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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION * : Opinion

SOURCE Former Japanese Intelligence Officer.

MATSUMI Eiichi (6591/1570/2837/0001), Prime Minister YOSHIDA Shigeru's chief adviser on rearmament, expressed the following opinions of various Japanese intelligence groups late in August 1952:

KAWABE (Torashiro) Kikan - This organization is steadily reducing its expenditures and personnel. This is as it should be, because the KAWABE Kikan has no place in an independent Japan. Its membership should be absorbed into the future central intelligence bureau.

Central intelligence bureau ^{Japanese Govt} - The high government officials concerned with the formation of a central intelligence bureau are busy preparing for the general elections and therefore have no time to spend on the problem. These persons are Chief Cabinet Secretary MORI Shigeru, Foreign Minister OKAZAKI Katsuo, and Deputy Director of the National Security Agency MASUHARA Keikichi. Formation will not be considered until after elections, even though it is a highly important matter.

Cabinet Research Chamber (CRC), also known as the MURAI Kikan - The opinion that CRC will be the core of the future central intelligence bureau seems to be held only by MURAI Jun (2625/0064/7311) and those around him. MURAI lacks the ability to organize and operate so important an organization as the central intelligence bureau.

Intelligence organ of the National Security Agency ^{Japan} - Although MATSUMI wished to make former colonel SUGITA Kazuji (2619/3966/0001/2965) chief of intelligence (G-2), he could not do so, and HIROSE Eiichi (1684/3571/2837/0001) received the appointment. HIROSE's appointment will only be temporary.

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Military observers to be sent abroad - DATSUMI is negotiating with government officials to allow military attaches to be included in Japanese diplomatic establishments abroad. These attaches would be former generals and admirals. Should YOSHIDA approve the plan, it would go into operation immediately, but DATSUMI has refrained from submitting it to YOSHIDA, feeling that the time was not right.

X Continental Problems Research Institute (Airiku Mondai Kenkyu Sho) -
DATSUMI intends to help Airiku Mondai gain influence. He was negotiating with Colonel Bratton, G-2, FEC to have US HQ pass on to Airiku Mondai "non-Top Secret" information. Bratton had not given a definite answer to DATSUMI's proposal as of late August.²

1 Source Comment. Two other opinions on the position of CRC are given here:

X SEKI Itaru (7070/0037) claims that the purpose of MURAI Kikan is only to assemble and evaluate information. The only agencies capable of gathering worthwhile intelligence, according to SEKI, are the Public Safety Investigation Agency and the National Security Agency.

X IKEDANI Hajime (3069/0006/243) declares that National Security Agency departmental heads have been ordered to hold positions in the MURAI Kikan concurrently but they do not take the order seriously and seldom are in contact with the MURAI Kikan.

2 Field Comment. Colonel Bratton has since returned to the Z.I.