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**Field Comment.** During the campaign for the House of Councillors election held on 8 July 1956, the Japanese press reported that TSUJI Masanobu had charged that the Socialist Party had received financial support from the Chinese Communists. The Japan Socialist Party threatened to bring suit for libel, whereupon TSUJI elaborated his statements before the Liberal-Democratic Party's Executive Board. Information in this report should be regarded as confirmation of TSUJI's allegations rather than of the substance of his allegations. CS-103893a, from a different source, reported on discussion of TSUJI's allegations by the Japan Socialist Party's Central Executive Committee at a meeting held on 20 July 1956.

1. On 5 July 1952 a Diet member belonging to the Leftist Socialist Party received a remittance from Communist China through the Bank of Tokyo in the amount of ¥7,702,276.82.<sup>1</sup>
2. According to a long-time friend of TSUJI Masanobu who is now a high Chinese Communist official, when SUZUKI Masaburo went to China in 1954 he visited LI Fu-chun (2621/1381/2504) and asked for financial assistance. LI replied that it would be possible to donate a few million Japanese yen to the Socialist Party,<sup>2</sup> and arranged with NAN Han-chen (0589/3352/7201) to remit ¥60,000,000 via the trade accounts of LEI Jen-min (7191/0117/3046).
3. According to a reliable friend of TSUJI residing in Hong Kong, when KATAYAMA Tetsu visited China<sup>3</sup> he received ¥24,000,000 at Hong Kong from the South China Bureau of the Chinese Communist Government.
4. When MEI Lan-fang (2734/5695/5364) came to Japan recently, he brought ¥72,000,000. Of this, ¥12,000,000 was used for business expenses and the remaining ¥60,000,000 given to KOBAYASHI Takeshi, Chairman of the Japan Teachers Union, by SUN P'ing-hue (1327/1627/0553) at the Hotel Teito in Tokyo late in the evening of 31 May 1956. The Union kept 70 per cent of this sum and gave the remaining 30 per cent to the left wing of the Japan Socialist Party. This information was obtained from a friend of TSUJI in

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the MEI Troupe.

5. During 1956, Socialists have drawn ¥17,000,000 from the Bank of Tokyo against remittances from Communist China.

Field Comments

1. Source said that TSUJI was withholding the names of the Socialist Party member mentioned in Para 1 and the member who received the funds mentioned in Para 4 because he felt that if the Socialist Party were to take action against him, it would be advisable to have the identity of the two members revealed by the Japanese security authorities.
2. This would have been the Leftist Socialist Party of which, in 1954, SUZUKI was chairman. The Japan Socialist Party was established on 13 October 1955 by a merger of the Leftist and Rightist Socialist Parties.
3. KATAYAMA, who is an advisor to the Japan Socialist Party, and ENDO Saburo, visited China in December 1955.

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