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TO: DIR INFO: [] [] [] (POUCH) CITE: []

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FJB 2418. DIST D. INFO RECD 25 OCT 55 FROM POLESTAR/2, FROM POLESTAR/1 ON 20 OCT, FROM TSUJI MASANOBU ON 19 OCT. DATE OF INFO: OCT 55. EVAL OF INFO: 2 (THAT TSUJI MADE THESE STATEMENTS):

1. DURING DIET MEMBERS TOUR OF USSR, TSUJI MASANOBU HAS SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MARSHAL ZHUKOV, ONE ZHUKOV'S CHIEF OF STAFF (MAJ GEN) AND ON NIGHT BEFORE LEAVING MOSCOW HAD 3-4 HOUR INTERVIEW WITH ZHUKOV AT LATTER'S REQUEST. MAIN POINTS OF CONVERSATION:

A. TSUJI ASKED IF USSR WOULD RETURN KURILES AND SAKHALIN TO JAPAN IF USA RETURNED OKINAWA AND BONINS. ZHUKOV ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY.

B. TSUJI ASKED WHETHER SOVS HAD CONSIDERED PROPAGANDA VALUE OF RELEASING POWS WHILE USA STILL HOLDS WAR CRIMINALS IN SUGAMO. SHUKOV ANSWERED HE AND BULGANIN WANTED TO RELEASE PRISONERS IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, BUT COULD NOT GET CONCURRENCE OF KRUSHCHEV.

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Handwritten notes and signatures, including "TSUJI Masanobu" and "F-10-11".

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2. ABOVE MEETING HELD UNDER CLANDESTINE CIRCUMSTANCES. SPECIAL MESSENGER INSTRUCTED TSUJI TO FOLLOW MAN WITH RED TIE CARRYING NEWSPAPER WHO BE WALKING IN FRONT OF HOTEL. TSUJI, FEARING LIQUIDATION, TOLD KITAMURA TOKUTARO, LEADER OF DIET GROUP, HE WAS BEING TAKEN TO MEET ZHUKOV, THEN MET CONTACT MAN, WHO LED HIM SEVERAL BLOCKS, MOTIONED TSUJI INTO AUTO WHICH TOOK HIM TO ZHUKOV. (SOURCE COMMENT: THIS INDICATES MEETING WAS HELD WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF CPSU OFFICIALS.)

3. ZHUKOV SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN ALSO ASKED TSUJI SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON BOOKS TSUJI HAD WRITTEN, INDICATING HE HAD READ BOOKS. ZHUKOV APPARENTLY UNDER IMPRESSION TSUJI WAS ONE OF PLANNERS OF PEARL HARBOR ATTACK, QUESTIONED TSUJI THEREON.

4. TSUJI GOT IMPRESSION RIVALRY FOR POWER IN USSR IS BETWEEN ZHUKOV AND KRUSHCHEV, WITH BULGANIN OUT OF RUNNING FOR POWER. (FIELD COMMENT: ABOVE STATEMENTS MADE AT TAIRIKU MONDAI KENKYU SHO TO [] DOI AKIO, ASAI ISAMU, MATSUDAIRA TEIGYO ONLY. [] WILL RECHECK STORY BY ASKING TANABE SHINSHI TO INTERVIEW TSUJI, WITHOUT TELLING THIS INFO TO TANABE. IN VIEW APPARENT PRESENT RESTRICTED ACCESS THIS INFO IN JAPAN. ANY HQS DISSEM SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED NO DISSEM ABROAD TO AVOID BLOWING []

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