TSUJI Masanobu, Col

Works for POPOV thru HATTORI; close friend of Z Asked by a Chi Nat friend to write a letter to Japanese leaders with Nationalist divisions interned in FIC urging them to stick through the adverse period they were suffering, in mid-Jan 51, he, after considerable vacillation, refused despite desire to do a friend a favor saying that he did not want to entrust his rep as a soldier & patriot to unknown Japanese who might take advantage of him. Real reason his distrust of CHIANG regime. Visited _____ end Jan 51 to ask latter's opinion of chance of success of CHIANG invasion S China supported by guerrillas. [_] ducked, but was later

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visited by TSUJI who asked him not to mention their conversation, as did HATTORI, because of reverberations in a high quarter (POPOV) which had originally consulted them. TSUJI frequently threatened by ultra-nationalists, but even best friends doubt he is in any real danger. A symbol of old-style militarism to many, he is a loyal and patriotic Japanese gentleman of the old school. A reasonably capable strategist, despiet a certain naivete; kind, honest, loyal. Personality and experience deficiencies cause him to be lost in intelligence work. Definitely pan-Asian in his thinking - all Asiatic nations cooperate with Japan & Anglo-Saxon powers to stop communism in Asia. Ultra-rightists consider him as pandering to the Americans; some consider him incompetent & childish. PD-175 3 Mar 51