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1. This is the fifth report in the Rearmament Activities series. Comments on this reports and others in the series are contained in the cover letter to ZJL-784.

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Subject: Rearmament and JIS Activities: Report No: ZIL-788  
\* KAWABE Torashiro (PD-368)  
Date of Information: As noted.  
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Evaluation: C-3, except as noted. Date of Report: 22 January 1952  
Source: [ ] from HATTORI Takushiro

1. IWAKURO Hideo and KAWABE Torashiro have no personal contact at present and apparently have had none for a long time. (C-2)
2. 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.
3. When HATTORI Takushiro refused GHQ's request to send agents into Sakhalin and the Kuriles on the grounds that the project was too difficult and dangerous, KAWABE Torashiro attempted to do so, buying a 15-ton ship with ¥ 500,000 from a fund supplied by GHQ, and sending the ship out sometime in the fall of 1950. Nothing has been heard of the ship or its personnel since then. After long negotiations with GHQ, KAWABE obtained enough money to mollify the families of the men who went out on the ship.
4. Information procured by both HATTORI and KAWABE is processed by the same G-2 officer. This officer told HATTORI that KAWABE's information is not worth very much.
5. The present staff of the KAWABE Kikan consists of TATSUMI, ARISUE Seizo, YOSHINAKA Wataru, SAIGO Zugo (西郷 從吾), and others. YOSHINAKA is a former general who specialized in artillery and SAIGO a former Colonel who was a staff officer to the Imperial GHQ, officer of Section #8 of the General Staff Office, and staff officer to the Burma Expeditionary Army. SAIGO graduated with the 36th class from Army Officers School.
6. Chiefs of branches of the KAWABE Kikan are the following:
  - a. Hokkaido - former Major General SANADA Joichiro (坂田 義一郎), onetime head of the Military Affairs Section of the War Office and of the Operation Section, General Staff Office.
  - b. Osaka - KIMURA Matsugoro. (木村 松五郎) possibly deceased
  - c. Shikoku - former Major General NATANABE (伊丹), onetime chief of the Defense Section of the War Office.

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- d. Chugoku - former Colonel KOTANI (fnu) 36th class graduate of Army Officers School and staff officer to the Imperial GHQ.
7. Former General HAGI (fnu) <sup>\*</sup>, chief of staff of the Fifth Expeditionary Army, is assigned to Hokkaido, but it is not known what relationship he has to SANADA. HAGI maintains close liaison with ARISUE Saburo, brother of ARISUE Seizo and former mayor of Abashiri City who is living in Hokkaido. <sup>4</sup>

NOTES

1. Field Comment. Both [ ] and [ ] reports have stated that IWAKURO stopped assisting the KAWABE Kikan and split with KAWABE on KAWABE's policy of aiding G-2 late in the spring of 1951. See ZJL-748.
2. Field Comment. Major Rinalducci.
3. Source Comment. This man may be dead now.
4. Source Comment. According to HATTORI, the brothers ARISUE are doing some sort of business in Hokkaido and ARISUE Saburo is using his brother's connections with GHQ to gain prestige for himself. HATTORI has a low opinion of ARISUE Saburo.

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