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SOURCE Former Japanese intelligence officer

1. SHIMOMURA Sadamu (0007/2625/1353) has been consulted frequently by the Progressive Party on ~~parliament~~ problems. Contact with SHIMOMURA has always been made through MI Akio (0960/1446/2494/1133). When consulted, it has been SHIMOMURA's practice to get in touch with HATTORI Takushiro (2591/6752/0587/0934/6745) to get the latter's views.
2. In view of the above relationships, ~~it is believed~~ these three former army officers would occupy positions of considerable influence if the Progressive Party should come to power. Their positions would be similar to that now held by TATSUMI Eichi (6591/1570/2837/0001)¹.

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1. Field Comment. TATSUMI Eichi has often been reported to be (Prime Minister) YOSHIDA's advisor on military affairs. 3-2 AFPE files state that TATSUMI's relationship with the Prime Minister is believed to be unofficial and based mainly on personal friendship. See paragraph 8 of FJJ-314 for an illustration of TATSUMI's influence with YOSHIDA.

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