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Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

1. The subject of the attached report is a man of interest: 1) as typical of the more successful of the "operators" among the purged higher army officers; 2) for his connections with SATOMI Hajime whom [] dubs the "eminence grise" in the JONAN Enterprises-National Peace and Independence Committee intelligence combine; and 3) for his contact with FEAF (see para 7).

2. In reference to paragraph 7, MIYOSHI's connection is probably with the 6001 Special Investigations Unit or with FEAF OSI. He was beaten up in 1948 by some drunken 6001 officers who were subsequently court-martialed.

3. In April 1949, [] told [] that subject was "a man of integrity" in whom full confidence would be placed. The decidedly unfriendly tone of the present report indicates a radical shift in opinion possibly based on closer acquaintance. [] apparently obtained a portion of the attached material in a personal interview, probably at the same time as the report forwarded as ZJL-523.

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Subject: MIYOSHI Yasuyuki, Former
Major General

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1. Former Major General MIYOSHI Yasuyuki (三好 康之), once an Army Air Force Officer, is a purged officer of the Japanese military who according to Source hopes to see himself installed once again in the top echelon of a revived Japanese Army and who believes that the inevitable rise of the Japanese Army is Japan's only chance to regain her former status and power among the nations. In post-surrender Japan, MIYOSHI has advanced his personal fortunes by capitalizing on connections with high Occupation officials and local "bosses" in Kyoto and Tokyo.

2. MIYOSHI was born in a village in Hiroshima Prefecture and received his early education in the primary and middle school attached to the Hiroshima Normal School. After graduation from the Army Staff College, he served in the early 30's as an Assistant Military Attache in Washington, D.C. Source knows little of MIYOSHI's military career except that he was one of the pioneer pilots in the Japanese Air Force.

3. After the surrender MIYOSHI was sent to Kyoto as head of the Army Liaison Office charged with the duty of demobilizing Japanese military personnel in the area in cooperation with General Kreuger's Sixth Army. He quickly established excellent relations with the Occupation officers and earned the reputation among the Japanese as a good "fixer" with the Occupation. According to a CIC source, he also made a small fortune black-marketing the material cached by the former Japanese Army in the Kyoto area which he was charged with liquidating. A part of this money he invested in one of the Japanese hotels in Kyoto, the KINTA RYOKAN, which is one of the largest in Kyoto and serves as his headquarters there.

4. Some of MIYOSHI's contacts in Kyoto are:

A. Kyoto Fish Market, Ltd. (The real boss is ITAKURA Manjiro,* younger brother of Mrs. TSUJI, wife of the owner of the KINTA RYOKAN). MIYOSHI was rewarded with a cash payment and a position as permanent adviser to this firm for blocking, through his intercession with the

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Kyoto Military Government Team, the efforts of purgee FUKUYA Shunichi to absorb the Kyoto Fish Market into his Hokkaido Fisheries Co. (Operated only in Kyoto)

B. Kanebo Cotton Mills, Inc. MIYOSHI quashed a case of cotton and silk black-marketeering and thereby earned a half a million yen's worth of the company's stock and an advisory position with a guaranteed annual bonus.

C. SASAKI Kyo.** Chairman of the Kyoto Branch of the Japan SUMO Association and an admirer of TOJO. When TOJO was in Sugamo SASAKI paid a monthly remittance to TOJO's family. Connected with a certain Japanese-Syrian jeweller named ANTAKI (fnu) in a firm called the Towers, Inc. which recently went out of business.

D. WATSUJI Haruki, first post-war mayor of Kyoto and unsuccessful candidate for the mayoralty in the last election, and MIURA (first name not given), first director of the Kyoto Procurement Board. WATSUJI and MIURA were indicated in the Kyoto District Court for illegal activity in the 1950 Upper House elections. MIYOSHI, despite his status as a purgee, was virtually one of WATSUJI's staff officers in his election campaign.

E. MATSUMOTO Shigeaki, Okinawa-born, a war-time profiteer in Shanghai and elsewhere in China. When MIYOSHI was Army Liaison Office chief, he and MATSUMOTO are said to have made a number of profitable business deals. MATSUMOTO for a few years after the war published in Kyoto a magazine called the JIHO-SHA, similar in content to the monthly SHINSO.

F. ISHIWARA Koichiro, ex-tycoon in South-East Asian exploitation (rubber and tin in Malaya and Indonesia) who encouraged TOJO and his followers in their scheme for southern expansion. MIYOSHI wrote a lengthy petition requesting ISHIWARA's exoneration from war-guilt and the purge. When ISHIWARA was finally released from Sugamo, MIYOSHI maintained that he was the major instrument and was given an ample cash award.

G. HAYASHI Shunji, a "financial magician" who has been labelled the "marathon-borrower". MIYOSHI served HAYASHI as "foreign affairs advisor" for a few months after he got HAYASHI out of CID detention late in 1947.

5. At present MIYOSHI spends two-thirds of his time in Tokyo, the remainder in Kyoto. In Tokyo he entered into a partnership with a Madame KOMATSU and later made her his mistress. Madame KOMATSU is the proprietress of the SAJO-EN restaurant-hotel which MIYOSHI now runs as he does the KINTA RYOKAN in Kyoto. MIYOSHI and Madame KOMATSU met when the latter was running an army-protected geisha house in Singapore called the "Komatsu".

6. MIYOSHI has reportedly succeeded in inviting the Dutch Shell Company to invest in the SHOMA Oil Co., Tsunohasu, Shinjuku, Tokyo.*** He also claims to have established the Alafia Strait Pearl Cultivation Co., in cooperation with Australian interests. According to MIYOSHI this firm is headed by SAWADA Ranzo, a former veteran diplomat. MIYOSHI is also

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closely linked with SATOMI Hajime,**** notorious China narcotic gangster and an ambitious ultra-nationalist. SATOMI has been FUKUYA Shunichi's (see para 4.A. above) boss since their China days.

7. For the past two years MIYOSHI has reportedly boasted of his work for Far East Air Forces' "GIC". He maintains he procured a score of able former Japanese airmen for FEAF who are now working as ground personnel. He also claims that FEAF invites his opinions on air strategy.

Field Comments:

* Characters for this name and those that follow not given by Source

** In a previous undissemated report dated 22 May 1950, Source reported that SASAKI and ANTAKI immediately after the surrender went into a business partnership with a Colonel LONGINO, then with the 6th Army in Kyoto. LONGINO is said to have returned to the U.S. with "quite a quantity" of jewels and established the Massachusetts Bay Co. in New York. While waiting for the return of LONGINO, whom Source believes was denied entry by SCAP, SASAKI and ANTAKI set up the Tower's Inc.

*** See ZJL-468-J for a report on a transaction apparently identical with the one mentioned here. [] Economic Office reports that as far as is known negotiations between SHOMA and the Shell Company are underway but it is believed that no contract has yet been signed.

**** aka SATOMI Ho, SATOMI Ryoaku. See ZJL-538 and 539. Given in these two reports as chief of Liaison for the JOMAN Company, key JIS cover company.

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