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Biographic Data on Masanobu TSUJI

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- a. Japan Democratic Party
- b. Japan Who's Who
- c. Asahi Yearbook
- d. KAIKORAI (Former Army Officer's Association)

1. The purpose of this report is to present biographic information on Masanobu TSUJI, a member of the Japanese Diet.
2. This report partially satisfies the requirements of FEAP SRI 1-5-17-E.

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1. This report presents brief biographic data on Masanobu TSUJI, a member of the Japanese Diet, in response to the requirements of FEAF SRI 1-5-17-E.

2. NAME: Masanobu TSUJI (辻 政 信)

3. PERMANENT ADDRESS: #883, 2-chome, Narikuma, Suginami-ku, Tokyo.
Tel. 39-5871

4. PRESENT POSITION: Member of the Japanese House of Representatives.

5. POLITICAL PARTY: Japan Democratic Party.

6. PARTY POSITION: One of the Vice-Chiefs of the Political Committee (In charge of National Defense Problems).

7. POLITICAL DISTRICT: First Electoral of Ishikawa Prefecture.

8. AGE: 53 yrs. old

9. FAMILY: Wife and four (4) children.

10. HOBBIES: Fishing and Reading.

11. PERSONAL BACKGROUND: Mr. TSUJI was born in October 1902, in the Enuma district of Ishikawa Prefecture. He graduated from the Japanese Military Academy in 1924. He completed his studies at the Japanese War College in 1935, graduating with the highest class honors. His promotion to colonel came in 1943. Throughout his military career, he held such high posts as being a staff officer in the Kwantung Army in Manchuria and being assigned to the General Staff Office in Tokyo. At the end of WW II, he was the senior staff officer of the KCM Army in Southeast Asia (Headquarters at Bangkok, Thailand).

12. At the end of the war, he was cited as a war criminal by the British authorities. Upon learning this, he disappeared. During the next three years, he worked his way from Thailand through China to Japan. He remained underground from 1948 to 1950, at which time, the prosecution of war criminals was discontinued. From 1945 to 1950, TSUJI wrote many books, mainly based on his military experiences. The titles of these books are listed below:

	<u>Japanese Title</u>	<u>Translation</u>
a. 1.	"Senko Sansen-Ri"	(Three Thousand Ri Travel in Disguise)**
b. 2.	"Jugo Tai Ichi"	(Fifteen Against One)
c. 3.	"Gualdal-Canal"	(Gualdcanal)
d. 4.	"Singapore"	(Singapore)
e. 5.	"Asia No Kyokan"	(Common Feeling of the Asian Nations)
f. 6.	"Nomonghan"	(Battle of Nomonghan at the Manchurian-Russian Frontier)
g. 7.	"Kono Nippon Wo"	(What About This Japan)
h. 8.	"Tsugino Sekai Taisen"	(Next World War)

** One Ri equals four (4) kilometers.

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13. POLITICAL BACKGROUND: TSUJI has been elected as a member of the House of Representatives three (3) times, since October 1952, from his district. In the first two elections, he did not claim a political party, but, in the March 1955 elections, he entered as a Japan Democratic Party candidate. His views on national defense problems are rather outspokenly presented in his latest book, "The Next World War". The main views he advances are:

- a. Japan should, by its own will and judgement, decide upon the extent of the national defense effort,
- b. Japan should reject any interference on national defense problems by foreign powers, and
- c. Japan should remain neutral as long as possible in the next war. The national defense plan should be "tailored" to fit this pattern.

14. RELATIONS WITH RIGHTIST GROUPS: TSUJI has been sponsoring an association called "TOA JIKI RENMEI" (Federation of Self Defense in the Far East). The latter was founded by the late Lt. Gen. Kanji ISHIMURA in 1940. It was originally called "TOA RENMEI" (Federation of Far East Nations). The organization was opposed by Prime Minister Hideki TOJO.

15. The present association claims to be nationalistic, rather than leftist or rightist. Due to Gen. ISHIMURA's popularity in Ishikawa Prefecture, TSUJI has used this association to foster his political ambitions. TSUJI is popular with the younger members of the Japanese Self Defense Force, but he is criticised by the more educated Japanese citizens as having eccentric and ultra-nationalistic tendencies.

16. POLITICAL INFLUENCE: TSUJI has been easily elected each time to the Diet. He appeals to young people, under-privileged families, and female voters, who seem to feel he can aid them in furthering their rights or privileges. However, not being backed by bankers or industrialists, he lacks the finances to acquire any real stature in the National Japan Democratic Party.

COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

17. Lt. Gen. ISHIMURA died in 1951 in Ishikawa Prefecture.
18. Paragraph numbering has been provided by the Preparing Officer for ease of reference.

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