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<p>1. Attached is a summary of the [] investigation to date into Subject's disappearance. We are sending it home for a scanning by those persons operationally interested in TSUJI. We would like to know whether any of the names that appear in this summary are in anyway involved in the operation involving TSUJI.</p> <p>2. As you will see from scanning the attachment, [] has no clear idea of TSUJI's whereabouts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[]</p>			
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DISAPPEARANCE OF TSUJI Masanobu

Article on Shukan Koron (14 August issue)

"Secret Information on TSUJI Masanobu's Travel through Laos in Disguise."

1. Trace of TSUJI now confirmed:

4 Apr 1961: TSUJI left Haneda on Air France plane on an "inspection tour of Southeast Asia."

- Budget for the fiscal year passed on the 3rd. Requested the Lower House secretariat for a leave of absence for 40 days, until 13 May.

- Destination:

Singapore; Burma; Thailand; South Vietnam; Laos; Cambodia.

Official passport.

It was a private travel, but ostensibly he was travelling on official business.

He was insured for \$10,000 (Overseas Travel Insurance) by an American underwriters, AIU, and the expiration date was 3 June.

4 April: Arrived in Bangkok.

An old acquaintance of Col. ITO Chikashi, a Self-Defense Force officer attached to the embassy.

14 April: Appeared in Vientiane, Laos, with Col. ITO.

Visited Tokyo Bank in Vientiane and converted American dollars to Laos currency. (Converted enough money to cover two or three days' stay).

TSUJI and ITO parted with each other. (Before parting TSUJI asked

ITO to send the briefcase ^{case} he was carrying with him back to Japan.)

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2. Information on subsequent trace:

Heard in Bangkok on 8 May:

TSUJI, who again showed up in Bangkok, again disappeared after 21 April.

On 8 May, he again appeared in a hotel in Bangkok.

(The embassy in Bangkok refutes this.)

3. Correspondence with his family:

27 April: Post card, dated 21st, mailed from Bangkok:

I shall come home about 10 May. I am going to teach at Military Academy. I met both Mr. Atsu and Rabaion (Phonetic)(both men are top ranking officers in the Thailand's Defense Force).

29 April: The suit case, which TSUJI asked Col. ITO in Vientiane to send back to Japan, arrived in Haneda by Japan Air Lines.

Right beside the space for addresses was written in red pencil: "I am to return about 10 May. Please hold it until then at the JAL office in Tokyo."

22 April: A reservation made in the name of TSUJI on a Air Thailand plane

leaving Vientiane for Bangkok was canceled. (Foreign News Service) to his family

The letter/dated 21st, was ~~someone~~ asked to write this letter?

13 May: His leave of absence ends.

25 May: His wife made inquiry about him at the Foreign Ministry and the Upper House secretariat.

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29 May: Reference information on TSUJI Masanobu:

1. Former Lt. Gen. MIYOSHI Yasuyuki, a resident of Odawara, received a letter informing him "I am shortly leaving Bangkok for home." (Air mail letter mailed from Bangkok on 20 April).
2. On 27 May, MIYOSHI sent a wire to Maj. Gen. Carmel Craig (Phonetic), commander-in-chief of American Forces in Laos, asking him to locate TSUJI.

8 Aug: Movements of TSUJI Masanobu:

1. The words of TANI Hiroyasu, managing director of Maruichi Trading Co:

"When I met Mrs. TSUJI on 13 June, she said she heard from her husband around 10 May but had not heard from him since then. ^{She said she} /I heard from some source that ^{her} ~~my~~ husband asked for a guide at the Japanese Embassy in Bangkok and the last known about him was that he left with this guide, but this story was not true when ^{she} /I had the Foreign Ministry check with the embassy in Bangkok." (Heard 24 June 1961)

2. Foreign Affairs Section _____ receives telephone call:

About 2220 on 31 July, a person who called himself a relative of TSUJI telephoned from TSUJI's home:

"I am a relative of Upper House member TSUJI Masanobu. About 30 minutes ago a Chinese called and said 'I am sorry for what happened to TSUJI.....(rest omitted).' I am calling because he said the ^{NPD} _____ knows all about it and because I want to know the truth."

The police on night duty answered " I don't know a thing about it."

On the following morning, 1 August, Inspector MACHIDA contacted the Foreign Ministry about the telephone call. The reply from the Foreign Ministry was that the Chinese must have read the article carried by a Hongkong newspaper reporting that TSUJI was shot to death in Communist China.

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16 Aug: What the Self-Defense League (JIEI DOMEI) thinks about TSUJI'S missing:
(Ishikawa Prefecture)

On a post card dated 3 July, private secretary, FUJI Chikara, wrote to
secretary general, KITAI Genzo, of the Self-Defense League:

"If TSUJI does not return in June it will be sometime in August."

The Self-Defense League thinks, based on the news coming from TSUJI to
ASAEDA to FUJI, TSUJI will return to Japan by the end of August.

2 Sept: The words of a rightist in Shizuoka Prefecture:

SAKAIRE Shinosuke, chief of Organization Department of Shizuoka Youth
League, located at 3-chome, Anzai, Shizuoka-shi.

"I heard that KODAMA Takashio received a telegram ^{from} TSUJI saying 'I want to
meet you at the German Embassy in Indonesia'."

6 Sept: The words of a rightist in Shizuoka Prefecture:

According to SAKAIRE Shinosuke, KODAMA Takashio will send young men to
TSUJI who is in Indonesia.

8 Sept: The words of a rightist in Shizuoka Prefecture (SAKAIRE Shinosuke):

According to KODAMA Takashio, (1) TSUJI Masanobu is alive in Indonesia
and (2) he received ¥3 billion from the Government for his activities.

5 Oct: The words of a rightist in Shizuoka Prefecture (SAKAIRE Shinosuke):

According to words received from TSUJI by SUGII, former major and sub-
ordinate of TSUJI, (Seto-chi, Aichi-ken), TSUJI said "I am getting along
fine in Nepal."

28 Sept: The words of a Self-Defense League's leader about TSUJI Masanobu (Ishikawa
Prefecture):

KITAI Genzo, secretary general of Ishikawa Prefectural Headquarters, Self-
Defense League (Central Committee):

1.. That TSUJI was still alive on 7 June has been revealed by the minutes

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of the Upper House Foreign Affairs Committee meeting.

2. That Mrs. TSUJI is rather optimistic about the whole thing.
3. That we are sure TSUJI is still alive.
4. That there are many doubtful points about the attitude of the Foreign Ministry.

27 Sept: Chief of Foreign Ministry's Southeast Asia Section (received by Senior Superintendent MATSUHASHI):

1. That TSUJI died in jail in Cambodia came from a source in Hongkong, but it is hard to believe TSUJI went to Cambodia.
2. That TSUJI was in ^{Van Veen} ~~Bangkok~~ on 7 July is true.

1 Dec: The words uttered by MACHIDA, chief of Ota Chapter of Gumma Japan-China Friendship Association, at a year-end party of chapter leaders held at his home as being those of two members of the Chinese People's Association for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries on 26 November when the subject of the whereabouts of TSUJI came up:

"TSUJI right now is with the Ho Chi-minh's Army and does not seem to know just what to do, but since he is a smart man he will not go along with the American side. Communist China know when TSUJI smuggled the reason for himself into the country. It seems that this has something to do with the Ikeda Cabinet."

15 Dec: According to the words of SUZUKI Keishi, member of HAMAMATSU Chapter of the Shiyu Kai (Division Fraternity Club) and former lieutenant general and member of Makoto Musubi Kai, he will go to Burma early next spring to find out what has happened to TSUJI Masanobu.

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1 Aug 1961: 91 - 4 - 2 (No. 2640)

1. Date sent: 19 July 1961
2. Addressed to: CH'EN Ching-wen
TOKO BUSSAN K. K.
Room 36, 3rd Floor, Tojin Building
1-banchi, Nicho-machi, Daito-ku, Tokyo
3. Sender: HSU Te-ch'uan
B. P. 233
Vientiane, Laos
4. Gist:
 - a. TSUJI, accompanied by a Gala (Phonetic) Tribe priest of Thailand, entered Burma from Thailand, and then from there through Gala, entered Laos.
 - b. In Laos TSUJI contacted former Japanese soldiers who are now officers of neutral army.
 - c. TSUJI, with 7 other Japanese, talked with the Government people.
 - d. I would like to find out whether TSUJI has deep ties with two Japanese now living in Tokyo:
MORITA Daiko (Note: Leader of Japan Federation of Youth Organizations and is collecting information on Laos.)
OKUDAIRA Sadayo (Note: A lecturer at the Tokyo Foreign Language School and is investigating and studying affairs of Laos)

11 Aug: 91 - 4 - 2 No. 3839

HSU Te-ch'uan's letter dated 24 July 1961:

Gist:

still

We are checking the whereabouts of TSUJI but there is no mistake that

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he is in the rebel-held district, safe, and receiving a great welcome."

30 Aug: 91 - 4 - 2 No. 2998

The gist of the letter, dated 10 August 1961, from HSU TE-ch'uan of Laos:

"TSUJI is staying in the rebel-held area and he could be planning something new. TSUJI, no doubt, is very much needed man by the rebels, and it could be that the rebels might keep him for sometime to come. If TSUJI ever decide to leave, there might be a new big change."

"MORITA Daiko and OKUDAIRA Sadayo talked with Pathet Lao."

WU Yen-sheng, 0702/3508/3932 (True name-LIN Yao-ch'ang, 2651/1031/2490)

1. Regarded to be an agent of the Nationalists.
2. When he was in Shanghai during World War II, he became friend with TSUJI and has been associating with him ever since then.
 - a. Recent relations with TSUJI:
 - 1) WU recently met with TSUJI's wife and son (Tokyo University student).
 - 2) Mrs. TSUJI said: "TSUJI was invited by Communist China. He entered that country from Vietnam and is there now."
 - 3) It seems that WU was asked to transmit message to TSUJI when he got back to Communist China.

26 May 1961:

The disappearance of TSUJI was reported by news.

Japan Airlines delivered his suitcase which contained his underwears and silver plates and dishes for gifts.

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The man surrounding the disappearance of TSUJI:

1. ASAEEDA Shigeharu, former major of Army Staff.

Managing director of Maruichi Shoji, Tokyo, and assistant chief of Planning and Research Section of Kinoshita Sansho (?).

Behind-the-scene man of TSUJI, before and after the war, and travels all over the world on business almost all year around.

2 Apr 1961:

Left Haneda for Bangkok on a Air France plane. TSUJI left two days later, on the 4th.

Returned to Japan about 17 May.

24 May: Left Haneda for Bangkok again.

26 June: Wrote about TSUJI to a certain man (former Army officer) in Tokyo from Lagos, Nigeria (western coast of Africa) as follows:

1. From a third-force-like thinking, he could be sharing the action of of the top ranking officers of Thailand's Defense Army whom he taught during the Military Academy days.
2. Could it be that he met unforeseen accident enroute to Vietnam via Laos?
3. Was he captured by Soviet spy network?
4. Was he kidnapped by the U.S. operative organ? If this case, his life is endangered.
5. Was he revenged for what he did during the last war?

ASAEEDA thinks, of the 5 points mentioned above, "5" is least likely to have happened and "1" is most probable.

In closing the letter, ASAEEDA wrote:

"He was supposed to go to Bangkok from Phnompenh on a DC-6B at 1450 hours on 19 April, but the first thing to do is to check whether he really had arrived in Bangkok."

Note: If TSUJI cancelled his trip from Vientiane to Bangkok on 22 April (foreign wire), then did he take the route from Vientiane to Phnompenh to Bangkok?

According to Vientiane Branch manager of Tokyo Bank, there is no plane flight from Phnompenh to Vientiane.

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incognito" got even with him."

- INADA, chief of Foreign Ministry Southeast Asia Section:

- Others:

Relatives say he died of sickness.

Researchers of international subversion say he met accidental death as a innocent bystander.

Information collectors on public security problems, rightist source, and Liberal-Democrats say he is travelling incognito.

Reliable source says he was killed by an assassin from Japan.

Telephone call at the home of TSUJI:

31 July: In the evening a strange telephone call informing TSUJI's family that TSUJI was shot to death by Chicom police officer at a certain place in China was received in the afternoon of 30 July.

19 Feb 1962:

View of People's Party concerning the information that TSUJI is staying in Red China (summary):

The view upholding that TSUJI is in Red China and the view that he is somewhere else is 50-50 within the People's Party.

26 Feb:

"The attitude of LDP antimainstream faction concerning Japan-China problems."

(In regard to TSUJI Masanobu)

1. TSUJI, prior to leaving for Southeast Asia, visited MATSUMURA Kenzo.
2. It is very possible that he died of sickness.
3. There is no basis for TSUJI's going to Communist China.

Note: When the Peking Opera Group came to Japan in May 1956, TSUJI circulated information that this group gave its profits to

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the JCP and thereby causing embarrassment to the group, according to SUN P'ing-hua who came with the Opera group.

6 Mar: Upper House Budget Committee:

SEEDA Tadashi, Upper House member, asked Premier IKEDA if the Government had any new information on TSUJI. The Government answered "no."

28 Feb: TSUJI's movements: (SOGO Shinji, YASUOKA Masaatsu)

1. TSUJI, at Kuming, is giving military education to students from North Vietnam, Indonesia, and North Korea.
2. TSUJI is saying he cannot return to Japan for sometime to come yet.

30 Mar 1962: 91 - 4 - 2 - 1 Hongkong information:

There is information that recently Premier IKEDA received two letters from TSUJI Masanobu.

Was this information confirmed by news reporters?

It is said Premier IKEDA is keeping silence in regard to the letters.

3 Apr 1962: Statement made at the 2nd Foreign Affairs Section of the Public Security Division:

Weekly newspaper, "Heaven and Farth" (Hongkong)

Semi-monthly publication, "Times Criticism" (Hongkong)

Monthly publication, "New Asia" (Hongkong)

Reporter: CHAO Yu-sung, 6390/3022/2646, born, 26 December 1898, in Kweichow Province, China, and a graduate of School of Literature, Tungnan University (Nanking). Served as Minister of Justice and Agriculture and Minerals Ministries under the WANG regime. About January 1950, entered Japan through Haneda as a political exile.

- In regard to TSUJI:

Communist China really hates TSUJI because he once publicized over the

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newspapers about operational funds coming from Communist China. I think TSUJI was killed after he entered China.

9 Mar: HOZUMI Shichiro said some quarters speculate that TSUJI is acting as a military adviser to South Vietnam.

23 Apr: An architectural engineer employed by the Kashima Kensetsu met TSUJI in Vietnam:

While on business trip in South Vietnam ASANUMA Kanji, architectural engineer employed by the Kashima Kensetsu, met TSUJI near the border of North and South Vietnam around 10 November and took some 8mm motion picture shots of him. (This information was from Iwate Prefecture).

Note: The police from Iwate Prefecture who heard about TSUJI from the architectural engineer was ordered to come to Tokyo. He met this engineer several times in a hotel in an attempt to confirm the information, but there were many points of discrepancy in date, time, and other things.

25 Apr: TSUJI Masanobu is teaching at the Army Officers' School in Kirin:

(Gist) According to the words of SEKITO Tatsuro, director of Chugoku Sogo Kenkyu Kai (China General Research Society), on 21 April: "TSUJI Masanobu is teaching guerrilla warfare to the Viet Cong at the Army Officers' School in Kirin."

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4 Apr 61:

Departure from Haneda.

21 Apr 61:

A picture post card, dated 21 April and mailed from Bangkok, reached the family.

1 Jun 61:

Tokyo Shimbun (Bangkok, 31 May, UPI)

Headline: Did TSUJI enter Laos under false name ?

Gist: According to the official circles, Mr. TSUJI arrived at Bangkok on

10 April by a Thai Airlines plane from Siem Reap in Cambodia and left for Vientiane four days later.

28 Jun 61:

Political-Economy Special Dispatch No. 1123

Headline: Mysterious Disappearance of Dietman TSUJI

Many Reports Surrounded by Dark Fog

Gist: Report of assassination, publicity, etc.

12 Jul 61:

Political-Economy Special Dispatch No. 1125

Headline: Report Circulated that TSUJI Masanobu Devoured by Wild Beasts

Gist: Former staff officers of the ex-Hattori Organ are circulating the news that TSUJI Masanobu was devoured by wild beasts in Thailand.

2 Aug 61:

Naigai Times

Headline: Former Staff Officer TSUJI Very Active in SE Asia

Gist:

1. Mr. K's Information

a. It was learned from Mr. K, who returned from Hong Kong recently, that Mr. TSUJI smuggled himself into the area along the border

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between Laos and Yunnan Province of Communist China and was in excellent health.

- b. According to Mr. K, TSUJI was welcomed by the "Anti-Communist Group", organized by the SE Asians who helped devotedly in his escape at the time of the "travelling 3,000 mile underground" (Senko Sanzenri) 16 years ago, was respected as the "Buddah of Asia", and was responding to consultation on guerrilla operations under the name of S.

2. Trace of "TSUJI's infiltration and underground movement"

3 Aug 61:

Nagai Times

Headline: TSUJI's Infiltration Drawing Reaction

UTSUNOMIYA Shows Interest

Gist:

Statement of UTSUNOMIYA Tokuma (LPD), who is a close friend of TSUJI:

It is said that TSUJI is leading the anti-Communist self-defense army, but from the point that his diplomatic ideology is self-defending neutralism, he is not acting merely because he is an anti-Communist.

Statement of HORIUCHI Kazuo, who is Chairman of House of Representatives Committee for Foreign Affairs and who is related to TSUJI by marriage:

The fact is that there was a telephone call day before yesterday to Tsuji's residence from a man who claimed his Chinese friend, that TSUJI was shot to death, and I am worried.

12 Aug 61:

Shukan Koron (August 14th edition)

Special feature: Secret Information on TSUJI Masanobu's Infiltration into Laos

Gist: Reports on the Tsuji's disappearance and traces confirmed upto now.

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Asaeda and Tanemura Reports. See enclosure #2 for summary.

10 Aug 61:

Evening Edition of Tokyo Shimbun

Headline: To Find Missing Dietman TSUJI, a Trader, formerly his Subordinate,
to Leave for Bangkok Soon

Gist: TANI Hiroyasu, a trader and Tsuji's friend, requested ASAEEDA Shigeharu,
who is now in Nigeria on official business, to stop over in Bangkok on his
way home and investigate.

13 Sep 61:

Tokyo Shimbun and Yomiuri Shimbun

Headline: House of Councilors Committee for Foreign Affairs to Inquire into
Tsuji's Whereabouts

Gist: On 12 September, House of Councilors Committee for Foreign Affairs
listened to the explanation of the Foreign Ministry authorities on the
matter of Dietman TSUJI Masanobu's disappearance. According to this,
it was definitely confirmed that TSUJI was safe until 7 June.

Oct 61:

October edition of "Nihon" (Japan), a magazine

Headline: Disappearance of TSUJI Masanobu and Its Background and Suspicion

Gist: This magazine gives various rumors on the streets about the case of missing
TSUJI, but among them ex-soldier MIYASHITA Meiji's statement that TSUJI is
on a treasure hunt (¥17 trillion worth of wealth hidden in Singapore during
the war) is something new.

28 Sep 61:

Yomiuri Shimbun

Headline: TSUJI Masanobu Still Alive in June

Gist: ORIHARA Arataro, member of Upper House Foreign Affairs Committee, (RDP)

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(12 September) asked if the Government was checking the whereabouts of TSUJI or doing something about it.

In reply, YASUKAWA, councilor of Foreign Ministry General Affairs Division, said Ambassador BEPPU of Japanese Embassy in Laos reported that TSUJI was alive on 7 June.

3 Oct 61:

Tokyo Shinbun, Evening ~~Asahi~~

Headline: TSUJI Masanobu in Van Vieng?

Gist: At the Upper House Cabinet Committee meeting (3 October) UYAMA of Foreign Ministry Asian Affairs Bureau stated that TSUJI was alive on 7 June.

10 Oct 61:

Tokyo Shinbun, Sankei Shinbun, Nihon Shinbun, and others

Headline: TSUJI Went to Communist China

Gist: At the Upper House Cabinet Committee meeting (10 October), Foreign Minister KOSAKA, in regard to the latest news of TSUJI, said: "We got news that this ~~Adietman~~, in the early part of October, entered Communist China from Van Vieng via Hanoi."

Oct 1961:

Sunday Mainichi, 29 October issue

Headline: "I Pursued TSUJI Masanobu Until Bangkok"

Gist: This is an article written by a Mainichi Shinbun's reporter who went to Bangkok to get news on TSUJI but there is nothing new. What is noteworthy about this article is that the Japanese Embassy in Bangkok speculated that TSUJI might have gone to North Vietnam.

11 Oct 61:

Radio Press News Letters, Daily

Headline: TSUJI Masanobu Arrested by **SECRET** but Truth Unknown.

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2 Sep 61:

Mainichi Shimbun, Evening Edition

Headline: Difficult to Predict "Good News" or "Bad News", and with the Special Diet Session Impending, People Concerned Are Restless.

Gist: On 29 May, the Upper House Independent Club asked Asian Affairs Bureau Chief IZEKI to have the Foreign Ministry check what has happened to TSUJI. On the following day, the 30th, the Club received a note signed by the Minister's Secretariat Chief YUKAWA that "We have ordered the embassies concerned to check on TSUJI but as yet we have not received any reliable information."

21 Nov 61:

Hokkoku Shimbun, Morning and Evening Editions

Headline: TSUJI Goes to Hanoi in May on Soviet Plane, Says a Representative of Phouma Government.

TSUJI Goes to China?

10 Dec 61:

Shukan Yomiuri, 10 December Issue

Headline: TSUJI Will Come Home

Gist: 1. Movements of TSUJI.
2. About TSUJI being in China.

Reported as being a very reliable information obtained from a certain organ which has a source in North Vietnam.

7 Jan 1962:

All newspapers

Headlines: "Whereabouts of TSUJI Is Unknown" Replies China Red Cross Society

Gist: The Japan Red Cross asked, on 2 December, the China Red Cross Society to check the whereabouts of TSUJI. In reply, the latter Society, on

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6 January, said "We checked but we could not find anything about TSUJI."

8 Jan 62:

All newspapers

Headline: Chief Cabinet Secretary Says Whereabouts of TSUJI Still Unknown.

10 Feb 1962:

Reporter (heard from CHASHI Takeo).

HOZUMI, Shichiro, a member of the Socialist delegation that visited China, was asked by TSUJI to carry a letter home for him. HOZUMI did that.

10 Feb 1962:

All newspapers

Headline: Is TSUJI Masanobu in China? Teaching Youths in Kirin Province.

Dietman CHIBA's Hongkong information.

Gist: It seems that TSUJI is teaching youths of North Korea and Communist China in a youth school in Kirin Province.

8 Mar 1962:

Shin Shukan, 8 March Issue

Headline: TSUJI Masanobu Was in China

Gist: Two different news about TSUJI have recently emanated. CHIBA Saburo, LDP Dietman says "he is in China" (Hongkong information), while CHIBA Shin, Socialist Upper House Dietman, says "he was shot to death by the American force". TSUJI's family wants to know the true news of him.

7 Mar 1962:

Asahi Shinbun

The Government, at the Upper House Budget Committee meeting, said "there is no news about the whereabouts of TSUJI."

28 March 1962:

Tokyo Times

Headline: It is Almost Certain TSUJI Has Disappeared, Infiltrated into

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Communist China.

Gist: Getting ready for war against the Soviet Union? He is supervising work in officers' school. (CHIBA Saburo's Hongkong information)

12 Apr 1962:

Sankei and Tokyo Shimbun

Headline: The Foreign Minister Answers at Upper House Foreign Affairs Committee Meeting—I Shall Take Action after Ascertaining TSUJI Was Shot to Death.

Gist: OZAWA, chief of Upper House General Affairs Section, when asked by Socialist Party member YAMATO Yoichi about the whereabouts of TSUJI at the Upper House Foreign Affairs Committee meeting replied: "Proper steps will be taken after the news—which was heard from HSEIH Nan-kuang by CHIBA Shin, Socialist Party member of Upper House, when he was traveling China—that TSUJI was shot to death by the American force when he tried to enter the area occupied by Pathet Lao in Laos from Communist China has been confirmed."

12 Apr 1962:

Nagai Times (Kyodo News, Washington, 12th)

Headline: U.S. State Department Spokesman—If We Are Asked to Find Out about TSUJI Masanobu, We Would Contact Our Embassy in Laos and Start Investigation.

17 Apr 1962:

All newspapers

Headline: U.S. Ambassador Reischauer in Japan Denies Shooting of TSUJI by American Force.

Gist: On the 17th, Foreign Minister KOSAKA and U.S. Ambassador Reischauer met. The latter said the American Government's investigation revealed that the rumor that TSUJI was shot to death by the American force was false.

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16 Apr 1962:

Sankei (UPL, Washington, 16th.)

Headline: Is TSUJI Masanobu in Communist China? U.S. Authorities Talk Unofficially.

Gist: The U.S. State Department, requested by the Japanese Government, is officially conducting investigation, but reported unofficially "although there is no proof of this, we think TSUJI is still in Communist China."

14 Apr 1962:

Radio Press—Tokyo. Peking broadcast to Japan on the night of the 14th.

Headline: "I Never Talked about the Whereabouts of TSUJI Masanobu"; HSIEN Nan-kuang Denies.

Gist: "I did not mention anything about the whereabouts of TSUJI to CHIBA. The talk of OZAWA is absolutely false."

17 Apr 1962:

Asahi Shinbun

Headline: Japan Red Cross Again Asks China Red Cross Society to Investigate the Whereabouts of TSUJI by Air Mail.

Gist: Requested by Mrs. TSUJI and Upper House and Foreign Ministry because of the statement made by HSIEN Nan-kuang, Japan Red Cross again asked its counterpart in China to conduct investigation of the missing man.

17 Apr 1962:

Asia News Agency

Headline: "I Have Not Said Anything about TSUJI" Rebukes HSIEN Nan-kuang.

20 Apr 1962:

Information Edition of Asia Research

Headline: TSUJI Masanobu, Who Is Missing for One Year

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Gist: Right now there is no proof that TSUJI is dead or alive. If he is alive he might be in Communist China, North Vietnam, Laos, or some other place.

20 Apr 1962:

Radio Press News

Headline: The Disappearance of TSUJI Masanobu. Tass News Agency commentator, Harikov (Moscow broadcast, 19th, Radio Press)

Gist: The disappearance of TSUJI could be just temporary, or he could be involved in some subversive operation, or perhaps he was made victim of secret war being waged by imperialist subversive organ.

19 Apr 1962:

Mainichi (UPI, Moscow, 19th)

Headline: Tass News Agency Commentator V. Harikov Says "Has TSUJI Become Victim of Secret War of Southeast Asia?"

Gist: Contents same as those of Radio Press News.

30 Apr 1962:

Nihon Keizai Shimbun

Headline: First Son of TSUJI Leaves for Vietnam

Gist: First son of TSUJI Masanobu, Toru, 31, of 2, Matsubara-cho, Setagaya, Tokyo, plans to go to South Vietnam to personally find out what has happened to his father.

23 Apr 1962:

Soviet Press, Daily

Headline: What Does the Disappearance of TSUJI Tell? Tass Editorial by V. Falkov, Tass commentator.

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