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( ) obtained information in paragraph 1 from NISHIMOTO Atsushi on 29 July 1957 and passed it to [ ] on 4 August 1957. Information in paragraph 2 was provided by [ ] from his own knowledge.

In addition to information reported herein, [ ] reported that NISHIMOTO told him he was currently extending the hospitality of the Nipponzan Myohoji Temple to a Nichiren priest (not further identified) who claims to be the priest who sheltered TRUJI Masanobu in his celebrated flight from Southeast Asia and that this priest is thoroughly sympathetic with NISHIMOTO's planned tour, but [ ] added that it is not known whether this priest is presently in contact with TRUJI. While this is interesting, we do not consider it disseminable because the priest is not identified and as indicated, it is not known whether he is presently in contact with TRUJI.

Our files contain no reference to NISHIMOTO other than that he was a member of the delegation to the Colombo conference.

The Field Comment is from FJT-2379 which was given limited field dissemination.

Project: None, developmental Category: 6b and 9  
Passage to Liaison: none, source may be in contact with others.

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<b>COUNTRY</b> Japan/International	<b>REPORT NO.</b> FJT-2684
<b>SUBJECT</b> NISHIMOTO Atsushi and Asia-Arab-Israel Anti-Military Base United Front	<b>DATE OF REPORT</b> 12 August 1957
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	<b>REFERENCES</b>
<b>DATE OF INFO.</b> Late July 1957	
<b>PLACE &amp; DATE ACQ.</b> Japan, Tokyo (29 July 1957)	
<b>SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE. NOTE CONCERNING EXPLANATION.</b>	

**SOURCE:** Japanese closely associated with members of the Japanese delegation to the World Peace Council meeting at Colombo (F); with paragraph 1 from an associate of NISHIMOTO Atsushi (F). Appraisal of Content: 2.

1. NISHIMOTO Atsushi, priest of the Nipponzan Myohoji Temple of the Nichiren sect, plans to leave Japan in late August 1957 to tour Egypt and other Middle East and Asian countries to work for the formulation of an "Asia-Arab-Israel Anti-Military Base United Front." NISHIMOTO has obtained ¥1,000,000 from an unidentified Liberal Democratic Party politician in Kochi City to finance the trip.
2. NISHIMOTO is a former Japanese Army major who became a teacher at a school for the blind and deaf until 1950 when he was purged from government employment as a Japan Communist Party (JCP) member. It is not known if NISHIMOTO is at present a member of the JCP, but he associates with known JCP members and is sympathetic to the Party in his opinions. He was a militant activist in the Sunakawa anti-base campaign and a Japanese delegate to the World Peace Council meeting in Colombo, Ceylon in June 1957, after which he toured Communist China.

Field Comment. According to available information from a different source, on 25 May the JCP Central Committee instructed the JCP Secretariat to "initiate the formation of an Asian organization for anti-American movements by all Asian Communist Parties" as one means of exploiting the Somojehara (Girard Case) incident. This office considers it possible that NISHIMOTO's planned trip may have some connection with this JCP Central Committee instruction.

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