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SUMMARY OR SID REPORT:

In the Fall of 1952, at the time of the general elections, Captain R. B. Waddington, then a student at Detachment "S", completed a field trip covering the Hokuriku and Shikoku areas of Japan. In a recent review of Detachment "S" files, it was discovered that, for reasons unknown, his report on this trip had not been forwarded to this office. Herein are presented extracts of Captain Waddington's personal political observations dealing with ex-Colonel Masanobu TSUJI who was running for a seat in the House of Representatives as an Independent from the First District of Ishikawa Prefecture, i.e., his platform, main points stressed in his campaign speeches, an analysis of his popularity and criticisms of TSUJI expressed by individuals in various fields of endeavor.

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2. The political platform of TSUJI, who was running as an Independent from Ishikawa Prefecture in the national general elections of 1 October 1952, included the following:

- a. Japan must not become a second Korea.
- b. Japan must provide for her own self-defense and maintain neutrality.
- c. Japan must reject violent revolution and guard the public peace.
- d. Greater consideration must be given to the problems of rice and electric power.
- e. Japan must establish friendly relations with other Asiatic countries and with them, establish a "third force" in Asia.
- f. Japan must not send her boys overseas.

3. In his campaign speeches TSUJI stressed that:

- a. Japan could do better on her own in providing a defense organization if she were relieved of the burden of supporting U. S. forces in Japan and use that money for her own army.
- b. Although America may find it difficult to forget Pearl Harbor, Japan finds it more difficult to forget Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- c. Political parties presently in power cannot be trusted which explains why he has no party affiliation.
- d. He confesses to feeling some war guilt and for that reason begs the people to elect him so he can make it up to them.

4. In the October elections, TSUJI received the highest number of votes in his Prefecture despite his status as an ex-militarist without political affiliation or experience. Factors bearing on his success are considered to be:

- a. The publicity and mild hero worship resulting from the publication of his books.
- b. Dissatisfaction with local "career" politicians.
- c. The fact that he was a native son and popular with the 30-40 age bracket. (While a company commander in the Kanazawa garrison he had the reputation of being unusually considerate of his men, many of whom later assisted him in his political campaign.)
- d. His bold anti-American and anti-Russian speeches had the effect of making TSUJI appear deprecatingly indifferent to the power of these world giants, permitting the listening audience to derive a vicarious thrill in denouncing these world giants and give expression to pent-up emotions of sovereignty and rugged independence.

5. Despite his seeming popularity TSUJI has local detractors. For example,

- a. An agricultural cooperative chairman stated: "TSUJI is a war leader, and

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unfit to serve in the Diet. He is obsessed with his own importance and hasn't changed a bit from his Army days."

b. A Kanazawa court employee stated: "He advocates neutrality toward the U. S. and the U.S.S.R. but fails to state how this is to be accomplished."

c. A spokesman for a rayon manufacturer's association stated: "He says we should provide our own defense but are we, in fact, able to do so? Also, he advocates closer relations with other Asiatics, but this cannot be simply accomplished."

COMMENT:

1. Detailed background on Masanobu TSUJI and his activities have been adequately covered in other reports emanating from the Far East Command and this office. The observations of the student reporting officer are consistent with the general views reported on this individual. In brief, TSUJI is hanging his political career on the peg of complete Japanese independence from influence of any major world power. His pronouncements calling for the early withdrawal of all foreign troops and the diversion of funds expended for their support to the Japanese armed forces have a particular appeal for the other political elements in Japan who are clamoring for this action. TSUJI has been consistent in taking up the cudgel on behalf of various local communities around the country who are opposing the installation of military bases in their area.

2. In the most recent general elections of April 1953, TSUJI dropped from first to second place in total votes cast in his Prefecture although he was returned to the Diet. While he still commands popular support in his local area, there are no concrete indications that he is rising or will rise to a figure of national prominence and prestige.

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