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Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

1. ZJL-732 A confirms most of the information in ZJL-731A and corrects or adds certain details concerning the new supposedly Pan-Asian-inclined political party. On the points where the two reports are in conflict Source advances the opinion that this latter sub-source is probably more reliable.
2. Newspaper reports of the memorial service of ISHIHARA's death also mentioned formation of a new "Concordia" Party (KYOWATO). We shall use the term "Concordia Party" from now on in referring to it. Use of "KYODOTO" or "Cooperative Party" might confuse readers into thinking that the NIPPON KYODOTO (former KOKUMIN KYODOTO) is meant. It might be pointed out also that "KYOWA" literally means "Cooperative Peace" or "Harmony" or "Concord"; yet some enthusiastic G.O.P. protagonist in an early era apparently got the Japanese convinced of the harmony of republicanism, because "KYOWATO" is the term used also for the American Republican Party and "KYOWAKU" means "republic". Obviously, it would be a mistake, in view of its platform, to call this new party a "Republican Party" just as it would have been erroneous to call KYOWAKAI, the Japanese Imperial government's pseudo-Pan-Asian agency for aiding the Manchurians to govern themselves during wartime, the "Republican Society".
3. We concur in suspecting TSUJI Masahito's connections to the leaders of the new party, and believe they are probably stronger than the report indicates. In July, Source hinted at strong anti-rearmament influences on TSUJI resulting from Pan-Asian connections, and named SATO Katsuro and WADA Tsuyoshi. It might be recalled that SATO Katsuro of ATO SHOGO was also involved in Concordia in Manchuria.
4. Re para 8 g, 732-A: MIYAZAKI was described in ZJL-686 [ ] as an associate of MIYAI Eiichi and YAKAYAMA Yu conferring on joint action with SATOJI Ryosaku (@ Hajime); ZJL-248 [ ] describes him as Pan-Asian-affiliated but "definitely a secret JUF member" and "a member of the Far

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Best "uniform". Neither report would fix all inconsistencies and  
inclusion in this Agrarian-Socialist-Pan-African "peace front" report.

In addition, there are many questions in this report as in all other reports  
which remain to be asked. He has already been reminded that  
that we like data to be included in personal histories. In general, however,  
we feel confident that the questions will be answered in re-interviews  
forthcoming. In the meantime, we qualify our "2" evaluation  
material to the obvious opinion that it is "probably true" as far as it  
goes, but that it seldom seems like the full story. For this reason,  
is continued as a "C" source.

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Subject: The New "Concordia" (Cooperative) Report No: ZJL-732 A (FD-297)  
Party: Possible Connection of TSUJI Masanobu.

Date of Information: Up to 12 Sept. 1951

Place Acquired: Tokyo, Japan

Date Acquired: 21 Sept. 1951

Evaluation: C-2; F-2 For Sub-source

Date of Report: 14 October 1951.

Source: ( )

(NOTE on Sub-Source: Information on Sub-source is given in ZJL-732 B (FD-298).)

1. \*EBANA Shisuka, member of the Lower House of the National Diet, asked for an interview with Source on 12 September, 1951, to discuss his impending political campaign. In the course of the interview, however, Source brought up the question of the formation of a new political party known as the "Cooperative Party": KYODOTO. EBANA referred to it as the "Concordia" Party, (KYOWA TO), and gave the following information about it.
2. Former members of the old East Asia League (DAI TO A REMPEI) gathered together on 15 August, 1951, on the anniversary of Lt. General ISHIHARA Kenju's death, at his tomb at Tsuruoka. They conferred and made commitments on the establishment of the Concordia Party, setting up its organization and platform. The initiative or inaugural convention of this party was supposed to have been already held the first week in September, 1951. The Concordia Party is not an ideological organization party, but rather a political one. It is an entirely unique and new type of party. EBANA is no longer a member of the present East Asia League, (he stated), as he assumed Source knew. However, quite a few of the old members of the East Asia League are well acquainted with EBANA's past close relationship with ISHIHARA Kenju. Some of these members, in the Concordia Party, seem to have planned secretly to appoint EBANA to be chief of the Wakamatsu Branch of the Concordia Party, apparently in order to secure a certain amount of campaign funds contributions from EBANA.
3. A young man from the headquarters of the Concordia Party visited EBANA, called for the latter's participation in and aid to the Party, and explained about its platform and the personnel leading it.
4. According to the explanation of this youth, the Concordia Party appears to be quite short of competent and experienced political leaders and also of political campaign funds. It seemed to EBANA from the description given him that there were wide divergencies between the underlying principles of the Concordia Party and the basic tenets of ISHIHARA Kenju. EBANA received the distinct impression that the new party was very strongly under the influence of socialism. Despite its shortage of top leaders and of funds, the youth felt confident that the Concordia Party would not fail to bring the Liberal Party to total defeat in the next general elections and would then seize the

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reins of government. Ironically enough, he indicated that the Concordia Party is opposed to revision of the Constitution and to rearmament. As long as Japan remains unarmed, the nation would not be plunged into the coming world-wide catastrophe, this young exponent stated.

5. EBANA told the youth that it would be completely impossible and ridiculous that he should bolt from the Liberal Party, of which he is now a Parliamentary member, in order to join the Concordia Party. He added further more, that whereas the Concordia Party might be right from the idealistic point of view in insisting upon opposition to rearmament and to revision of the constitution's anti-war clause, he could not agree as a practical politician; faced with various daily problems of actual politics, EBANA stated that he could not stand by idly (nor could the nation) in the present-day world situation relying upon an empty argument such as the Concordia Party offered. On that point, he continued, his principles and those of the new party were definitely opposed, and for that reason he could not cooperate with it. However, noting that the new party revered the memory of ISHIHARA and that many of its leaders were once beloved by the great Pan-Asian leader, EBANA, feeling similar past ties, contributed (¥10,000) ten thousand yen as a token of his esteem for the memory of ISHIHARA. He sent the youth back with the donation on the express understanding that it was no indication whatsoever that he was in agreement with the principles of the Concordia Party, but was merely for the above-stated reasons.
6. EBANA did not know how closely Source knew TSUJI Masanobu, but indicated that there were rumors of TSUJI's close connections to personalities within the present leadership of the new party. Some members of the Concordia Party have said that TSUJI was in a position to help the party, though only indirectly, since he is still purged and unable to join it. TSUJI has a distant relation by marriage (or by family?) to ISHIHARA Kanju; however, he seems to have no overt connection to the Concordia Party. Among the real leaders of the Concordia Party, there is a man called WADA Tsuyosini (or Kei). He was formerly a lieutenant or captain in the Japanese Army, left it to engage in political work in connection with establishment of the Concordia Association (KYOWAKAI) in Manchuria, and was later promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General in the Manchurian Army. Certainly he was one of those closely linked to ISHIHARA. TSUJI and WADA were extremely close, and while TSUJI was carrying on secret operations in Japan, he is reported to have concealed himself at WADA's house for about three or four months. Even considering just this fact alone, it is virtually impossible to believe that TSUJI has no connection at all to the new party. Although the truth of the rumor cannot be ascertained, it is said that TSUJI has promised a financial contribution to the party from the sale of his books and publications.
7. Source Opinion: It is obvious that the Concordia Party ("KYOWAKAI") referred to by EBANA and the Cooperative Party ("KYUO-KAI") described by KAWAMOTO Katsunosuke are the same. EBANA indicated that KYOWAKAI is the correct name; it has become clear that this party was named after the Concordia Association (KYOWAKAI) established in Manchuria by the Japanese government.
8. EBANA commented as follows concerning the other leaders of the party who had

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been named by YAHAMOTO to MATSURI Takushiro and Sources:

- a. ~~X~~ NAKAYAMA Yu: A philosopher and Pan-Asian organization leader.
- b. ~~X~~ KIMURA Takeo: A worthless and disreputable person. He is not a real idealist or ideologist at all. It is rumored that he is already joining the Liberal Party.
- c. ~~X~~ SUGIURA Haruo: A campaigner for socialistic reforms.
- d. ~~X~~ IWABUCHI Tatsuo: This is probably a mistaken transcription of IWABUCHI Tatsuo (岩波辰雄). If so, IWABUCHI is the well-known reporter for a certain publishing company.
- e. ~~X~~ KOIZUMI Kikue: The correct reading of her name, Kikue, is (菊枝). She has for a long time been on very bad terms with WADA Toyoshi.
- f. EBANA had never heard of the names TAKEDA Hotaro (or Kunitaro) and ~~X~~ZENIGATA Senkichi.
- g. EBANA believed that there was, in addition to these persons named, an economist from the Concordia Party leaders named MIYAZAKI Masayoshi (宮崎 正義).

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TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.

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