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This is a sequel to ZJI-37.

Concerning paragraph 4, INADA is ABE's son-in-law, rather than his son. This office will correct that error in future reports.

TSUYAMOTO is a member of the HAYASHI Saburo group, but is also close to IWAKURO. Both HAYASHI and IWAKURO are strongly opposed to HATTORI.

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Source: A high-ranking former Kempei officer close to HATTORI Takushiro

1. The five men nominated for positions as advisers to the projected Police Reserve military academy -- MIYANO Masatoshi (宮野正年), SUGITA Kazuji (杉田一久), TAKAYAMA Nobutake (高山信一), HOSODA Hiromu (細田宏), and ISODA Saburo (磯田三郎) -- are not the ones whose personal history was studied closely by the government, according to HATTORI Takushiro, onetime head of Strategy and Plans Section, G-1, and present head of the HATTORI Kikan.¹ The government avoided the able candidates and chose weak men who are neither dangerous nor capable, HATTORI claims. Intellectually, the five candidates are second-rate or below, and HATTORI expressed doubt as to whether the men are equal to their responsibilities in restoring a national army. He believes that the government went out of its way to select men who were not connected with the HATTORI Kikan.²

Former Lieutenant General INADA Seijun (稲田正純), son of the late Prime Minister ABE Nobuyuki and a member of the WATANABE (Tetsuzo) Research Institute, asked TATSUMI Eiichi (辰巳英一), adviser to Prime Minister YOSHIDA on rearmament, about the men who selected the five advisers named above. TATSUMI replied that he himself had picked them. INADA pointed out that the navy had no representatives on the board and asked if TATSUMI intended to bring in naval men. TATSUMI answered that he would not include the navy in a military advisory group.

HATTORI believes that TATSUMI had a large part in selecting the five advisers, but thinks that SHIRASU Jiro (白旗次郎), a member of YOSHIDA's group who is in charge of raising campaign funds, and TSUKAMOTO Makoto (塚本誠), former Kempei colonel, also had a hand in selecting the men. He feels that the enmity which these men hold to the HATTORI group demands attention.

1 Field Comment. See ZJJ-37 for background to this report.

2 Field Comment. ZJJ-37 reports that all five are acquaintances of HATTORI and that three -- TAKAYAMA, HOSODA, and SUGITA -- are or have been subordinates of HATTORI.

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