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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Joseph B. Keenan,  
Chief of Counsel.

FROM: Luke Lea

SUBJECT: Disposition of 50 Suspects

In accordance with your instructions this memorandum, with accompanying tabs, has been prepared to aid you in your consideration of the disposition of the 50 suspects now in Sugamo Prison or under house arrest.

Sources consulted have been the "Top Secret" communication from War Crimes Branch of the War Department, Washington, D. C., dated 6 August 1947; studies made by Captain Robinson and Dr. Brown of IPS; G-2 and unofficial Legal Section, SCAP studies.

The suspects have been placed in five categories as per tabs A, B, C, D, and E.

Tab A lists those persons whose unconditional release has been concurred in by the War Crimes Branch, WD; G-2, SCAP; and Dr. Brown and Captain Robinson. The unofficial recommendations of SCAP Legal Section are also attached.

Tab B lists those persons whom the War Crimes Branch, WD, suggests should be released to house custody pending further investigation.

Tab C lists those persons whom the War Crimes Branch, WD, has suggested be tried as Class B or C offenders.

Tab D lists six persons suggested as Class A war criminals by War Crimes Branch, WD, which also suggests their indictment.

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The War Crimes Branch, WD, did not include the names of two suspects, SASAKAWA, Ryoichi and SHIOTEN, Nobutake in their considerations. However, the G-2 and Legal Section, SCAP recommendations concerning these two men are listed in Tab E.

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TAB "A"

There follows a list of 23 persons who have been suggested for unconditional release from Sugamo or house arrest by War Crimes Branch, War Department. Captain Robinson and Dr. Brown of IPS concur in each case as does G-2, SCAP. Legal Section, SCAP, has studied their cases and made recommendations as to their disposal but such recommendations are not official and do not carry the sanction of Mr. Carpenter, Chief of Legal Section.

- (1) AIKAWA, Yoshisuke - #214
- (2) IDA, Baron Iwakusu - #210
- (3) ~~IKEZAKI, Chuke - #207~~ *Released* NAKAJIMA AS PER LUKE
- (4) KIKUCHI, Baron Takeo - #203
- (5) KOBAYASHI, Seizo - #152
- (6) KANOKOGI, Kazunobu - #54
- (7) KUHARA, Fusanosuke - #107
- (8) KOBAYASHI, Junichiro - #202
- (9) MIZUNO, Rentaro - #197
- (10) MURATA, Shozo - #114
- (11) MATSUZAKA, Hiromasa - #195
- (12) MASAKI, Jinzaburo - #60
- (13) OKABE, Nagakage - #190
- (14) OTA, Koze - #186
- (15) OKURA, Kunihiro - #189
- (16) OGATA, Taketora - #266
- (17) SHINDO, Kazuma - #177
- (18) SHIMOMURA, Hiroshi - #187
- (19) SAKURAI, Hyogoro - #183
- (20) SHORIKI, Matsutaro - #181
- (21) SAKAI, Tedamasa - #326
- (22) TOKUTOMI, Iichiro - #172
- (23) ~~YOKOYAMA, Yui - #175~~ ODACHI AS PER LUKE

War Crimes Branch, WD, also suggested the release of KUZIII, Yoshihasi; NAKAJIMA, Chikuhei and ODACHI, Shigeo. However, the names of these three men have not been included on the list prepared by Captain Robinson and Dr. Brown from their study of the dossiers.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 - G-2, SCAP recommendations on each man
- 2 - Legal Section, SCAP recommendations on each man

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

AIKAWA, Yoshisuke:

"Unless it is decided to indict AIKAWA on the prima facie evidence of having made business profits in wartime, G-2 strongly recommends his release without preference of charges".

AIKAWA, Yoshisuke

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LEGAL SECTION

NAME: AIKAWA, Yoshisuke.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Member of the Cabinet Advisory Board in the KOISO Cabinet; advisor to Board of Technology; a leading nationalist and industrialist. Former President of the Manchuria Industrialist. Former President of the Manchuria Industrial Development Corp.; Nissan Company Ltd.; Nissan Automobile Co. Ltd., and Chairman of many Manchurian industrial enterprises. SUBJECT is a brother-in-law of KUHARA, Fusanosuke. He resigned his position as President of the Manchukuo Heavy Industries Company Ltd., and other companies in 1942. In 1943 he became a member of the House of Peers and a member of the Cabinet Advisory Council, and in 1944 a Councilor to the Board of Technology.

REMARKS:

For a number of years SUBJECT was one of the leading and most influential Japanese industrialists and munitions manufacturers, and, as such materially aided in the exploitation of Manchuria. His activities were chiefly along industrial lines rather than political. In 1943 he was appointed one of the original Cabinet advisors by Premier TOJO. CIS/G-2, FEC, in a report to Legal Section, under date of 14 May 1947, recommends as follows: "Unless it is decided to indict AIKAWA on the prima facie evidence of having made business profits in wartime, G-2 strongly recommends his release without preference of charges."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and be tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

IDA, Iwakusu:

"In summary, IDA appears to be a thorough-going nationalist. His post-army career displays continuous allegiance to the ideological right, and active participation in nationalistic politics. However, unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in ideological societies in general and/or activity in the Imperial Rule assistance Organizations in particular will form a basis for indictments, CIS/G-2 recommends release of IDA from internment without preference of charges."

IDA, Iwakusu

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NAME: IDA, Iwakusu (Baron)

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT retired from the Japanese Army in 1919. In 1929 he became a member of the House of Peers being re-elected in 1930. During the year 1941 he held a Directorship in the IRAA; in 1942 an active Director in the IRAPS and a Director in PAA during August 1944. Since his entrance into the field of politics he strongly advocated alliance with Germany and Italy, while at the same time becoming anti-British.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT, as President of the International Anti-Communist League and Great Japan Rise Asia League, contributed greatly not only to these ultra-nationalistic Fascist organizations but to the shaping of the Japanese policies. He organized the "36" Club in 1936. In 1939 he was re-elected to the House of Peers and his term lasted until 1945. Since his retirement from the Army in 1919 SUBJECT devoted himself to politics.

In a report dated 10 April 1947, CIS/G-2, FEC, recommended no preference of charges and for release of SUBJECT unless indicted on basis of membership in ideological organizations.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and be tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

IKEZAKI, Chuko:

"Unless super-patriotic writings rising from his distinctly individual point of view may be considered as sufficient ground for charges, and unless membership in the Imperial Rule Assistance organizations will form a basis for indictments, CIS/G-2 recommends release of IKEZAKE from internment without preference of charges."

IKEZAKI, Chuko

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LEGAL SECTION

NAME: IREZAKI, Chuko.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

As a news commentator and writer, SUBJECT advocated the need for Japan to expand because of over population, and as part of expansion he saw the inevitability of war; criticized both the army and navy for inadequacies; advocated the abolition of the Nine Power Treaty; accused the U.S. and Britain of encirclement and of the Caucasians controlling the world. . . . "some day the condition will be reversed and the other races will control the Caucasians". A super patriotic nationalist and essayist was Councilor, IRAA in 1942; Councilor, IRAPS; member, Current Affairs Fellowship Society; Vice-Chief, Policy Section, IRA Diet Members League in 1941.

REMARKS:

CIS/G-2, FEC, on 23 April 1947 recommends as follows: "Unless super patriotic writings arising from his distinctly individual point of view may be considered as sufficient ground for charges, and unless membership in the Imperial Rule Assistance Organizations will form basis for indictments, CIS/G-2 recommends release of IREZAKI from internment without preference of charges."

However, since SUBJECT's super patriotic writings prepared the people of Japan for aggressive war, and since his connections with IRAA were at a time when the economic, social and political life were being crystallized along totalitarian lines, it is believed that he should be held as a matter of law.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KIKUCHI, Takeo:

"Unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in ideological societies will form a basis for indictment, CIS/G-2 recommends release of KIKUCHI from internment without preference of charges."

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KIKUCHI, Takeo

LEGAL SECTION

COPY KIKUCHI, Takeo.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

As President of the Educational Association of MIYAZAKI-KEN, SUBJECT is believed to be one of the accusers of Dr. NONOKE, Tatsukichi, who was forced to resign from the staff of the Tokyo Imperial University because of his so-called unconstitutional teachings . . . "The Organic Theory of the Emperor"; organizer and promoter of ideologically ultra-nationalistic societies, and as such was: member KEMPO KENKYU KAI (Constitution Research Society); member, TEIKOKU KEMPO GAKKAI (Society for the Study of the Imperial Constitution); member, Executive Committee, SANROKU KURABU (Thirty-Six Club); member, DAI ASAI KYOKAI (Great Asia Society); member, DAI NIPPON KOA DOMEI (Great Japan Rise Asia League); leader, NIPPON GAKUSEI TOA REMMEI (Japan Students East Asia League); member, TAIGAI DOSEI KAI (Anti-Foreign Fellow Spirits Society); advisor, AIKOKU RODO NOMIN DOSHI KAI (Patriotic Labor-Farmer Group); director, KOKUSAI HANKYO REMMEI (International Anti-Communist League); member, KOKUHONSHA (National Foundation Society); President, NIHON SEISHIN KYOKAI (Japanese Spirit Society); member, JIKYOKU KYOGIKAI (Current Affairs Council); advisor, KENMU GIKAI (KENMU Society); member, JOGYO KAI (Perpetual Care Society); leader, KOPU KAI (Imperial Wind Society); leader, KINNO RESSHU KENSHO RENGOKAI (Loyal Patriots Exaltation Federation).

REMARKS:

G-2, in a report dated 2 April 1947, recommended; "Unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in ideological societies will form a basis for indictment, CIS/G-2 recommends release of KIKUCHI from internment without preference of charges."

No Japanese could be so prominent in educational activities unless he agreed with the government's education policies, and these policies were to sustain and further prepare the Japanese for an aggressive war. And, although membership in such organizations per se, may not always be grounds for indictment, it is felt that further investigation is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody for further investigation as a Class A war criminal suspect.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KOBAYASHI, Seiso:

"That KOBAYASHI be released from incarceration by letter to Commanding General, Eighth Army and that the Imperial Japanese Government be apprised of this action by formal memorandum."

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KOBAYASHI, Seiso

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: KOBAYASHI, Seizo.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

President, 1944, of the Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society; Minister in the KOISO Cabinet; Commander-in-Chief of the Combined and First Fleet, 1933. He became a member of the Supreme Military Council as early as 1933. In recent years he was Chairman of the Central Co-operative Council; Advisor, Political Society; a member of the House of Peers and Minister without Portfolio in the KOISO Cabinet.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT, since his retirement from active naval service, was generally recognized as one of the "elder statesmen" of Japan. He was Governor-General of Formosa from 1936 to November 1940, and, as such, was part and parcel of Japan's southward expansion. Due to his high position in the Japanese Navy prior to his retirement from active duty in 1936, and due to his later connections with the IRAA, the IRAPS, and as Minister without Portfolio in the KOISO Cabinet, SUBJECT is considered to be one of the key figures, from both a political and military standpoint, in Japan's military aggression prior to December 1941. CIS/G-2, FEC, on 7 February 1947 in a report to Legal Section, and which report references a former Memo by G-2 of 28 August 1946, recommends as follows: "On the basis of these studied, G-2 again recommends favorable consideration of KOBAYASHI's release."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KANOKOGI, Kazunobu:

"In summary, KANOKOGI appears to be a philosopher lost. What may originally have been a sincere and intellectual interest in world thought became degraded to a patriotic subservience to narrow home loyalties. The knack of easy utterance, which resulted from his extensive studies, was naturally found useful by nationalist operators such as OKAWA Shumei. Unless KANOKOGI's activities as mouthpiece for ideological nationalism will prove to be a basis for indictments, CIS/G-2 recommends his release from internment without preference of charges".

KANOKOGI, Kazunobu

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LEGAL SECTION

NAME: KANOKOGI, Kasunobu.

PRESENT STATUS: Detained under House Arrest.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT is a professor and an author who has long been identified with the extreme pro-national expansionist group in Japan. As far back as 1920 as a member of YUZON SHA (Nevertheless Exists Society) he served on the editorial board of the society's magazine OTAKEBI (War Cry) and advocated an aggressively militant and expansionist policy for Japan. A member of the Black Dragon Society, before 1934 he enthusiastically approved of the works of Kamataro MITSUKAWA, a revolutionary nationalist who wrote a pamphlet "Why Make Enemies of the Extremists."

SUBJECT was bitterly opposed to Japanese participation in the Washington Disarmament Conference of 1929 and the London Naval Pact of 1930. He took an active part in the efforts of the Holy War Accomplishment League and the society known as the Cry of the Crane Villa in urging Japanese military alliance with Germany and Italy. In 1937 he was attached to the Headquarters of Japanese Armed Forces in North China.

In addition to the societies and organizations mentioned above, SUBJECT was: Councilor, National Spirit General Mobilization Hq., in 1937; member, Kokokugaku Iinkai (Patriotic Organization); Chairman, Board of Directors, Press Patriotic Association; member of Cabinet Information Board; Councilor, New Asia Movement IRAA. His published works are: Civilization and Philosophical Mind, Military View of Life; Eternal War, Principles of Japanese Spirit, Spirit of Japan and Germany, and others.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT's writings have had a profound effect in conditioning the minds of the Japanese people for a national policy of aggressive war. His speech and writings coincide with Japanese military plan of aggression and world domination. In 1937 he became an active participant in aggression when he was attached to the Japanese Army Forces in North China. He was active in developing the totalitarian IRAA. During the war he held numerous positions in the government which implicate him as a participant in the actual waging of aggressive warfare. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KUHARA, Fusanosuke:

"Unless it is decided as a matter of policy that unscrupulous political activity will form a basis for indictment, G-2 recommends his release from internment without preference of charges".

KUHARA, Fusanosuke

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LEGAL SECTION

NAME: KUHARA, Fusanosuke.

PRESENT STATUS: Detained under House Arrest.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Communications Minister, 1928 to 1929; Cabinet Advisory Councilor, 1939 to 1940; President of Kuhara and Company Kyoho Life Insurance Company and Secretary of Seiyukai Party.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT was a millionaire industrialist and personal friend of Premier TANAKA. He was suspected of participation in Tokyo Military Revolt and reported very active behind the scenes. He was an influential expansionist, a bosom friend of General ARAKI, and very closely connected with the Army and its policies, and was an early advocate of aggression. As early as 1928, SUBJECT expressed a desire to become Consul-General of Manchuria. Available information indicates that his financial interests and enterprises were closely related to the exploitation of stolen territory. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KOBAYASHI, Junichiro:

"However, unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in ideological societies in general and/or activity in the Imperial Rule Assistance organizations in particular will form a basis for indictments, CIS/C-2 recommends release of KOBAYASHI from internment without preference of charges".

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KOBAYASHI, Junichiro

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: KOBAYASHI, Junichiro.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT began his career as a leading figure in the pulp and paper industry of Japan. He later developed into one of Japan's most powerful politicians.

While not officially connected with the Army, he was one of the most vocal civilians in advocating the nationalization of the government and the development of militarism in Japan. He was indirectly connected with many of the "Incidents" of the "30's".

In 1935 he organized the "36" Club which was most active in propaganda for a nationalized government. He founded the "Love Country Agricultural Labor Union" and the "Current Affair Council" to further strengthen the hand of the militarist during the 68th Session of the Diet. He was one of the organizers of the "National Spirit Mobilization Movement" (the forerunner of IRAA) to bolster the Army in the China Incident of 1937. He was closely connected with the activities of the Black Dragon Society.

SUBJECT was an advisor to the Great Japan Production Party. He served on the preparatory committee for the IRAA and the IRAPS and as a director in both organizations. He became Vice-Commandant of the IRAA Youth Corps. In 1945 he was leader of the Fascist JIEISHA (Self Guarding Co.) and the JIKIOKO KOGIKAI (Current Events Congress).

SUBJECT took part in the last ditch fight of the old ideological rightists to retain power after the fall of TOJO.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT's activities in the events leading up to the war stamp him as one of Japan's leading war mongers. He was actively connected with the planning, preparation and initiation of aggressive warfare and was also prominent in the war effort itself. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and be tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

MIZUNO, Rentaro:

"G-2 strongly recommends that MIZUNO be officially cleared of charges."

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MIZUNO, Rentaro

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: MIZUNO, Rentaro (LL.D.)

PRESENT STATUS: Detained under House Arrest.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Councilor, Imperial Rule Assistance Society in 1944; President of GEA Affairs Headquarters of IRAA; President of the Asia Development GHQ of the IRAA; a Black Dragon. This politician has held many and varied posts in Japanese Government and political organizations, such as Vice-Minister of Home Affairs in the TERAUCHI Cabinet from 1918 to 1919; Vice-Governor of Korea from 1919 to 1922; Minister of Home Affairs in the KATO Cabinet from 1922 to 1923; Director of the East Asia Development Headquarters of the IRAA in 1943 and Advisor of the Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society in 1944; member of the House of Peers; author of Japan's copyright laws. SUBJECT is 79 years of age.

REMARKS:

It is noted that SUBJECT did not become a member of any political society until 1943 to 1944. It does not appear that he took any active part in the organizations to which he belonged. There is no evidence present which would warrant a conclusion that SUBJECT should be held as a Class A war criminal suspect. Due consideration is given to the age of SUBJECT. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/C-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be interrogated and released from House Arrest without preference of charges.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

MURATA, Shozo:

"G-2 herewith reiterates its recommendation that MURATA be released without preference of charges, unless the Philippine phase of LS's investigation reveals evidence on the basis of which he can be charged with Class B or C offences.

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MURATA, Shozo



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LEGAL SECTION

NAME: MURATA, Shozo

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

In 1939 SUBJECT was a member of the House of Peers; Ambassador to Philippine Puppet Government 1943 to 1945; Minister of Communications and Railways in Second and Third KONOE Cabinets; President, Osaka Steamship Co. (OSK) 1934 to 1940; member of the Black Dragon Society.

REMARKS:

Anti-Foreign. A big industrialist and expansionist. According to Japanese sources, MURATA did a great deal to develop Philippine natural resources during his year and a half as Military Administration Advisor. Described as a top-flight business executive particularly in handling steamship line, SUBJECT was President of OSK, 2nd. largest shipping company. An official report of July 1941 stated that he was formerly considered "rather pro-American". SUBJECT sponsored a proposed Philippine-Japanese Treaty whereby the Philippine Government would declare war on the United States. Converted looted property to his own use.

His connections with the Philippines have been amongst the most important of his interests abroad. Early in 1942 MURATA told a source that "all American Influence should be eradicated from the Philippines even though it took twenty-five years, and at the end of that time he would have the Filipinos talking, thinking and behaving like Japanese." As advisor to the Army Headquarters in the Philippines he was constantly making tours. On 31 May 1946, IPS recommended release of SUBJECT without preference of charges.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

MATSUZAKA, Hiromasa:

"Unless it is decided as a matter of policy to place on trial public prosecutors for their part in prosecuting offences under the "peace preservation" laws, CIS/G-2 recommends that MATSUZAKA be released from internment without preference of charges."

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MATSUZAKA, Hiromasa

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: MATSUZAKA, Hiromasa.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT entered the Justice Ministry upon his graduation from law school and progressed steadily to the top. In 1935 he was Procurator, Tokyo Court of Appeal. From 1935 to 1939 he served as Director, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Justice Ministry. In July 1941 he was made Procurator-General of the Supreme Court and held that position until July 1944 when he became Minister of Justice in the KOISO Cabinet. He retained this Ministry upon organization of the SUZUKI Cabinet in April 1946.

SUBJECT is reported to have been a follower of Baron HIRANUMA and to have had a consistent record of strong suppression of Japanese Communists.

His only connection with the IRAA and the IRAPS is by virtue of his Cabinet position attained in 1944.

REMARKS:

Information now in hand does not furnish a sufficient basis to arbitrarily classify SUBJECT as a Class A or Class B war criminal suspect. Further investigation is necessary to determine the relationship of cases prosecuted by SUBJECT as Procurator and his activity as Director for the Criminal Affairs Bureau to the planning preparation and initiation of aggressive warfare. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect until a further, immediate investigation can be made into the relationship of his official station as outlined under "REMARKS".

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

MASAKI, Jinsaburo:

"Unless MASAKI's political activity in the early and middle thirties, for which he has already stood trial and been acquitted in 1937, is construed as a basis for war crimes prosecution, it is CIS/G-2's considered recommendation that MASAKI be released from internment without preference of charges."

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MASAKI, Jinsaburo

**LEGAL SECTION**

**NAME:**       MASAKI, Jinsaburo.

**PRESENT STATUS:**       Confined in Sugamo Prison.

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

Military Councilor to the Expeditionary Forces in China, 1944; Inspector-General of Military Education, January 1934 to July 1935; Vice-Chief of the General Staff, January 1932 until June 1933; member of the Supreme War Council in the middle thirties. On one occasion was candidate for the position of Premier.

**REMARKS:**

SUBJECT was a close friend and associate of General ARAKI, was a notorious Fascist conspirator, and was known as one of the "Three Musketeers" of the Imperial Army for many years. He was known as an army extremist, an extreme nationalist and an influential expansionist. SUBJECT was a leader in the military revolt of February 1936. At the time the original indictments were drawn in the IPS, SUBJECT's name ranked very high among those being considered in the first group to be tried. CIS/G-2, FEC, in a report to Legal Section under date of 28 February 1947, after reviewing the evidence against SUBJECT, recommends as follows: "Unless MASAKI's political activities in the early and middle thirties, for which he has already stood trial and been acquitted in 1937, is construed as a basis for war crimes prosecution, it is CIS/G-2 considered recommendation that MASAKI be released from internment without preference of charges."

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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C-2 RECOMMENDATION

OKABE, Nagakage:

"CIS/G-2 recommends OKABE's release from internment."

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OKABE, Nagakage

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: OKABE, Nagakage (Nagatani)

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

A Viscount from one of Japan's oldest families, he is related by marriage to the MITSUI family. He graduated in law and went into the Foreign Service. He was elected to the House of Peers in 1930 and served as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of War in 1935 to 1937.

In 1940 he was Vice-Chairman of the Society for International Cultural Relations, an official propaganda organization. He became a Director of the IRAA and the IRAPS.

From April 1943 to July 1944 he was Minister of Education in the TOJO Cabinet. As Minister of Education his attitude was strongly totalitarian towards religion and education. He promoted student labor mobilization and an educational program stressing science, economics, management and military studies.

He was a member of the KENKYUKIA, the largest and most influential group in the House of Peers, and the ASAMESHI-KWAI (Breakfast Society) which was reported to be connected with the 15 May 1942 Incident in which Premier INUKAI was assassinated.

REMARKS:

The Ministry of Education, along with the Home Ministry, were the two most important Governmental agencies in regimenting the life and thinking of Japan for aggressive war. SUBJECT appears to fit the mold that was required of a leader in one of these Ministries. His early connection with the "Breakfast Society" indicates that the wealthy, merchant class, in addition to the military were among the early agitators of Japanese aggression. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from SIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

OTA, Kozo:

"Unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in ideological and nationalistic societies in general and/or activity in the Imperial Ruse Assistance organizations in particular will form a basis for indictment, CIS/G-2 recommends release of OTA from internment without preference of charges."

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OTA, Kozo



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NAME:           OTA, Kozo

PRESENT STATUS:   Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

A professor of law, OTA was attorney for the defense of participants in the 15 May 1932 Incident in which Premier INUKAI was assassinated. He was later a professor of law at Hosei University; Chief Secretary of the Hiranuma Cabinet; Councilor of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association which he helped to organize in 1940; member of the Board of Directors, Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society and Minister of Education in the SUZUKI Cabinet 1945; member and organizer of KOKUHONSHA.

Radio Tokyo declared on 10 April 1945 that OTA is close to Baron HIRANUMA, former premier. Helped to organize KOKUHONSHA, patriotic organization (now defunct) with large membership headed by the Baron. Said by Domei News Agency in 1944 to be among Japan's most influential politicians. Member of the Preparatory Committee charged with working out details of organizing IRAA in 1940.

REMARKS:

OTA became a Director of the International Anti-Communist League which held mass meetings and demonstrations celebrating the signing of a pact with Germany. As a holder of influential positions in various societies and organizations, OTA contributed to the nationalistic and domestic policies of the Japanese Government. Report from CIS/G-2, FEC, dated 10 April 1947 recommends release of SUBJECT from internment without preference of charges, unless membership in ideological and nationalistic societies in general form a basis for indictment.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

OKURA, Kunihiko:

"Unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in ideological and patriotic organizations in general and/or activity in the Imperial Rule Assistance organizations in particular will form a basis for indictment, G-2 recommends release of OKURA from internment without preference of charges".

OKURA, Kunihiko

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NAME: OKURA, Kunihiro

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Industrialist and former President of Odawara Paper Mills. Founder of the Okura Spiritual Culture Institute and Director of Japanese-German Buddhist Society. Author of a number of books, the most popular being "My Thoughts."

REMARKS:

By virtue of his position, SUBJECT is considered as being an influential moulder of Japanese public opinion. The Japanese-German Buddhist Society, of which he was a Director, is suspected of being a means for Japanese-German Intelligence collaboration. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

OGATA, Taketora:

"Unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in ideological and nationalistic societies in general and/or activity in the Imperial Rule Assistance organizations in particular will form a basis for indictment, and unless prominence in the news world per se without consideration of motivating circumstances be considered such basis, CIS/G-2 recommends release of OGATA from internment under house arrest without preference of charges."

TOP SECRET

OGATA, Taketora

LEGAL SECTION

COPY

NAME: OGATA, Taketora

PRESENT STATUS: Detained under House Arrest.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Sectional Chief, Tokyo Asahi Shimbun, 1921; Managing Director, Asahi Shimbun 1928; Chief Editor Tokyo Asahi; Managing Director Osaka Asahi and Director Domei News Agency 1938. In 1940 Managing Director and Editor-in-Chief of Osaka and Tokyo Asahi Shimbun, and member of Preparatory Committee charged with organizing IRAA, of which he became a Director. Councilor of Board of Information 1943. In 1944, member, Central Liaison Headquarters Committee of National Movement to Arouse People to Action. President, Board of Information and Minister without Portfolio in KOISO Cabinet; Vice-President of IRAA; General Secretary of Central Co-operative Council of IRAA; member of the Supreme Council for the Direction of the War. In January 1945, President of IRAA Youth Corps and Vice-President of IRAA. Lost Cabinet post on fall of KOISO Cabinet, April 1945; became a member of Cabinet Advisory Council, SUZUKI Cabinet, 10 May 1945. Nominated to fill vacancy in the House of Peers, 15 August 1945; Minister without Portfolio and President Board of Information in HIGASHI-KUNI Cabinet, 17 August 1945; Member of the Diet System Investigation Council, 5 October 1945; Member of the Asiatic Development Committee and the small and middle sized Industrial Investigation Council; Assembly member of the Official Headquarters of the Greater Nippon Society in the Promotion of the Asiatic League.

He qualified under paragraph 7-a of Joint-Chief-of-Staff Basic Directive for Post Surrender Military Government in Japan proper of 3 November 1945. He was Director-General of IRAA Young Mens' Corps (YOKUSAN SONENDAN); President of the Information Board; Minister without Portfolio; appointed Vice-President on 10 August succeeding Fumio GOTO who resigned; President of the IRAA Young Mens' Corps; President of GENYOSHA (Dark Ocean Society), a society reported to be the nucleus and driving force within the Black Dragon Society; President of CHUO GHOSA KAI TOA HAN (Central Investigation Association of the East Asia Ministry). May be the same as the Asiatic Development Committee listed in ONI. Member of the Supreme Council for the direction of the war late in 1944. Specifically designated to promote co-ordination between War Strategy and Propaganda. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

REMARKS:

The positions held by SUBJECT in the Japanese Government, his connections with political organizations and the nature of his activities in these, show that during the period involved he took an active part in the

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Treaties, agreements and assurances, or participation  
in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment  
of the foregoing"

within the meaning and intent of paragraph 1.a. of Reference A.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody  
as a class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International  
Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

SHINDO, Kazuma:

"G-2 recommends that this minor figure in ideological Japanese nationalism be released with preference of charges".

SHINDO, Kazuma

TOP SECRET

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: SHINDO, Kazuma.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

President of Genyosha (Black Ocean Society) and was Director of the Kyushu Nippo. One of the principal members of the Tohokai (Eastern Society).

REMARKS:

Subject was one of the organizers of Fascist Party in Japan in 1936. In 1944 he was appointed President of the Black Ocean Society, the parent organization of the Black Dragon Society. He was an active member of Tohokai (Eastern Society) which organization, in the summer and fall of 1941 advocated immediate war with the United States. During this period, this organization was recognized as being one of the most influential in Japanese political and military life. SUBJECT was born in 1904, but despite his relatively young age, played a prominent part in the above-mentioned activities, and at one time was private secretary to NAKANO, Seigo, the prime founder of Tohokai, the Fascist Party. At the time of his arrest in December 1945, the following evaluation of SHINDO was made: "SHINDO should be apprehended as a war criminal for his major responsibility in laying foundations in domestic affairs, in preparation for aggression and totalitarian control." CIS/G-2 in a report to Legal Section dated 12 May 1947 recommends as follows: "G-2 recommends that this minor figure in ideological Japanese nationalism be released without preference of charges."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.



TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

SHIMOMURA, Hirosai:

"CIS/G-2 recommends that SHIMOMURA be released  
from house arrest without preference of charges".

TOP SECRET

SHIMOMURA, Hirosai

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: SHIMOMURA, Hiroshi

PRESENT STATUS: Retained under House Arrest.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Former Vice-President of Asahi Shimbun Publishing Company; member of the House of Peers; Director of Manchuria Immigration Association; Board of International Tourist Industry; President of Japan Broadcasting Corporation; member, Education Investigation Council; Director of the IRAPS; Minister without Portfolio in SUZUKI Cabinet; and President of Cabinet Board of Information.

REMARKS:

By virtue of his long tenure of public service, SUBJECT wielded a great influence over political matters in the years prior to the outbreak of war. As a Director of the Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society, he was very influential in the direction of its policies.

CIS/G-2 in a report to Legal Section under date of 27 February 1947 reports and recommends as follows: "CIS/G-2 believes that SHIMOMURA's support of East Asia ideologies and the Imperial Rule Assistance organizations was motivated by humanitarianism and that an over-all study of his character shows his good qualities to outweigh any of the accusations made against him." "Hence CIS/G-2 recommends that SHIMOMURA be released from house arrest without preference of charges."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

SAKURAI, Hyogoro:

"Unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in political societies in general and/or activity in the Imperial Rule Assistance organizations in particular will form a basis for indictment, and unless evidence sufficient for charges against SAKURAI of responsibility for aggressive militarism as a civilian advisor to the Japanese militarists in Burma has been uncovered by the INTFE prosecution, G-2 recommends that SAKURAI be released from internment under house arrest without preference of charges.

TOP SECRET

SAKURAI, Hyogoro

LEGAL SECTION

**NAME:** SAKURAI, Ryogoro

**PRESENT STATUS:** Detained under House Arrest.

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

SUBJECT is professional politician and office holder. He was elected to the Diet many times. He was former Chief Secretary to the MINSEITO POLITICAL PARTY. In 1934 he was parliamentary Vice-Minister of Overseas Affairs.

During the World War 11 years he held numerous positions in the IRAA and the IRAPS, by virtue of his positions in the Diet and in the Cabinet. In 1945 he was Minister without Portfolio in the SUZUKI Cabinet. He acted as Chairman of the Political Affairs Investigating Council of all Political Groups.

In 1942 to 1943 SUBJECT served as Chief Political Advisor to the Military Administration in Burma. He sponsored the transfer of Burmese religious relics to Japan.

**REMARKS:**

Positive information now in hand is weak against SUBJECT as a Class A suspect. He does not appear to have been active in Nationalistic Societies or the planning and preparation of war. By virtue of the positions held during the war he can be held as a participant in the waging of aggressive warfare. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

Further, SUBJECT can be named as a Class B suspect for his violation of the Rules of Land Warfare in the removal of religious relics from Burma to Japan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that SUBJECT be held as a Class A and Class B war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

SHORIKI, Matsutaro:

"On the basis of the evidence now available, it is recommended that the subject be released at once from custody, with the understanding that it will not prejudice future prosecutive action should additional evidence be obtained."

SHORIKI, Matsutaro

TOP SECRET

LEGAL SECTION

COPY

NAME: SHORIKI, Matsutaro.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

As proprietor of the Youriuri Shimbun, SUBJECT strongly backed the Axis and urged Japanese adherence to the Tri-Partite Alliance. He is known to have had very close connections with the German Embassy and to be one of their chief propaganda outlets in Japan. Made his newspaper the chief army organ and actively promoted militaristic propaganda immediately preceding Pearl Harbor. It was his newspaper which communicated with Honolulu the night before "Pearl Harbor", supposedly for the purpose of obtaining weather information. Received a silver cup from the Emperor for outstanding services to his country during the war. He was a member of the Preparatory Committee, IRAA, in 1940; Councillor, Cabinet Information Board in 1943; member of the Privy Council; Cabinet Advisor in 1944; Councillor, Board of Information in 1945.

REMARKS:

If SUBJECT was merely complying with censorship regulations, as is stated in his defense, it would not seem reasonable for a personal award to be made by the Emperor. SUBJECT's newspaper had a circulation of over 1,800,000 and wielded a tremendous influence in moulding the public opinion for aggressive war. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be held for further investigation as a Class A war criminal suspect.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

SAKAI, Tadamasa:

"Unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in ideological societies in general and/or activity in the Imperial Rule Assistance organizations in particular will form a basis for indictment, CIS/G-2 recommends release of SAKAI from internment without preference of charges."

TOP SECRET

SAKAI, Tadamasa

LEGAL SECTION

COPY

NAME: SAKAI, Tadamasa (Count).

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

In 1923, member, House of Peers; 1939 Chairman of the Imperial Agricultural Association; 1939 Minister of Agriculture and Forestry; 1942 Director of IRAPS; 1944 Councilor IRAA; 1944 Director IRAA; 1944 Vice-President, House of Peers; long association with KINKI GAKUIN (Institute of the Golden Pheasant) of which he was chief patron. This was an institute where Fascist minded intellectuals developed their theories on Japanese policies and it had important influence on senior bureaucrats, politicians and officers. SAKAI was the liaison between IRAPS and KENKYU KAI, an important political bloc within the House of Peers. Listed as having been a member of KOKUI KAU (National Prestige Society) KOKUMIN SO KEKKI UNDO RENRAKU HONBU (National General Inspiration Movement Liaison Headquarters.) No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

REMARKS:

The positions held by SUBJECT in the Japanese Government, his connections with political organizations and the nature of his activities in these, show that during the period involved he took an active part in the

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within the meaning and intent of paragraph 1.a. of Reference A.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.



TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

TOKUTOMI, Iichiro:

"TOKUTOMI's career, in its literary gravitation toward nationalism, does not appear to provide sufficient evidence for indictment as a Class A, B or C war criminal. G-2 recommends that this 84-year old man be released from internment under house arrest without preference of charges."

TOP SECRET

TOKUTOMI, Iichiro

LEGAL SECTION

COPY

NAME: TOKUTOMI, (Soho) Iichiro.

PRESENT STATUS: Detained under House Arrest.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Founded Kokumin Shimbun; President Dai Nippon Press Association; Advisor, Greater East Asia Federation; Advisor, Greater East Asia Development Headquarters of IRAA; member of the Black Dragon Society. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

REMARKS:

The positions held by SUBJECT in the Japanese Government, his connections with political organizations and the nature of his activities in these, show that during the period involved he took an active part in the

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within the meaning and intent of paragraph 1.a. of Reference A.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

YOKOYAMA, Yui:

"G-2 recommends that YOKOYAMA be released without preference of charges, but under advice to CIC (through G-2 and CIS) to watch his future activities."

TOP SECRET

YOKOYAMA, Yui

LEGAL SECTION

COPY

NAME: YOKOYAMA, Yui

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

One of the most mysterious figures in the whole field of Japanese pre-war intrigue; member of the Kempeitai; on intimate terms with many high Japanese Government officials; never had visible means of support, yet spent money lavishly; persons close to him speak with awe of his influence and power among military, political and governmental officials; believed to be a "master spy"; took part in conspiracy against China in 1930's; friendly with Stahmer, Ex-Premier Hirota, et al; self-styled "civilian diplomat"; member, Genyosha (Black Ocean Society); founder, Civilian Information Bureau, founder, Civil Intelligence Bureau.

REMARKS:

Positive information now in hand is not conclusive that Subject is a Class A suspect. However, his pre-war intrigue and close association with high officials of government, political and military should not be overlooked until it is fully determined the extent and reasons behind his activities.

No recommendation regarding the final disposition of Subject has been received from CIS/G-2, AFPAC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Subject be held for further investigation as a Class A war criminal suspect.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KUZUU, Yoshihisa:

"In summary, KUZUU has undoubtedly been a life-long ideological nationalist, finding the outlet to his super-patriotism through the channels of the Black Dragon Society. Unless, however, such ideological activity is to be made the basis of indictments, CIS/G-2 recommends that this seventy-three-year-old nationalist be released from internment without preference of charges."

KUZUU, Yoshihisa

TOP SECRET

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: KUZUU, Yoshihisa.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

In 1901 joined UCHIDA, Ryhei, in organizing the KOKURYU KAI (Black Dragon Society); in 1937 became president of this organization following UCHIDA's death; in 1929 was a principal member of TAIGAI DOSHI KAI (Anti-Foreign Fellow Spirits Society); chief representative in the MANSEN MONDAI KOKUMIN DOMEI (Manchurian-Korean Problem People's League) and the MANSHUE MONDAI KYOKOKO ITCHI KAKURA KAI (Manchurian Problem National Unity Cooperative Association); in 1937 one of the organizers of TAISHI DOSHI KAI (Anti-China Fellowship Society) whose triple aim was to punish China, to renounce makeshift peace measures and to reject Third Power interference; representative of the Black Dragon Society as advisor to DAI NIPPON SEISAN TO (Great Japan Productions Party) and also as its representative in KOKUTA YOGO REECO KAI (National Constitution Protection League) a coalition of over eighty nationalistic organizations dedicated to smothering such liberal ideas as Professor MINOBE's Organic Theory of the Emperor; was Chief Representative of KIKANSETSU BOKUMETSU DOMEI (Anti-Organic Theory League); was leading member of JI.KYOKU KYOGIKAI (Current Affairs Council); an outspoken supporter of military policy and opponent of all liberal political tendencies. In 1938 he organized DAI NIHON KAIKYO KYOKAI (Great Japan Mohammedan Association); member of KOKUMIN SEISHIN SODOIN IIN KAI (National Spirit Mobilization Central Committee) which acted as liaison body in the Cabinet; in 1940 representative of the Black Dragon Society in SENJI TAISEI KYOKA REMEI (Wartime Organization Strengthening League); in 1941 represented the Black Dragon Society in DAI NIPPON KOA DOMEI (Great Japan Rise Asia League), an amalgamation of sixty-odd societies having overseas interests; occupied the following positions in the Imperial Rule Assistance Movements: KOMON (advisor), TAISEI YOKUSAN KAI (IRAA) 1940 to 1944; member, YOKUSAN SEIJI RYOKU KESSHU JUMBIKAN (IRA Political Consolidation Preparatory Committee, 1942); HYOGIIN (Consultant) YOKUSAN SEIJI KAI (IRAPS) in 1942.

In 1943, as President of the Black Dragon Society, Executive Director of the IRAA and Permanent Advisor to DAI NIPPON KOA DOMEI, published in the May 30 issue of the NIPPON TIMES an article entitled "Black Dragon Society Demands Unconditional Surrender by United States and Britain", which was nationalistic ideology in its loudest propaganda form. CIS/G-2, in a report dated 29 April 1947 states: "KUZUU has undoubtedly been a life-long ideological nationalist, finding the outlet to his super-patriotism through the channels of the Black Dragon Society. Unless, however, such ideological activity is to be made the basis for indictments, CIS/G-2 recommends that this seventy-three year old nationalist be released from internment without preference of charges."

LEGAL SECTION

REMARKS:

The positions held by SUBJECT in the Japanese Government, his connections with political organizations and the nature of his activities in these, show that, during the period involved he took active part in the

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within the meaning and intent of paragraph 1,a, of Reference A.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

NAKAJIMA, Chikuhei:

"Therefore, unless the expectable cooperation of a businessman with his government's wartime policies be considered a basis for indictment, and unless a normal political career including nominal association with the Imperial Rule Assistance organizations be considered basis for indictment, G-2 recommends that NAKAJIMA be released from his internment without preference of charges."

NAKAJIMA, Chikuhei

TOP SECRET



LEGAL SECTION

NAME: NAKAJIMA, Chikohei.

PRESENT STATUS: Detained under House Arrest.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT was an industrialist, aircraft engineer and politician. As the head of the larger of two factions in SEIYUKAI (a political organization) in 1930 to 1940, his faction wholeheartedly supported the KONOYE Government in 1937.

In 1942, SUBJECT was a member of the East Asia Sphere Establishment Administration in Cabinet which was in absolute charge of all occupied countries and resulted in the combining of numerous organizations and trading companies in a systematic policy to weaken the Chinese economic, social and political life. SUBJECT was also Minister of Commerce and Industry, 1932 to 1934; Railway Minister, First KONOYE Cabinet; member, Cabinet Advisory Council, 1940; Councilor, IRAPS; elected member House of Representatives several times.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT reaped huge fortunes as an industrialist by his political activities and advocacy of aggression and is a major suspect. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

ODATE, Shigeo:

"Therefore, G-2 recommends that unless evidence has been uncovered to make ODACHI's official duties a basis for charges against him, ODACHI be released from internment without preference of charges".

ODACHI, Shigeo

TOP SECRET

Legal Section

NAME: ODAI, (ODACHI) Shigeo.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

In 1916 entered civil service; 1921 commissioner Home Office; 1927 Secretary Reconstruction Bureau and Secretary Home Ministry; Chief, Medical Section, Sanitary Bureau; 1930 (?) Japanese Representative, Opium Advisory Committee, Genoa; 1932 to 1934 Governor Fukui Prefecture; 1934 Director Legislation Bureau, Manchukuo; Vice-Director, General Affairs Board, Manchukuo State Council; 1935 Director-General, General Affairs Board of Manchukuo State Council; 1937 Advisor to Special Affairs of North China Expeditionary Force; 1938 Advisor to Provisional Government of Central China together with Michio Yuzawa; 1939 to 1940 Vice-Minister of Home Affairs in ABE and YONAI Cabinets; February 1942 named Mayor of Special Municipality of "Shonan" (Singapore); 1943 Mayor of Tokyo Metropolis. Concurrently Chairman of Kanto District Administrative Council; July 1944 appointed Home Minister KOISO Cabinet; December 1944 Vice-Chairman of Cabinet's Investigation Committee on political treatment of Chosenese and Taiwanese; April 1945 resigned with KOISO Cabinet; June 1945 appointed Councilor, Board of Information. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

REMARKS:

The positions held by SUBJECT in the Japanese Government, his connection with political organizations and the nature of his activities in these, show that during the period involved he took active part in the

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within the meaning and intent of paragraph 1.a. of Reference A.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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TAB "B"

There follows a list of names which the War Crimes Branch, WD, has suggested be detained in house custody pending further investigation.

- (1) AMAU, Eiji - #216
- (2) AOKI, Kazuo - #215
- (3) ABE, Genki - #287
- (4) ANDO, Saburo - #52
- (5) GOTO, Fumio - #221
- (6) GODO, Takuo - #264
- (7) HONDA, Kumataro - #198
- (8) KODAMA, Yoshio - #194
- (9) OTA, Masataka - #184
- (10) SUMA, Yakichiro - #281
- (11) TERASHIMA, Ken - #70
- (12) TADA, Yayao (Shun) - #53 *is asked to check request transfer to civilian circumstances by I.R.S.*
- (13) TOYODA, Soemu - #173

G-2, SCAP and Legal Section have also made recommendations as per attached sheets.

(NOTE: Dr. Brown and Captain Robinson had included the names of ABE, Genki and GODO, Takuo on their list of those to be released made after their study of the dossiers.)

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 - G-2, SCAP recommendations on each person
- 2 - Legal Section, SCAP recommendations on each person

TOP SECRET

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

AMAU, Eiji:

"Unless the prosecution phase of the trial now in process at the International Military Tribunal for the Far East has produced definite evidence sufficient to constitute a basis for indictment of AMAU, G-2 recommends his release without preference of charges."

AMAU, Eiji

TOP SECRET

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: AMAU, Eiji.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs in August 1941; President of the Board of Information under TOJO. An ardent nationalist; was for a long time Foreign Office spokesman and authored the famous Amau Statement warning other powers to keep hands off China, in April 1934. He was Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1941 and succeeded TANI as President of the Bureau of Information under Premier TOJO. He was head of Foreign Office Information Department (Johobu) for a number of years.

REMARKS:

[SUBJECT was very active in political fields. While Chief of the Information Board he was the censoring agency of the Japanese Government, excepting that of the military. This Board operated directly under and was responsible to the Premier. His nationalistic doctrines were directed against other powers long before the start of the war. Foreign Minister HIROTA stated to Ambassador Grew that AMAU made the statement concerning China without approval and that its contents tended to give the false impression that Japan was seeking special privileges and rights to China. SUBJECT's views and activities greatly contributed toward Japanese war efforts. SUBJECT is discussed in "Ten Years in Japan" by Ambassador Grew. No recommendations regarding final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and be tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

AOKI, Kazuo:

"Therefore, unless the International Military Tribunal for the Far East has in its prosecution phase uncovered evidence of AOKI's activities which may serve as a basis for indictment, G-2 recommends that AOKI's case be considered in the light of policy to be adopted towards responsibility of individual bureaucrats for their officials acts."

AOKI, Kazuo

TOP SECRET

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: AOKI, Kazuo

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

[Father was first ambassador to the United States. Mother was a German princess. Since 1917 has occupied many important positions in Finance Departments in the Government. In 1936 to 1937 was Vice President, Manchurian Affairs Board; Vice President Cabinet Planning Board in 1937 and its President in 1939. Finance Minister in ABE Cabinet; member of the House of Peers; in 1940 to 1942 advisor to Nanking Government; in 1942 Minister of State without Portfolio; Minister of Greater East Asia in TOJO Cabinet.]

Undoubtedly one of the military clique, took prominent part in planning and waging aggressive war. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

REMARKS:

The positions held by SUBJECT in the Japanese Government, his connections with political organizations and the nature of his activities in these, show that during the period involved he took an active part in the

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within the meaning and intent of Paragraph 1.a. of reference A.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.



TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

ABE, Genki:

"Therefore, since ABE and his actions are so closely tied in with Japanese Government policy, and since his or the system's responsibility will have to be determined as a matter of high policy, G-2 recommends that ABE's case be considered on this basis."

ABE, Genki

TOP SECRET

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: ABE, Genki.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT made a career as a civil servant with emphasis on the law enforcing agencies. From 1932 to 1940 he held a key position in one capacity or another in the Police Branch of the Home Ministry. From 1937 to 1940 he was Superintendent-General of the Metropolitan Police Board. He was a member of the IRAA Investigation Committee, May 1941. From December 1941 to November 1943 (the time it was abolished) he served as Vice President of the Cabinet Planning Board. He was Home Minister in the SUZUKI Cabinet.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT's importance in the preparation and initiation of a war of aggression by long service in the Metropolitan Police cannot be over-emphasized. He was in office in the crucial years when the military clique was ruthlessly stamping out, through the Home Office and police, all semblance of freedom of thought and expression in Japan. Later, as Vice President of the Planning Board in the TOJO Cabinet, he was a key figure in the regimentation of the entire economic and industrial strength of the country behind the war effort. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and be tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

ANDO, Kisaburo:

"Unless sufficient additional information about ANDO's China activities is uncovered to provide a basis for indictment, and unless it is decided to make ANDO's IRA activity the basis for charges, CIS/G-2 recommends that ANDO be released from internment without preference of charges."

ANDO, Kisaburo

TOP SECRET

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: ANDO, Kisaburo.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Interrogation of SUBJECT on 21 January 1946 and other evidentiary facts reveal that: [SUBJECT was connected with the War Ministry for almost fifteen (15) years; was Vice President of China New Peoples' Association 1939 to 1941 in Peiking, China; Minister without portfolio in TOJO Cabinet, 1942; Home Minister in TOJO Cabinet; admits that while ostensibly working for the Peiking Provincial Government he was actually working for the Japanese Army; aided North China Expeditionary Forces and aggression regardless of treaties; was Vice President of IRAA when TOJO was President, and admits that he was in accord with most of TOJO's policies and that he accepts full responsibility for the actions of the TOJO Cabinet.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT is one of the leading suspects; his statement, standing alone, shows sufficient cause for trial. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

GOTO, Fumio:

"Unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in ideological societies in general and/or activity in the Imperial Rule Assistance organizations in particular will form a basis for indictments, CIS/G-2 recommends release of GOTO from internment without preference of charges."

TOP SECRET

GOTO, Fumio

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: GOTO, Fumio

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Director-General of the General Affairs Department of the Government General of Taiwan; Minister of Agriculture and Forestry; Home Minister; Director of the General Affairs Bureau of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, 1940; Vice President of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, 1943 to 1944; Minister without Portfolio in the TOJO Cabinet, and President of the Youth Corps of the IRAA, 1944; Home Minister 8 July 1934 to 9 March 1936.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT has had a long career in government office and he was known as a bureaucrat, nationalist and a strong supporter of the army and its policies, exercising great influence over young men of the middle class. As early as 1932 he was criticized for his Fascist leanings. As one of the organizers, Director and Vice President of the IRAA, he wielded great influence over Japanese political and military policies. As a Minister without Portfolio in the TOJO Cabinet, he was in the "Inner Circle" of Japanese aggression.

At the time of his arrest in December 1945, the following evaluation of GOTO was made: "GOTO should be apprehended for his major responsibility in laying the foundations, in domestic affairs, in preparation for aggression and totalitarian controls."

CIS/G-2, FEC, in a report to the Legal Section dated 27 February 1947, recommends as follows: "Unless it is decided as a matter of policy that membership in ideological societies in general and/or activity in the Imperial Rule Assistance organizations in particular will form a basis for indictment, CIS/G-2 recommends release of GOTO from internment without preference of charges."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

GODO, Takuo:

"Unless GODO's IRA activity, his industrial success in Manchukuo and his pro-German ideologies are considered a legal basis for trial, G-2 recommends that he be released without preference of charges."

GODO, Takuo

TOP SECRET

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LEGAL SECTION

NAME: GODO, Takuo.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

A Naval Officer by profession, SUBJECT retired with the rank of Vice Admiral in 1928 or 1929. He became interested in the economic exploitation of Manchuria and served as a member of the Board of Directors of the South Manchuria Railway and as President of the Showa Steel Works, Anshan, Manchuria. In 1937 he was Minister of Commerce, Industry and Railways in the HAYASHI Cabinet. He went to Germany in 1937 to 1938 as an unofficial envoy to represent Japan's side of the China Incident. He was Minister of Commerce, Industry, Agriculture and Forestry in the ABE Cabinet, 1939 to 1940.

SUBJECT was a member of the six of the seven preparatory committees that established the IRAPS. He was Chairman of the Deliberative Council of the IRAA. Although not an official member of the Cabinet, he was in the House of Peers and held many important and key positions under the IRAA.

SUBJECT was a Director of the Association for promoting Friendly Relations with Germany, Italy and Japan. He admired the NAZI economy and professed himself a new leader in Japan's finance under war time controlled capitalism.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT's career is a blend of military jingoism and industrial and economical activity. He played an important part in every phase of the master Japanese plan of expansion, exploitation and world domination. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET



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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

HONDA, Kumataro:

"Unless HONDA's attitude toward foreign affairs as expressed in his writings during his retirement and/or his activity as 12-months ambassador to China from 7 December 1940 until 19 December 1941 are considered a legal basis for trial, G-2 recommends that the 73 -year-old HONDA be released from house arrest without preference of charges."

HONDA, Kumataro

TOP SECRET

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: HONDA, Kumatoro.

PRESENT STATUS: Detained under House Arrest.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

[ From 1898 to 1926 held many important posts in the diplomatic service. In 1940 was called back from retirement and appointed as Ambassador to Nanking, and in 1944 was Advisor to the Foreign Office. Gave numerous speeches before the KOKUHONSHA (National Foundation Society) in which he aired his ultra-nationalistic views. Also contributed articles to its publication "KOKUHON". In 1944 was Advisor to East Asia Development Headquarters of IRAA.

Evaluation of the reports on HONDA show him to have been extremely active behind the scenes after his retirement from the diplomatic service in 1926. A vigorous advocate of the pro-Axis policy and a ruthless opponent of efforts to conciliate the United States and Britain. He was selected as Ambassador to Nanking by Foreign Minister Yosuke MATSUOKA because considered an expert on Chinese affairs. The press recognized the appointment as of prime importance because of HONDA's forceful qualities, relations with the fighting services and imperialistic opinions. Was an ardent supporter of a strong, uncompromising policy in China. Close friend of General Shunroku HATA, one of the most brilliant Japanese Army officers, and army preparedness propagandist of wide note. No recommendations regarding final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

REMARKS:

The positions held by SUBJECT in the Japanese Government, his connections with political organizations and the nature of his activities in these, show that during the period involved he took an active part in the

"planning, preparation, initiation or waging of war of aggression or a war in violation of International Treaties, agreements and assurances, or participation in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of the foregoing"

within the meaning and intent of paragraph 1.a. of Reference A.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that subject be retained in custody as a Class A war Criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KODAMA, Yoshio:

"KODAMA's past performance indicates that he is the sort of man G-2 considers more dangerous than either the super-annuated ideologists or the professional men who aided Japan's wartime effort for reasons of patriotism or survival of their professional interests. In view of his record and his dangerous potentialities for the future, G-2 recommends that his case be carefully scanned for possible bases for indictment."

TOP SECRET

KODAMA, Yoshio

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: KODAMA, Yoshio.

PRESENT STATUS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Young politician, in and out of prison many times; known for his book, "Gokuchu Gokagai" meaning "In and Out of Prison." In and out of China several times during the war. At one time published the Yamato Shumbun, Tokyo newspaper.

REMARKS:

Said to be a terrorist and war profiteer in his early career. During his stay in China while working with Japanese forces he made several million yen. This money was used in 1941 to organize a movement which had for its purpose the defeat of any negotiated peace. He was a recognized Naval Agent with special Army privileges. He has cleverly concealed his fortune although known as a gambler. A member of the Kempei Tai in Shanghai, he was directly responsible for the deaths of many Chinese.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

OTA, Masataka:

"It is G-2's recommendation that OTA be released  
without preference of charges".

OTA, Masataka

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LEGAL SECTION

NAME: OTA, Masataka.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

As Director of IRAA and as a Director of Policy Bureau of IRAPS in 1940, SUBJECT advocated renovation of political, social and economic structure of Japan along totalitarian lines; represented political groups which gave expression to the Army's interest in such renovation, expansion and aggression; exponent of the war effort in the field of economics and as such was Parliamentary Councilor of Finance in 1931; Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Finance; lectured for IRAPS' nation-wide movement for decisive victory; a prolific speaker and writer.

REMARKS:

CIS/G-2, FEC, in a report dated 14 May 1947 recommends; "It is G-2's considered opinion that this unimaginative patriotic parrot is too unimportant to warrant the dignity and expense of trial, even were his activities in politics and propaganda considered proper basis for indictment. It is G-2's recommendation that OTA be released without preference of charges."

As a matter of law it is believed that SUBJECT is guilty of war crimes, and from the nature of his activities he can be placed only in the Class A category. It is not for this Committee to now determine the degree of his importance.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

## G-2 RECOMMENDATION

SUMA, Yakichiro:

"In summary, SUMA's activities seem to fall entirely within the scope of a regular diplomatic career. Unless the assumption is false that evidence sufficient for charges against SUMA failed to emerge during the prosecution phase of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, G-2 recommends that SUMA be released from house arrest without preference of charges".

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: SUMA, Yakichiro

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

[Non-de-plume; SHOHYU, Sanjin. SUBJECT became Minister to Spain during the years 1940 to 1945; spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office, 1939 to 1940; Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy in Washington, 1937 to 1939.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT was so pro-Axis and impossible to deal with during his Washington position that his recall was requested by the U.S. Government. While he was the spokesman of the Foreign Office, the Japanese announced their program of the creation of a New Order in East Asia. SUBJECT was a career diplomat who served as a useful protagonist of Japan's imperialistic schemes. Deeply involved in diplomatic intrigue in China which preceded and later accompanied the invasion of that country. After November 1940, he served in the interests of the Japanese Militarists in Europe. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIB/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.



TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

TERASHIMA, Ken:

"It is CIS/G-2's considered recommendation that  
TERASHIMA be released from internment without  
preference of charges".

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TERASHIMA, Ken

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: TERASHIMA, Ken.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Formerly Chief-of-Staff of the Combined Fleet; Director of Education Bureau of the Navy Ministry; Director, Naval Affairs Bureau, Navy Ministry. Served as Naval General Staff; President, Uraga Dockyards; Dai Nippon Ordnance Manufacturing Company; October to December 1941, Railways Minister in TOJO Cabinet; November 1943, Communications Minister in TOJO Cabinet; Head of Japanese Maritime Federation; May 1944, appointed Advisor to Transportation and Communications Ministry in TOJO Cabinet.

REMARKS:

SUBJECT was a member of the original TOJO Cabinet, and, as such, must be held responsible for the policies and acts of that body. He attended the Imperial Conference on 1 December 1941 at which meeting it was unanimously decided to declare war on the United States. CIS/GO2, in a report to Legal Section under date of 25 February 1947, after reviewing the evidence against SUBJECT, recommends as follows: "It is GO2's considered recommendation that TERASHIMA be released from internment without preference of charges".

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

TADA, Hayao:

"Therefore, in view of the fact that TADA's possibly criminal acts lie wholly within the scope of his official military duties, G-2 recommends that his case be considered in the light of such policy as may be determined regarding the responsibility of an officer for performing his official duties."

TOP SECRET

TADA, Hayao

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: TADA, Hayao (Gen.)

PRESENT STATUS: Detained under House Arrest.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

[As Commander of Japanese garrison troops in North China in 1935, SUBJECT took active part in the intrigues of General DOIHARA during 1935 and 1936 for the purpose of establishing autonomous regime in that area. As Commander-in-Chief, Japanese Expeditionary Forces in North China in 1939 to 1941, SUBJECT bears common responsibility for the atrocities committed there. As member of the Supreme War Council in 1941 and Vice-Chief-of-Staff and concurrently President of Military Staff College in 1937 to 1938, SUBJECT took active part in preparation and waging of aggressive war.]

REMARKS:

Although SUBJECT might be deemed a Class A war criminal suspect for his activities in Japan, it is believed that his influence was limited and that his major responsibilities were in the field. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody for trial as a Class B war criminal suspect.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

TOYODA, Soemu

"Unless it is proposed to try TOYODA for his actions as a high ranking naval officer during the war, CIS/G-2 recommends his release from internment without preference of charges."

TOP SECRET

TOYODA, Soemu

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: TOYODA, Soemu.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

1. Supreme Military Councilor, 1942.
2. Commander-in-Chief, Combined Fleet, 28 Oct. 1944
3. Chief of Naval General Staff, 1945.
4. Active Member of Great Asia Society.

REMARKS:

Reported extremely nationalistic and anti-foreign. SUBJECT was very active in the Japanese field of aggression warfare - especially naval warfare. The organization to which he belonged specialized in pan-Asian propaganda.

SUBJECT was a member of a secret committee which functioned under the supervision of the Foreign Minister. The purpose of this committee was to study, investigate and legislate then report on policy toward North China.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

TAB "C"

There follows a list of three (3) names which War Crimes Branch, WD, has suggested be tried as Class B or C criminals.

- (1) KURODO, Shigenori - #320
- (2) KIHARA, Jitaro - #460
- (3) KAWABE, Masakuzu - #200

G-2 and Legal Section, SCAP recommendations are as per attached sheets.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 - G-2, SCAP recommendations on each person
- 2 - Legal Section, SCAP recommendations on each person.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KURODA, Shigenori:

"Unless Legal Section finds basis for war crimes charges in connection with KURODA's commands and/or atrocities committed during his tenure in the Philippine Islands, G-2 recommends release of KURODA from internment without preference of charges."

TOP SECRET

KURODA, Shigenori



LEGAL SECTION

NAME: KURODO, Shigenori

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

As Commander-in-Chief of all Japanese forces in the Philippine Islands in 1942, SUBJECT bears command responsibility for numerous wholesale murders, massacres, rapes, cruelties and tortures of Filipino and U.S. citizens, and military personnel. SUBJECT was also Commanding General, 26th Division in North China in 1941; Chief of-Staff, Southern Expeditionary Army in 1942.

REMARKS:

An examination of the POW files in the office of the Philippine Division, Legal Section, GHQ, SCAP, will reveal many atrocities committed during SUBJECT's tenure in the Philippine Islands. G-2 in a report dated 8 May 1947 recommends; "Unless Legal Section finds basis for war crimes charges in connection with KURODA's commands and/or atrocities committed during his tenure in the Philippine Islands, G-2 recommends release of KURODA from internment without preference of charges".

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody for trial as a Class B war criminal suspect.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KIHARA, Jitaro:

"Unless a basis of charges has been uncovered in Manila by the investigation initiated by Legal Section's "Report of Investigation Division (Inv. Div. No. 1391)" dated 8 January 1947, G-2 recommends release of KIHARA without preference of charges".

TOP SECRET

KIHARA, Jitaro

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: KIHARA, Jitaro.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT became Vice-Consul, Manila, P.I. in October 1934. In 1940 he was promoted to Consul, in which capacity he served in Davao, P.I. (1942.)

SUBJECT was relieved of his position in Manila in favor of an assignment to the Foreign Ministry, Tokyo. During the year of 1943 SUBJECT assumed the title of Civil Administrator, Military Government Headquarters, Philippine Islands, wherein he served until promoted to Consul-General, Manila, 24 September 1945. Left for Japan 3 November 1945.

REMARKS:

CIS/G-2, FEC, recommends release of KIHARA without preference of charges unless a basis for charges has been uncovered in Manila, P.I. It is to be noted that SUBJECT held an influential office in the Philippine Islands during the period of occupation. It is a matter of common knowledge that during SUBJECT's term of office mass atrocities were committed in the Philippines. It must also be noted that during this period of time the Japanese Government promoted a program of New Philippines. This plan had among its numerous purposes the formation of a new government for the Philippine Islands. Attention must also be given to the fact that SUBJECT rose rapidly in diplomatic ranks, and that, by virtue of the varied positions he held in the Japanese Government he exerted or failed to interrupt the influence of the Japanese war program in its course of conquest and expansion.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an international Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KAWABE, Shozo:

"Unless the IMTFE prosecution has uncovered evidence sufficient for charges of aggressive military action against KAWABE and/or unless there exists evidence of KAWABE's guilt of war atrocities, G-2 recommends that KAWABE be released from internment without preference of charges.

KAWABE, Shozo

TOP SECRET

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: KAWABE, Shozo

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Commander of a detachment during the China Incident. Assistant Inspector of Military Education in 1939, after which he became Chief of the General Staff of the Japanese Army in China; Commander-in-Chief of the Burma Army in 1943 and part of 1944. He later became Commander-in-Chief of the Central Army. At one time he served as Military Attache to Germany.

REMARKS:

As Commander of a detachment during the period surrounding the China Incident, SUBJECT played a prominent part in Japanese aggression. As Commander-in-Chief of the Burma Army in 1943 he issued a declaration of Burmese Independence. Most of the information available concerning SUBJECT has to do with his military career rather than political. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried as such.

TOP SECRET

TAB "D"

There follows the names of six (6) men whom the War Crimes Branch, WD, suggests for indictment and trial as Class A criminals.

- (1) ISHIHARA, Koichiro - #208
- (2) IWAMURA, Michiro - #92
- (3) KISHI, Shinsuke - #77
- (4) NISHIO, Toshizo - #51
- (5) TAKAHASHI, Sankichi - #169
- (6) TANI, Masayuki - #91

G-2 and Legal Section, SCAP recommendations are as per attached sheets.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 - G-2, SCAP recommendations on each person
- 2 - Legal Section, SCAP recommendations on each person.

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G-2 RECOMMENDATION

ISHIHARA, Koichiro (Hiroichiro):

"Unless the prosecution proceedings of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East have uncovered evidence which will form a legal basis for indictment of ISHIHARA, CIS/ G-2 recommends that he be released from internment without preference of charges".

(Hiroichiro)  
ISHIHARA, Koichiro

TOP SECRET

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: ISHIHARA, (Koichiro) Hiroichiro.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

[President and principal owner of Ishihara Sangyo K.K. (Ishihara Production Co. Ltd); was a self-made man who made money principally from imports of rubber and iron ore from Malaya and the southern regions. In 1932 participated in the organization of Jinmu Kai and contributed ¥30,000.00 to it; participated in the organization of Meirin Kai and contributed ¥152,000.00 to it; In 1934 published a book entitled "Shin Nippon Kensetsu" (Construction of New Japan); in 1936 was tried by court-martial for participation in the February 26th Incident, declared innocent on ground that ¥1,000.00 he furnished to one of the participants was a "loan".

During the war Allied POW's were used as labor in some of the mines he operated. No recommendations regarding the final disposition of SUBJECT have been received from CIS/G-2, FEC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.



TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

IWAMURA, Michiyo:

"It is CIS/G-2's considered recommendation that IWAMURA be released from internment without preference of charges."

TOP SECRET

IWAMURA, Michiyo

LEGAL SECTION

NAME: IWAMURA, Michiyo.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT's entire career has been devoted to some phase of the legal profession. Between 1934 and 1937 he was Chief Public Procurator, Tokyo District Court, and Director, Criminal Affairs Bureau of Justice Ministry. In 1937 he became Procurator General of the Supreme Court, which position he held until July 1941 when he became Justice Minister in the third KONOYE Cabinet. He was retained in the TOJO Cabinet and held the position to the fall of TOJO.

By virtue of his position in the Cabinet he was a Director of the IRAA and a member of the IRAPS.

SUBJECT was a member of and present at the Imperial Conference and Cabinet Meeting of 1 December 1941 when the unanimous decision was made to declare war on the United States.

SUBJECT was Minister of Justice at the time of the Doolittle Raid and the change in Japanese Rules of Land Warfare declaring airmen war criminals rather than prisoners of war, contrary to terms of the Hague Convention.]

REMARKS:

In a report dated 25 February 1947 from G-2, FEC, recommendation is made that SUBJECT be released from internment without preference of charges. It is conceded that SUBJECT's historical record as set out in the report appears to be free from incriminatory evidence, however, in the statement of individual responsibility for crimes set out in the indictment of ARAKI et al, before the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, participation in the Imperial Conference and Cabinet Meeting of 1 December 1941 are specifically alleged as war crimes. SUBJECT participated in these meetings. Further, no individual could remain a member of the TOJO Cabinet and not ex-officio adopt as his own act and responsibility the collective acts and responsibilities of the Cabinet as a whole. He meets the requirements necessary for classification as a Class A war criminal suspect.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A War criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

TOP SECRET

G-2 RECOMMENDATION

KISHI, Shinsuke:

"Unless the now completed prosecution phase of the IMTFE trial of major war crimes suspects has adduced evidence sufficient to form an indictment against KISHI in connection with his Manchurian activities and unless activity in Imperial Rule Assistance organizations is adjudged proper basis for indictment, G-2 recommends that KISHI be released from confinement in Sugamo Prison without preference of charges."

KISHI, Shinsuke

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LEGAL SECTION

NAME: KISHI, Shinsuke (Nobusuke)

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

1926 to 1927 toured the United States and Canada; 1930 toured Europe; 1936 to 1937 Director of Industry Bureau, Minister of Industry, Manchukuo; 1937 to 1939 Vice Minister of Ministry of Industry and Director of Patent Bureau, Manchukuo; 1939 Assistant Director of General Affairs Board, Manchukuo State Council; 1939 to 1941 Vice-Minister of Commerce and Industry Japan in ABE, YONAI and 2nd KONOYE Cabinets; Councilor, Imperial Rule Assistance Organizations; Advisor, IRAA; 1941 to 1943 Minister of Commerce and Industry in TOJO Cabinet; member IRAA Political Consolidation Preparation Committee; 1942 elected to Diet as a candidate recommended by the government; member of the Special Committee of IRAPS; member of the Small Committee of IRAPS; 1943 Vice Minister of Commerce and Industry when TOJO took over Ministry to prepare amalgamation with Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry; Vice-Minister of New Munitions Industry with TOJO as Minister; Minister without Portfolio in TOJO Cabinet.

The JAPAN TIMES of 19 October 1941 commented on KISHI's appointment as Minister of Commerce as follows:  
"It is recalled that Mr. KISHI actually designed the wartime commercial and industrial plans which have come into existence during the past year or two -- With regard to a reform of the administrative structure which is considered the essential requirement for the perfection of a national defense economy the entire economic world places absolute confidence in the executive ability of the new government".

THE NEW YORK TIMES war correspondent, Otto D. Tolischus, in his book "Tokyo Record" published in 1943 after his return home from internment in Japan accuses KISHI of having been one of the "Manchuria Gang."

In a report dated 24 April 1947, CIS/G-2, FEC, it is stated: "Unless the new completed prosecution phase of the IMTFE Trial of major war crimes suspects has adduced evidence sufficient to form an indictment against KISHI in connection with his Manchurian activities, and unless activity in Imperial Rule Assistance organizations is adjudged proper basis for indictment, G02 recommends that KISHI be released from confinement in Sugamo Prison without preference of charges".

REMARKS:

The positions held by SUBJECT in the Japanese Government, his connections with political organizations and the nature of his activities in these, show that during the period involved he took an active part in the