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Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

1. The comment contained in para. 2 of the notes at the end of this report indicates the stimulus which dragged this forth from the files.
2. We had been saving this as part of our operational files since April. We then asked for further details, and received the remainder of the report (para. 2 onward.).

23 November, 1951.

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Origination and Plans of KAZUHI  
Kashiwa (Mallan); TSUJI Kamekichi's  
involvement.

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Tokyo, Japan

April, 1951, and  
5 October, 1951.  
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1. In April, 1951 former Colonel TSUJI Kamekichi approached Source and asked him to assist in briefing KASHIWA Masashi of the Iwasaki Company, Ltd. of Tokyo, who was hoping to go to Thailand in the near future. Although TSUJI made it quite explicit that KASHIWA was going in a commercial capacity only, he merely wanted to get to know Source and avail himself of the latter's excellent background knowledge of South East Asia, Source was inclined at the time to consider that TSUJI had ulterior motives, probably of an intelligence nature. At that time, Source furnished the following information of the incident in documentary form, as the same had been given to him by TSUJI, despite TSUJI's urging on two separate occasions - 16 and 19 April - however, he did not contact KASHIWA. (Field Comment: Copies are translations of the documents furnished Source by TSUJI; Date Received: 21 April, 1951; Eval: Documentary.)

a. (Letter to Source)

19 April, 1951.

Dear Mr. [ ]

I was really happy last night. With regard to the case of Mr. FUJIKO's manuscript, the A. W. H. (or Hook-stone) has willingly accepted it for publication. So, please come to my house freely in case of sudden need even during my absence.

I wrote a letter addressed to the residence of Mr. KASHIWA Masashi. Though I will in due time introduce you to Mr. KASHIWA personally over the telephone, I want you to discuss necessary matters of briefing directly with him.

Please give my best regards to Mr. TSUJI. I write you to do so in my absence.

Cordially yours,

Kamekichi\*\*

Field Comment\* (Of the Iwasaki Eye Hospital, which Source uses as a part-time office and contact point.)

Field Comment\*\*: Use of the first name is an excellent indication of only the very closest of and most intimate relationships among Japanese.

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b. (Envelope)

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Mr. 二 口  
of CHINA  
Eye and Ear Hospital  
HONGKONG.

"Confidential"

Note: The person I referred to wants to see you at his office, s/o ARAKI  
(朝日奈) Building. In order to get to his office, you must take  
a streetcar running from YAMAGUCHI Station of the Government-  
operated electric train and get off at the stop "HONGKONG". (He also  
wants you to give him a telephone call in advance, when you go to see him.)

c. (Card)\*\*\*

KINOSHITA (or KINOSHITA) Kazumi (小倉直)  
President, Kinoshita Co., Ltd.,  
1-1-1, Nishi-Shinjuku, Tokyo,  
Japan.  
Tel. 33-1111  
Telegrams: 333  
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d. (card, reverse side)

Dear Mr. KOKURA Naoshi:

I was very sorry about missing you the other day. I have the pleasure of introducing to you my most revered predecessor, [ ] He is my alleged friend who put his high principles and ideals into practice while he was a staff officer of the Japanese Occupation Army in Indochina. Please query him directly on his particular personal background in the area. I should be greatly obliged to you if you will accord him your favor even though you are busy.

Yours respectfully,

TSUJI Masanobu

2. KOKURA Naoshi.

Contrary to the request made by TSUJI in April, source never did get around to brief KOKURA on SEA conditions. Source would like to meet KOKURA at least once. For the present, however, TSUJI's description of KOKURA's activities and past will have to suffice.  
(Sub-source for the following: TSUJI Masanobu; Date of Information: as of late Sept. 1951; Date Acquired: 5 October 1951.)

- a. KOKURA is 55 or 56 years of age, though that is not confirmed. He was once a school teacher. He is said to have stayed in Thailand for a considerable period of time. He has a fine command of the Siamese language. He was also assigned to the Japanese Army Headquarters in Bangkok during the war as its chief Siamese interpreter. He frequently attended conferences between top-flight leaders of the Japanese Army and representatives of the Thai Government in that capacity of interpreter. Accordingly, he is well acquainted with a large number of important persons of the present Thai Government, many of whom were previously in the Thai Government under Japanese Occupation.
- b. KOKURA always assumed quite a friendly and sympathetic attitude toward Siam. It was due to the efforts of KOKURA that the Defense Department of the Thai Government began to trust the Japanese Army and to show a strong pro-Japanese attitude. He was a strong link in the cooperation between Thailand and Japan, both past and present.
- c. His Highness Prince DAMERON is a member of the Thai Royal Family. The son of His Highness DAMURON is Major General DAMURON of the Thai Army, who is at present playing an active part in the Korean War. Prince DAMERON sought a temporary refuge in the Malayan area during the Pacific War. KOKURA played a major role in the release of Prince DAMERON and in the protection of his property assets in Singapore. Therefore, the trust Prince DAMERON places in KOKURA is extraordinarily high. Thus, KOKURA enjoys a wide

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popularity among influential personages of the Thai nation. It is primarily attributable to his noble character. His wit and wisdom are by no means suitable for intelligence and military operations. He would be chiefly useful in the capacity of something like a contact agent to various quarters, or as a trusted high-level informant.

- d. He has not yet sailed for Bangkok. He can not get a travel permit yet. The reason for the delay of the issuance of a travel permit is presumably the lack of goodwill on the part of the U.S. Army toward KOKURA.

3. TSUJI's Ideas on SEA.

While Source was asking TSUJI questions on KOKURA, TSUJI also divulged the following bits of information and comment:

- a. "What worries the Thai Government the most at present appears to be the Communist in Indochina, Burma and CHIENNAI (チエンマイ ??). I think the worry is common either to me or to all the Allied Nations. Should the U.S. Army kindly dispatch me to Thailand by air, I am willing to make a first-hand investigation on the Communist activities in the Southeastern Asian nations myself.
- b. "The Chief of General Staff of Thailand, ARTSU CHARIN SIRWAR (アーツチャリンシワ) is a graduate of the 48th Class at Japanese Army Officer's School. When he was an officer candidate, he used to receive training from me. He will offer hearty support and cooperation to me. During the war, he offered, in conversation to me, to cooperate with the Japanese Army at the sacrifice of everything. I warned him in reply,

"You are a subject of Thailand and, moreover, a soldier. It is really gratifying that you would offer your help to Japan, but you should not forget your position. As a citizen of Thailand, you must give priority to the defense of your homeland rather than to that of Japan. You should never betray your fatherland just because you think highly of Japan."

A large number of the pro-Japanese officers are supposed to be still remaining in the Defense Department of the Thailand Government. Should I be ever sent to Thailand, it is absolutely undeniable that ARTSU CHARIN SIRWAR and other pro-Japanese officers would cooperate with me. As ARTSU CHARIN SIRWAR has a fine command of Japanese, contact would be easily established to him, if I mail a letter and send it safe-hand via KOKURA.

It is also essential to have APHAION (アハオン), the former Prime Minister, cooperate with Japan. Although a contact with APHAION through KOKURA is not secure nor desirable, I think MIAINO (マイノ) can do it if he is dispatched there, for he is on good terms with APHAION. MIAINO is supposed to be at present employed by a trading company operated by his former superior, Lt. Gen. MAKAMURU Akihito (マカムルアキヒト), former Commander in General of the Japanese Garrison Army in Thailand."

4. Source Comment: As the above report indicates, TSUJI still is far more involved and interested in Thailand than even Source presumed.

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Source told us in September, 1951, that other information leading to him through [redacted] indicated that there was a rumor to the effect that KUMURA had made a trip to Siam during the summer months by plane, had returned, and was again attempting to go to Siam for permanent residence to pursue his business. Source had no means of verifying whether this account or SHUJI's was correct.

Field Command [redacted] : A check sheet from G-2, GHQ, JAG, dated 18 August 1951 forwarded to DS and HSS an anonymous letter (in translation from the original Japanese) received by G-2 regarding KUMURA Moonbi. The letter described KUMURA as a former civil administrator with the Japanese Army in Thailand who was repatriated in 1946. It alleged that KUMURA had "disguised himself" as an employee of the Bangkok branch of the KUMAMORI Trading Company just before the surrender, and had concealed in a "backland warehouse" vast funds and weapons "for the purpose of restoring the Japanese Army." After his repatriation KUMURA established the Siam Trading Company through which, the letter stated, he was obtaining his close contacts with firms in Thailand. It seemed obvious that the letter was a "patron's" attempt to influence G-2 to revive KUMURA's permission to travel to Thailand in the grounds that he was a patriotic observer bent on restoring the old Japanese Army.

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