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INTERROGATION NO. 42 Place: Tokyo
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Subject: Library Facilities and Publications of
Mitsubishi Economic Research Bureau, Tokyo.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Mr. HATTORI - Director of Research
Mr. SAKURA - Director of M.E.R.B.

Where interviewed (office): Mitsubishi Bldg.

Interrogator: Lts. Schmidt & Fassberg

Interpreter: Lt. Deane

Allied Officers Present: Schmidt, Fassberg, Deane

Summary:

1. Organization of their library and newspaper clipping files.
2. Availability of English and Japanese Editions of their Analytical and Statistical Survey of Economic Conditions in Japan (Monthly Circular)
3. List of Governmental and Private Agencies and the Statistical and Analytical Reports prepared by each (1936).

INTERROGATION

1. Mr. HATTORI, Director of Research, speaks English quite fluently and Mr. SAKURA, executive Director of the Bureau, has some knowledge of English and German. Both are very cooperative and quite well informed on Japanese economic developments.

2. Facilities of the Bureau, which includes an excellent library of books and periodicals, reading rooms (one of which has been designated for our use) and a staff of some forty research personnel, were graciously extended to the Survey.

3. The library and periodical files have been card indexed on the basis of the following major categories (cards are in Japanese):

- a. General economics.
- b. Enterprise management and accounting.
- c. Banking and insurance.
- d. Communication and Transportation.
- e. Commerce.
- f. Industry -- general.
- g. Textile Industry.
- h. Chemical industry.
- i. Mechanical engineering.
- j. Other industries.
- k. Electricity, gas and water works.
- l. Mining.
- m. Agriculture
- n. Social and labor problems.
- o. Financial and political legislation.
- p. Miscellaneous.

4. Newspaper clipping files are maintained on the basis of the following general topics:

- a. General economics.
- b. Enterprise management and accounting.
- c. Banking and insurance.
- d. Transport and communications .
- e. Commerce.
- f. General Industry.
- g. Textile Industry.
- h. Chemical Industry.
- i. Mechanical engineering.
- j. Food production.
- k. Other industries.
- l. Mining.
- m. Agriculture.
- n. Social and labor problems.
- o. Finance. .
- p. Government.
- q. Military, colonial and foreign affairs.

5. The Bureau publishes a Monthly Circular, entitled Analytical and Statistical Survey of Economic Conditions in Japan which regularly contains the following:

- a. General Economic Survey.
- b. The Development of Foreign Trade.
- c. Several Special articles.
- d. Charts and Tables -- stock and prices and yields, wholesale price indexes, retail price index, employment and wages, bank clearings, warehouse arrivals and withdrawals, indexes of industrial production, development of imports and exports, money rates, etc.
- e. Returns of the Bank of Japan.
- f. Prices of principal commodities.
- g. News from Mitsubishi.

The Circular is available in English for the period 1930 - 1940 and in Japanese from January 1941 to February 1945

6. As of 1936 the following government and private agencies regularly compiled statistical and analytical reports on various aspects of the Japanese economy. While changes have occurred in both the organization of the government and the reports issued, the list is suggestive of sources and types of information available.

Bureau of Statistics, Imperial Cabinet:	
Statistical Year Book of the Japanese Empire	Annual
Return of Labour Statistics	Annual
Report on Household Budgets	Annual
Review of Statistics	Quarterly
Monthly Statistics of Wages and Commodity Prices	Monthly
Various Reports regarding National Census (in 1920, 1925 and 1930)	
Board of National Resources, Imperial Cabinet:	
Statistical Abstract of National Resources of the Japanese Empire, 1935.	
Ministry of Finance:	
Annual Report of the Ministry of Finance	Annual
Financial and Economic Annual	Annual
Statistical Abstract of Banking Activities	Annual
Assets and Liabilities of Japanese Banks	Annual
Statistical Annual of the Bureau of Taxation	Annual
Annual Report of the Monopoly Bureau	Annual
Annual Return of Foreign Trade of Japan	Annual
Monthly Return of Foreign Trade of Japan	Monthly
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry:	
Statistical Year Book of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Annual
Statistics of Agriculture	Annual
Statistical Abstract of Japanese Agriculture	Every 2 years.
Statistical Return of Cereals	Annual
Statistics of Rice	Annual
Statistics of Wheat, Barley, Rye and Oats	Annual
Statistical Return of Rice	Annual
Statistical Return of Horticulture	Annual
Statistical Return of Live-Stock Industry	Annual
Statistical Annual of Silk Industry	Annual
Statistics of Cocoons	Annual
Statistics of Silk Yarn and Floss Silk	Annual
Returns of Machine Silk-reeling Factories	Annual
Statistical Return of Tea Industry	Annual
Statistical Return of Manure	Annual
Survey of Agricultural Household Economy	Annual
Statistical Return of Co-operative Societies	Annual
Wood Pulp Production in Japan	Annual
Export and Production Statistics of Fishery Products	Annual
Review of Agriculture	Monthly
Ministry of Commerce and Industry:	
Statistical Year Book of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Annual
Company Statistics	Annual
Factory Statistics	Annual
Statistics of Prices of Commodities	Annual
Statistics of Wages	Annual
Situation of Japanese Mining Industry	Annual
Annual Statistics of Iron and Steel Industry	Annual
Warehouse Statistics	Annual
Insurance Year Book	Annual
Annual Return of Cotton and Silk Tissues	Annual
Location of Industries in Japan	1934

Survey of Business Conditions of Small Enterprises	1934-35
Industrial Association Activities	Annual
Export Association Activities	Annual
Report on Industrial Conditions	Quarterly
Monthly Report on Principal Industrial Production	Monthly
Monthly Report on Wholesale Prices of Commodities	Monthly
Monthly Report on Retail Prices of Commodities	Monthly
Monthly Report on Wages	Monthly
Monthly Report on Cotton Textiles	Monthly
Monthly Report on Silk and Rayon Textiles	Monthly
Production by Principal Mines	Monthly
Production by Principal Steel Works	Monthly
Commerce Report	Monthly
Ministry of Communications:	
Annual Report of the Ministry of Communications	Annual
Statistical Annual of Electric Enterprises	Annual
Reports on Electric Enterprises	Irregular
Investigations of Hydraulic Power	1923
Statistical Annual of the Savings Bureau	Annual
Annual Report on Postal Savings	Annual
Annual Report on Postal Savings Business	Annual
Annual Report of the Bureau of Post Office Like Insurance	Annual
Review of Marine Transportation and Shipbuilding in Japan and Abroad	Monthly
Monthly Report of the Savings Bureau	Monthly
Ministry of Railways:	
Annual Report on the Ministry of Railways	Annual
Statistical Returns on Railways	Annual
Railway Economic Statistics	Annual
Annual Report on Important Railway Goods	Annual
Annual Report on Government Subsidies to Local Railways	Annual
Monthly Bulletin of Transportation	Monthly
Ministry of Home Affairs:	
Labour Review	Monthly
Mitsubishi Economic Research Bureau:	
Monthly Review of Economic Conditions in Japan	Monthly
Monthly Circular	Monthly
Analysis of Business Results of Japanese Companies	Semi-Annual
Bank of Japan:	
Economic Statistics of Japan	Annual
Statistics of Company Debentures	Annual
Statistics of Bonds, Notes and Shares	Monthly
Monetary Statistics	Monthly
Survey of Company Capitalization	Monthly
Statistics of Business Enterprises	Monthly
Index Number of Average Monthly Wholesale Prices in Tokyo	Monthly
Index Number of Retail Prices in Tokyo	Monthly
Statistics of Factory Labour	Monthly
Hypothec Bank of Japan:	
Prices of Farmlands and Farm Rents	Annual
Yield of Principal Shares	Monthly
Yield of Principal Bonds and Debentures	Monthly
Industrial Bank of Japan:	
Report on Company Capitalization classified by Enterprises	Monthly
Public Bonds and Corporation Debentures	Annual
Monthly Bulletin	Monthly
Japan Rice Association:	
Japanese Rice	Monthly
Japan Steel Manufacturing Company:	
Referential Materials of Steel Industry	Irregular
Nippon Oil Company:	
Petroleum Handbook	Every 2 yrs.
Japan Central Silk Association:	
Monthly Journal of Japan Central Silk Association	Monthly

Japan Cotton Spinners' Association:	
Statistical Report on Cotton Spinning Industry	Semi-Annual
Monthly Report of the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association.	Monthly
Japan Woollen Industry Association:	
Statistical Annual of Woollen Industry	Annual
Japan Federation of Cotton Tissue Manufacturers' Association:	
Monthly Report of the Japan Federation of Cotton Tissue Manufacturers' Associations	Monthly
Paper Manufacturers' Association:	
Paper Magazine	Monthly
Federation of Coal Mine Owners' Association:	
Coal Review	Monthly
Cement Manufacturers' Association:	
Monthly Report	Monthly
Rayon Manufacturers' Association:	
Monthly Report	Monthly

7. Mitsubishi Economic Research Bureau is located just across the street on the south side of the Meiji Building.