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POLITICAL REPORT				
2. <u>The Independent Club</u>				
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c. <u>TSUJI Masanobu</u> : (CONFIDENTIAL SECURITY INFORMATION. SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED. NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS) POSITION: Member of Lower House (Independent Club) DATE OF BIRTH: 11 Oct 02 PLACE OF BIRTH: Iahikawa Prefecture				
EDUCATION: Graduate of Imperial Japanese Military Academy and General Staff College				
PAST CAREER: Graduating at the top of his class at the Imperial Japanese Academy in 1924, TSUJI proceeded to trace a brilliant career in the Imperial Japanese Army. He participated in the Nomonhan action and the China Incident, but was particularly noted for his staff work in connection with the capture of Singapore and the defense of Burma which won him the title of "god of strategy." Although he was made a Colonel in 1943, his influence extended far beyond his rank because of his undoubted brilliance in directing intelligence and strategic operations and because of his connections with higher ranking officers. TSUJI's tendency to take control of all phases of operation and by-passing of the commanders in centering all decisions in his own hands, however, did not endear himself to his fellow officers. The end of the war found Col. TSUJI in Bangkok and on a British list of suspected war criminals for his part in an alleged massacre of anti-Japanese Chinese in Singapore. A few days after the cessation of hostilities, TSUJI went underground, and in due course made his way into Nationalist China via Indochina disguised as a Buddhist priest. He served for a while in CHIANG Kai-shek's headquarters and secretly returned to Japan in 1949. Immediately after his name was taken off the "wanted" list by the British, he reappeared in public life with much fanfare. He immediately resumed writing a great number of articles and best sellers on his experiences and engaged in a number of highly popular lecture tours. He became				
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leading figures in the reconstructed ultranationalist East Asia League, and has been active in the Japan Defense Association, a league of former Army officers. TSUJI has concerned himself mostly with discussions of a military, political nature and speculation regarding the course and outcome of a Third World War. His comparison of the US and Soviet war potential led TSUJI to the conclusion that a protracted, indecisive struggle between the two great powers was inevitable and Japan should endeavor to remain neutral. TSUJI advocates that Japan build up her own defensive power, abolish the Administrative Agreement with the US and force the withdrawal of US troops from Japan to insure neutrality. While remaining aloof from Russo-American struggle, Japan should cultivate the friendship of her Asiatic neighbors and prepare for the day when the Oriental races will become the world's dominant force after the US-Soviet battle has run its indecisive course. Japan, as TSUJI has stated, "belongs to the Emperor, not to Stalin or Truman." The former Colonel's nationalist writings which stress a strong aversion to Western imperialism and speak of a future Asian unity have brought him a great deal of publicity, so that he is regarded as a focus for a Japanese military revival by large sections of the Japanese press. TSUJI's campaign for election from the First Ishikawa District drew large crowds. Running as an Independent, he received by far the largest number of votes in his district. He appealed to the electorate on the issue of pensions for ex-servicemen and war sufferers which he favors, and on his plan for Japan to become the Switzerland of the Far East, thereby avoiding the horrors of the Third World War. TSUJI was the only professional soldier to be elected in the recent House of Representatives elections. (d)

**Comment:** (CONFIDENTIAL SECURITY INFORMATION. SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED. NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS) Despite TSUJI's repeated anti-American statements and the use of some of his statements by the Japan Communist Party, it is almost inconceivable that he has any connection with the JCP. Rather, he is an ultranationalist with strong racial feelings who believes in the concept of "Asia for the Asians." TSUJI has stated that he wants to see the emergence of a strong, democratic self-defense force which will be under the supervision of the Diet. He quiets Japanese fears of rearmament by stressing the strategic insignificance of Japan in the event of a Third World War. If Japan pursues an independent policy by her self-defense force, TSUJI states that she can avoid becoming a battlefield, a course that many Japanese like to hear and want to believe in. Having inherited at least part of the mantle of Lt. Gen. ISHIBARA Kanji in the East Asia League, TSUJI has placed himself at the forefront of a movement, as yet small, to revive racist ultranationalism. In the House of Representatives

he can be expected to take a very independent kind of action, attacking the present government on many issues. The Lower House floor will give TSUJI an additional forum from which to publicize his already well known views. It remains to be seen whether his arguments will win him any followers in the Diet, but it is certain that his presence there will cause the government considerable uneasiness.

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