redacted], when asked for this plan in detail by letter, on 12 October told us there was little point to his writing it out, since the details of the whole affair plus considerable information on the clique warfare described (in ZJL-737) appeared in the Yomiuri magazine of that week and for eighteen pages in the Asahi Weekly of 21 October (mid-month edition). He conveniently provided us with copies of both and attached a report pointing out differences and errors in the text of the news weeklies. The outlines of the Hattori Plan reappeared in almost exactly the same context in the Nippon Times of 19 October, 1951, broadcast by the Soviets as a charge of American war-mongering. One may now assume in safety that the Soviets are as well aware as we of this rather petty and sordid story of jockeying for control of the future Army. We shall append the news accounts of the HATTORI-IWAKURO-TAKIDA feud and rearmament plans as they are translated, along with SALICELLI's current reports on developments.
3. We reserve detailed comment on this report at present until you can see the full picture portrayed by the additional reports. It should be evident, however, that we are getting a fairly full and very interesting inside story of the intrigue involved in the activities of various groups and individuals involved in rearmament activities. It also should be thoroughly evident that a previous study of either Sicilian vendetta or Chicago gang wars of the prohibition era would best qualify one for appreciative enjoyment of this scramble for power; there is every indication that as rearmament approaches closer to reality, and each proud leader imagines himself in a chief of staff's uniform, the competition and double-crossing will merely become fiercer. To get some indications of the line-ups and realignments should be our chief interest in all this.
4. We wish to remind you that this report did not discuss TATSUMI's intelligence efforts in any measure. A later report gives a bit on them, including one minor lateral reference to [redacted] which is not clear but which we have not yet had time for which to query [redacted]. There is also further data just in on SHIBAMURA which will obviously be of interest when compared with what we get from other sources.

SECRET