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REPORT BY: John A. Curtis

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: KAMEI, Kanichiro

Date of Birth: No. 11, 2nd Street, Kaga-machi, Ushigome,
Tokyo.

Permanent Domicile: No. 76, 3rd Street, Kobinatadai-Machi,
Koishikawa, Tokyo.

- 6 Oct 1917: Passed the Diplomatic Consular Service Exa.m.
- 5 Nov 1917: Non-regular member of the Investigation Section
of the Foreign Office.
- 19 Mar 1918: Appointed eleve-consul, assigned to serve at
Augung.
- 14 Sept 1918: Assigned to Consulate General at Terntsin
- 6 Nov. 1919: Assigned to Consulate General at New York.
- 9 Sept. 1921: Appointed secretary of the Foreign Office,
assigned to the General Affairs Section,
Commerce Bureau.
- 11 Dec 1923: Temporarily relieved from Office.
- 17 Nov 1924: Reinstated to the Office, assigned to Prace
the Second Division of the Treat Affairs.
Buvau.
- 11 Dec. 1924: Resigned of the post at own request.
- 20 Feb 1924: Elected Member of the Parliament (The 16th General
election)
- 20 Feb 1932: Elected Member of the Parliament. (The 18th
General election)
- 1 Mar 1934: Approved the grant of the National Construction
Contributing Medal by the Emperor of
Manchuokou.
- 29 Apr 1934: Granted the Small Order of the Rising Sun in
consideration of the merits at the Incidents of
1931 and 1934.
- 20 Apr 1936: Elected Member of the Parliament (The 19th
General election)

- 30 Apr 1937: Elected Member of the Parliament (20th General election)
- 14 Jul 1937: Appointed Member of the Customs Investigation Committee.
- 27 Jul 1938: Appointed Member of the Unemployment Counter-measure Committee.
- 22 Nov 1941: Appointed Member of the National Health Investigation Committee.
- 9 Dec 1941: Appointed Member of the Board of Insurance.

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Enclosed is a biographical sketch on KAMEI, Kanichiro which was prepared by CIC Area #23, 1 Nov. 46.

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SUBJECT: KAMEI, Kanichiro and the Scientific Research Institute

1. A thorough study of the background of Dr. KAMEI, Kanichiro, and the Scientific Research Institute plans, reveal information that would suggest great caution should be exercised by CI&E in approving this man and his organization.

2. The following facts so far established re KAMEI, Kanichiro indicate that he might well be picked up and held possibly at Sugamo, at least for a period of interrogation.

3. The Jiji Year Book, 1942 Edition (Jiji Nenken, Showa 17) page 103, states KAMEI, Kanichiro was chief of the East Asia Section (Toa bu) of the National Policy Formulating Bureau (Sei Saku Kyoku), the head of which was OTA, Masataka, nor confined at Sugamo. The National Policy Formulating Bureau is part of IRAA.

4. Dr. KAMEI address is shown as 1112 Omachi, Kamakura, Kanagawa ken. Telephone: Kamakura 1033. He authored the following books:

1. The Road to the Great East Asia United Race (Daitoa Minzoku no Michi)
2. A Plan for Unifying Organizations and Societies for promoting a Greater Asia (Xoa Dantai Togo no Koso)

(Source: Who's Who, Modern Writer's and Publications Co.) 1943 edition, page 440)

5. Dr. KAMEI was Councillor of Great Japan Industrial Workers' Patriotic Society (Dai Nippon Sangyo Hokoku Kai), the president of which was TOJO, Hideki, (now confined in Sugamo). This organization was sponsored by the government for controlling and mobilizing the laborers (industrial) toward war efforts. It was directly affiliated with IRAA, therefore, is interpreted as being prescribed under the 4 Jan 46 SCAP Directive.

6. The Japan Weekly (Nippon Shuho), #1, 9 Dec 45, is source which states Dr. KAMEI was involved in the March 1931 Incident (Sangatsu Jiken). KAMEI is named along with ASO, Hisashi (now dead) as unofficial members of the Army group who attempted to overthrow the HAMAGUCHI Cabinet and put Gen. UGAKI in as Premier. Three (3) other persons shown as unofficial members along with KAMEI and ASO are OKAWA, Shumei (now in Sugamo), KITA, Ikki (or KITA, Terujiro) and NISHIDA, Mitsugu both of whom were tried and given death sentences as a result of the 2-26 Incident, and MORI, Kaku, then a leading politician of the Political Friend Society (Seiyukai Party), claimed to be the master-mind in all Japan. Mori is now dead. Members of the group which propounded expansion to the Asiatic Continent are shown as being NINOMIYA, Jiju Lieut. Gen. (Educational Minister in KOISO's Cabinet), TATEKAWA, Yoshitsugu, Lt. Gen. (notorious Jingoist and close friend of HASHIMOTO, Kingoro), UMEZU, Yoshijiro, Gen.

7. Dr. KAMEI, is also shown as having had an address at 2 Sannen cho, Kojimachi ku, Tokyo. He served in the Japanese consulates at Tsientsin and New York; was secretary in the Foreign Office; was elected four times since 1928 to the House of Representatives

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from Fukuoka ken; was member of the Executive Committee of the Social Mass Party (Shakai Taishu-to) and was Chief of the East Asia Sect (Toa bu) under the Production Bureau (Seisaiku Kyoku) of IRAA, 1939040 (see par. 3 above). As a representative of the Social Mass Party (Shakai Taishu-to) in 1937, he called for stronger foreign policy toward China.

8. Reliable information shows Dr. KAMEI has not been permitted to join the recently reorganized Socialist Party - Nippon Shakai-to due to his past disagreeable record. He formed a new party along with a few former newspaper friends within the past month, which has been named the Social Democrat Party (Shakai Minshu-to). Informants state KAMEI follows 'Tammany Hall type politics'.

9. On informant reporting to the Public Health and Welfare Section stated KAMEI was pro-axis and had visited Berlin. (This is not verified by this writer). Since Japan's surrender he has been very active and 'supposedly' cooperating in SCAP circles. He now claims to be very much interested in democracy. "He maintains a very expensive and luxurious home in Kamakura". "His idea of democracy is nurtured best of all in younger officers of the Army and Navy". "He plans to line up the farmers in his organization", "sort of a society for Scientific Reconstruction of human lives", states the Public Health informant.

10. (a) Before Japan's surrender, KAMEI's society was called "Technological Society for making the present war as sacred and holy as possible for the people" (Seisen Gijutsu Kyokai). KAMEI's own statement, submitted to CI&E, claims "that is to say, our's has been a battle against the frantic and dogmatic execution of war, and for peace with independent and unified China, and for the federation of independent Asiatic states, and for the honorable reconsideration with the Allied Powers on these conditions.".....(b) After Japan's surrender, the society changed its name to Scientific Research and Propagating Institute for Modernizing Peoples Life and Economy, (Jomin Seikatsu Kagaku).

11. After the 4 Jan 46 Directive - "Abolition of Certain Political Parties, Associations, Societies and other Organizations" - appeared, a reliable informant sent a note to this office which states in part:

"We are fully satisfied with all your directives, especially for dissolution of the Patriotic and Jingoistic parties, however, the following name is missing among the list of the parties: - Sacred War Technical Association (Seisen Gijutsu Kyokai).....President: - KAMEI, Kanichiro, the member of the House of Representatives-----The Society was organized by KAMEI and sort of protege of TOYAMA, Mitsuru. The Society was financially backed by the Nippon Ginko (Bank) and helped the War department in many ways."

12. Another informant reported to the Public Health and Welfare Section that one of KAMEI's assistants is a Dr. MASUDA (fnu), (who is said to have served with the Bacteriological Warfare Activities in Manchuria under Medical Major ISHII, Shiro, ordered apprehended 9 Jan 46) was recently entertained in Kamakura by KAMEI.

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13. Personality notes are attached on KAMEI, Kanichiro; OKUDA, Juichiro; KURUSHIMA, Hidesaburo; MORI, Hideoto; OKADA, Jiro; SHIBUSAWA, Keizo; and SHIMIZU, Yasuo. There is no information in our card files on HORIKAWA, Masie; SASAMORI, Tatsumi; HASHINAKA, Ichiro and MORIKAWA, Kakuzo.

SOURCE: Special report on KAMEI, Kanichiro and the Scientific Research Institute, from CIS, Operations, Compilation Branch, 16 Jan. 46.

DATE OF BIRTH : 10 Nov. 1892
PLACE : 2-11, Kaga-sho, Ushigome-ku, Tokyo.

PRESENT ADDRESS: 1112, Omachi, Kamakura, Kanagawa Prefecture.

CAREER :

1924-32 Lecturer at Kei University, Tokyo.

1932 Feb 20- Member of Parliament.
1937

1939 Oct 17- Chief of the Far East Dept. of IRAA (Taisei Yokusan Kai).
1941 Mar 31

1942 Apr 1 Lecturer, Meiji University, Tokyo.
Founder of the Holy War Technical Institute.

1945 Oct 18 President of the TORAMINE Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Seisakujo).

1945 Dec 10 Industrial Co., Ltd. (Chugai Sangyo K. K.)

1942 Aug 17 Arrested by Public Procurator's Office, Tokyo District Court.
Violation of Special Regulations of protecting martial law,
discussion, meeting, associations.

1942 Dec 28 Sentenced to eight (8) months imprisonment, but deferred for
one (1) year.

Subject submitted name for last election of Diet (Apr 46) but was declared ineligible under SCAP Directive.

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Partially Completed</u>	<u>Fully Completed</u>
1. Information in the hands of the Investigation Division.	_____	<u>X</u>
2. Statement in application for subpoena as to subject of witness's testimony.	_____	<u>X</u>
3. Examination of case file, if any.	_____	<u>X</u>
4. Cross-reference file on case files in office of Investigation Division.	<u>X</u>	_____
5. Cross-reference card file by subject matter of evidentiary documents in Document Division.	<u>X</u>	_____
6. Reference in evidence to witness or to the subject matter of his testimony.	<u>X</u>	_____
7. Preparation of summary of testimony already given by witness.	<u>X</u>	_____
8. Memorandum prepared by Mr. Lopez, dated March 11, 1947, relating to decorations awarded to defendants and their witnesses.	_____	<u>X</u>
9. Statement of any other investigation conducted by you.	_____	_____

Pedro Lopez
Capt. James J. Robinson
William E. Edwards

By

P. Lopez