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1. This is the fourth report of six in the Rearmament Activities Series. Comments on this report 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: ZJL-787
TATSUMI Eiichi (PD-367)
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Source: [] from HATTORI Takushiro

1. ASAHI SHIMBUN ran an article on 8 January 1952 entitled: "Former military men consisting of four generals and one field-officer assist TATSUMI Eiichi". HATTORI believes the four (generals to be SHIMOMURA Sadamu; former Major General YAKASHIMA (fnu), an intimate friend of SAKURAI Tokutaro; former Major General YAMASAKI Masao (山崎 正雄), 31st class graduate of Army Officers School who is familiar with the technique and regulations pertaining to recruiting; and YANIDA Isamu (岩谷 諒). The field officer assisting TATSUMI is probably MATSUTANI Makoto (松谷 誠). Although SHIMOMURA and TATSUMI are closely connected, they cannot be regarded as co-workers.

Although TATSUMI is a member of the KAWABE Kikan, he tells that group nothing about his conferences with Japanese government officials on the rearmament issue.¹ TATSUMI draws the line between his assistance to the KAWABE Kikan on intelligence matters and his dealings with the Government on rearmament. TATSUMI is friendly with HATTORI Takushiro, but, again, does not discuss with HATTORI the conversations he holds with Government officials on the subject of rearmament.

TATSUMI's relationship with SHIMOMURA is good, but SHIMOMURA resents the former's secretiveness.

HATTORI believes that TATSUMI is working out his program with very little help. MATSUTANI once appeared to be helping TATSUMI, but MATSUTANI has told HORIBA Kazuo that there is no connection between himself and TATSUMI in regard to the rearmament plan.

2. Lt. General INADA Sei Jun (稲田 正純) of the NATANABE Research Institute was somehow able to learn that the Government had summoned Vice-Admiral YAMAMOTO Yoshio and TATSUMI in November 1951 to get the views of those two officers regarding the rearmament issue. INADA had previously made repeated assertions to TATSUMI that the Government should create a Rearmament Research office. After learning of the November meetings, the existence of which YAMAMOTO had made known to the Navy clique, INADA once again pressed his opinions on TATSUMI, even going so far as to give him a rearmament plan which he and HATTORI had drawn up, but apparently was unsuccessful in convincing TATSUMI of the need for such an organization.²

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1. Source Comment. According to HATTORI, TATSUMI is a weak-willed and sociable man. HATTORI thinks it hardly possible that TATSUMI could defend his policy strongly enough before officials to have much effect on the Government's policy.
2. Field Comment. For further TATSUMI references, see ZJL-751, pp. 7-12, and ZJL-771.

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