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CONTACT REPORT

DATE AND PLACE: 25 January 1963, Office of the Chief, Foreign Affairs Section, NMA

PARTICIPANTS : [] [] , Chief, Foreign Section, NMA;

1. [] casually mentioned that recently there was an article in the Yomiuri newspaper that TSUJI Masanobu, a Diet member who disappeared from Japan and is rumored to be in Communist China, is still alive. [] stated that at one time he gave a fifty-fifty chance that TSUJI may be alive. However, he recently received information that a TO KO KETSU (7118/1321/3381), who befriended TSUJI during World War II, had died in ChiCom and that because of this, he doubted whether TSUJI is alive.

2. [] stated that this TO KO KETSU during WWII had saved TSUJI from being captured by the ChiComs and because of this, TSUJI became very close to him. For a period TO KO KETSU resided in Hongkong, and during this time he was in dire financial straits and it was said that TSUJI frequently sent him financial assistance. Within the past two years TO KO KETSU left for ChiCom and there it was learned recently he had committed suicide.

[] explained that when TO KO KETSU went to ChiCom this may have had something to do with TSUJI going there. TO KO KETSU was either confined by house arrest or actually imprisoned, and because of mistreatment had decided to take his own life. [] stated that if TSUJI had gone to ChiCom to see TO KO KETSU, he would have met the same fate; that is, be imprisoned by the ChiComs.

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