

CLASSIFICATION: **SECRET**

Date of Report: **30 April 1957** *30 apr 57* No: Branch No: **I-316**

Subject: **Second Military Mission to Communist China**

Source and Subsources:

Project: **none ; developmental** Case Officer:

Date Acquired: **15 April 1957**

References:

Comments:

1. A second military mission to Communist China is being planned by TSUJI Masanobu, MATTOHI Takushiro and ASAHDA Shigeharu. The aforementioned individuals will select the members for the mission.

2. The interest of TSUJI Masanobu to send a second military mission to Communist China is personal. TSUJI believes he will enhance his personal stature and position among the military men in Japan by his active interest in sending missions to Communist China.

3. The reason for MATTOHI Takushiro to favorably support a second mission and participate in his belief that the military men will be able to observe and report on the military capacity of Communist China.

4. ASAHDA Shigeharu is a follower of TSUJI Masanobu and is suspected of being pro-Communist. ASAHDA was a staff officer in North China where he was a prisoner of war of the Soviets prior to repatriation in 1956. ASAHDA's early repatriation before other officers of equivalent rank and assignment is the basis for suspicion that he is pro-Communist.

Disposition: **HE - known and reported before. Other reports on this subject also HE were: I-3340  I-2692  I-3070**  and presumably others.

**LFP**  
**8 May 57**

CLASSIFICATION: **SECRET**

**NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT**

- EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)
- (2)(A) Privacy
- (2)(B) Methods/Sources
- (2)(G) Foreign Relations

Declassified and Approved for Release  
by the Central Intelligence Agency  
Date: *2 005*