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PERSONALITY INFORMATION DATA		20 April 1959
Address and Tel. No.	Name WACHI Tsunezo (Kozo) 1/ KOAMI JUSHOAN 1/	
Permanent Address	201 No. C      3	
Present Position Former Naval Captain turned pries. 1/	Photo	
Physical Description		
DOB & POB		
Family		
Education		
Languages		
Previous Career 1936 Prewar	<p>Captain WACHI (7750), a colleague of TAKAGI (Shiro) since 1936. 1/ Report dated 21 November 52 states that Subject served in Mexico collecting information on U.S. policy toward Mexico just before the war. 1/</p> <p>This is presumably former naval captain WACHI Tsunexo (also read Kozo). Before the war, WACHI was a Japanese Naval Attache in Mexico and Colombia, and at the time of Pearl Harbor he was in the U.S., where he was interned and repatriated on the Gripsholm. WACHI later became Commanding Officer on Iwo Jima and was transferred to the Kyushu Defense Command just before (cont'd on sep. page)</p>	
Personality (Habits, use of Money, Hobbies, Literature, Vices, etc.)		

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**Intell Activity**

Reported active in Japanese naval intelligence ops against U.S. during World War II. 5/

**AIS Contacts**

**Other IS Contacts**

**Miscellaneous**

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Prewar (continued)

the American assault on that island. 1/

November '40-August '42: Lt. Commander Naval Attache (Intelligence) in Mexico.  
Present rank: Captain. 2/

War Time: A report with excerpts from "The Black Chamber" (Stealing of code books from U.S. Consulate) states the following:  
"TAKAGI (TASHIRO Hideya in the story) and Lt. Commander WACHI (WASHI in the story) tried night and day to break the new code that the US Embassy had started to use. They even arranged through trashmen to collect all waste that came out of the Embassy, in the hope of finding some clue to the code in scraps of paper thrown into the waste baskets." 1/

Postwar: In WACHI's post-war Buddhist incarnation, he became an "executive priest" in the BYAKUREN SHA (White Lotus Society), which has its Headquarters in the Tsukiji Honganji, Tokyo-to, Chuo-ku, Tsukiji, 3-chome, and is headed by one ONISHI Kazumasa. 1/

1952: As an "executive priest" in the BYAKUREN SHA, Subject made a highly publicized trip to Iwo Jima in January-March 1952 to collect the ashes of his former subordinates. On his return he was summoned to the Tokyo District Procurators' Office in connection with charges that the White Lotus Society had received second hand clothing from Buddhists in the U.S. to be distributed free to the needy and had instead sold them to dealers and then distributed the profits among the officials of the Society. (The outcome of the case is unknown.) 1/

1953: In a summary translation of an article which appeared in the 31 March 1953 edition of the Asahi Shimbun, it was noted that one of the characteristics of the election campaign at that time was the marked increase in number of former military men and rightists who were candidates openly advocating rearmament. WACHI Tsunezo (Progressive) was a candidate for the House of Councillors running as an Independent. Subject was backed by or sought the support of the KAIKO KAI and SUIKO KAI, re-established associations of alumni of the Military and Naval Academies; the Federation for the Re-establishment of Military Pensions and Systems (GUNJIN ONKYU FUKKATSU KISEI DOMEI); and the Federation of Families of the War Dead (I KAZOKU REIMEI). 3/

1955: A report dated 7 July 1955 states that Subject was once suspected of using the IWO JIMA ASSOCIATION for spying. 4/

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## SOURCES:

			WACHI Tsunezo (Kozo) JIS
<u>*1/</u>	ZJJ 256	21 November 52	Unevaluated. Documentary
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<u>2/</u>	LS/II CR	15 September 54	Original document not available (Info copied from card)
<u>3/</u>	FJJ 156	17 April 53	B - Documentary
<u>4/</u>	STURHAHN CR	7 July 55	
<u>5/</u>	DIR (Info: MAHI HONG)	18 March 59	

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