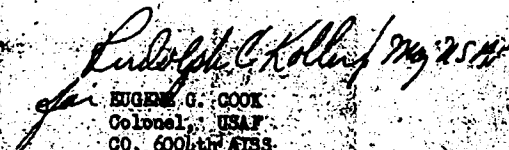


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Activities of TSUJI Masanobu

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(Summary of report)

Former Japanese Army colonel TSUJI Masanobu (a member of the Diet's Lower House) recently approached Chief KIMURA Tokutaro of the National Safety Agency (NSA). TSUJI met KIMURA through MAEDA Goro, member of the Lower House from Nara Prefecture (and an adopted son of former Lt Gen MAEDA, one-time Chief of Staff of the Japanese forces in the Philippines under General HOMMA)

KIMURA is a skilled fencer and is known to be a man of integrity but he is somewhat naive and fancies himself a patriot. It is obvious that KIMURA can be cajoled by the treacherous, smooth-talking TSUJI.

TSUJI took advantage of his position as a member of the Diet's Cabinet Committee by requesting KIMURA for permission to "make a detailed inspection of the conditions of the NSA before the left-wing Socialists do," claiming that he could "cooperate in the NSA budget plan." KIMURA was very pleased to hear this and immediately notified NSA schools and headquarters to treat TSUJI with cordiality and to help him make a "thorough investigation to fulfill his purpose."

TSUJI was thus able to inspect facilities of the NSA as well as to interview key officials. As per usual, TSUJI created a sensation and caught the favor of the officials through his smooth talk.

TSUJI had originally advocated the abolishment of the NSA and stressed the advantages of a National Voluntary Militia. (Communist Lower House member KAWAKAMI Kaz-ichi who shares the same room as TSUJI recently stated that he thought TSUJI to be a "regular guy" and that he supported TSUJI's contention that a defense power of 30,000 men was sufficient).

TSUJI's true purpose of approaching the NSA has not been made clear.

There are some among the key officials of the NSA who harbor resentment against the US military advisors. There are others who are passively anti-American. TSUJI probably intends to agitate these elements and to promote anti-Americanism.

Being a good example of an egotist and an opportunist it is conceivable that TSUJI is attempting to further his personal cause for possible appointment to the position of parliamentary vice minister and/or defense minister in the future. His activities are a source of much concern to many because of the possibilities of causing a rift in Japanese-American relations.

TSUJI is the outspoken leader of the movement against the use of Uchinada as a firing range. He personally led the prefectural governor and local representatives from Ishikawa to the Foreign Ministry in their visit to Tokyo. TSUJI is welcomed by the right and left wing groups.

Much of the atrocities committed by the Japanese in Malay can be attributed to TSUJI. Many Japanese wonder why he was never charged for these crimes and brought to trial since others have been convicted and executed for the same crimes.

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COMMENTS BY THE PREPARING OFFICER:

1. TSUJI Masanobu is a well-known ultra-nationalist who came into prominence during the general elections of Oct 52 when he was returned by his constituency in Ishikawa Prefecture by a large margin. He is known to be both anti-Russian and anti-American.

2. KIMURA Tokutaro was in the limelight on 8 Jun 53 when he came out with a surprise statement concerning the future of the NSA, to the chagrin of Liberal Party leaders. The oppositionist camp in the Diet claim that the statement revealed the fact that Government always had intentions of converting the NSA into a full-fledged armed forces.

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