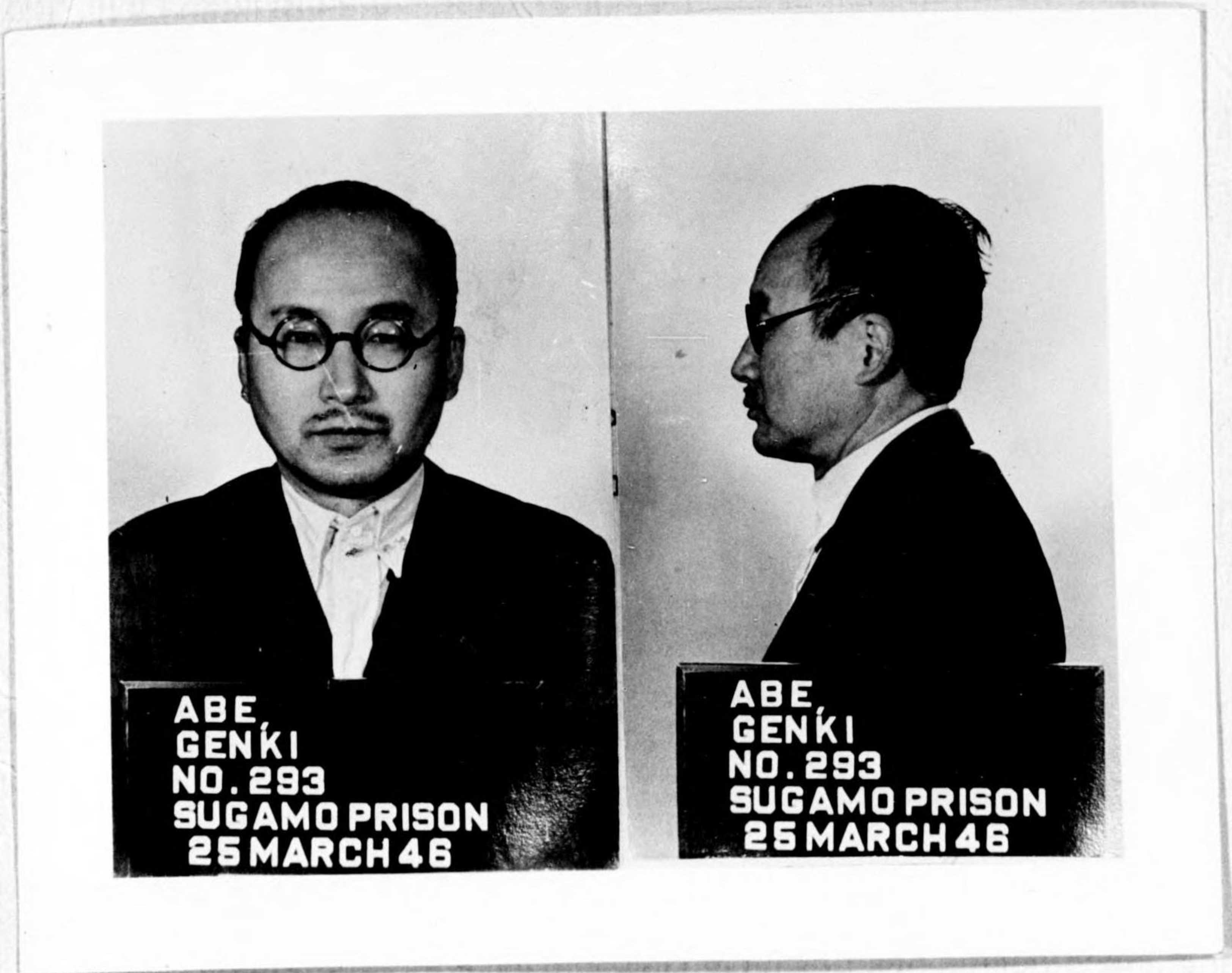


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ABE GENKI
NO. 293
SUGAMO PRISON
25 MARCH 46

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
LEGAL SECTION

30 March 1948

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Legal Section, SCAP

SUBJECT: ABE, Genki

I. PRESENT STATUS:

Subject has been incarcerated in Sugamo Prison since 8 December 1945 as a Class "A" war crime suspect.

II. PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM:

This report is based on the oral request of the Chief, Legal Section, to examine all available evidence against the nineteen (19) Class "A" war crime suspects now held in custody to determine whether or not they can be indicted for "B" or "C" war crimes.

III. SOURCES OF MATERIAL EXAMINED:

1. All files and information available in Legal Section.
2. The complete G-2 report, dated 6 June 1947, with reference to subject.
3. All files, records and reports available at the International Prosecution Section of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.

IV. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that subject be retained in custody for further investigation and possible indictment as a Class "B" or "C" war criminal.

Exhibit I

Memo: ABE, Genki (Cont'd)

V. DETAILS UPON WHICH THE RECOMMENDATION IS BASED:

1. Pertinent curriculum vitae:

Head, Special Higher Police Division, Metropolitan Police Board.	1932-1936
Superintendent General, Metropolitan Police Board.	1937-1939
Vice-Chief, Cabinet Planning Board.	Dec. 1941-Nov. 1943
Home Minister; also Director, Air Defense General Head- quarters.	7 Apr. 1945-17 Aug. 1945

2. ABE's early career was devoted entirely to police work. He was the father of the Japanese counterpart to the OGPU and Gestapo - the Special Higher Police. It was through this instrumentality that all freedom of speech, thought, and action was ruthlessly suppressed in Japan.
3. ABE's extreme ultra-nationalism and active association with the growth of the militarists in Japan, is interesting in giving the background to his character, but is of little value in the present consideration of possible "B" or "C" offenses.
4. The suspect's exact duties as Vice-Chief of the Cabinet Planning Board have not yet been fully ascertained. The Chief of the Planning Board during ABE's tenure as assistant was SUZUKI, Teichi, an accused now in the dock before the IMTFE. ABE, unlike SUZUKI, did not have Cabinet rank, but he did in all probability participate in decisions made by the Planning Board and the Cabinet which constituted "B" and "C" crimes. Among these decisions was the one to employ Prisoner of War labor in defense industries and the Planning Board and Cabinet decision to utilize Chinese slave labor on the home islands of Japan. It is believed that ABE can be definitely connected with the execution of this policy as well as its formation and in other activities on the Planning Board not yet developed.

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4. ABE served only a short time as Home Minister in the last months of the war. There were certain activities engaged in by the police, for whom ABE was directly responsible, and by the civilian populace, for whom ABE was accountable for proper conduct, which constitute "B" and "C" offenses; particularly, the mistreatment of American airmen by the civilian population and civil police prior to their being turned over to the military. ABE is likewise responsible for the general atrocities committed by the armed forces and civilian population during the time period when he held ministerial post.
5. It is believed that the present evidence is sufficient to retain the suspect in custody for possible "B" and "C" offenses and to continue an intensive investigation to determine what, if any, additional criminal activities he may have taken part in.

L. P. B. LIPSCOMB
ATTORNEY, LEGAL SECTION

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453	---	Breakdown of Japanese Cabinet, Ministries, Boards, Bureaus as they existed on 1 Aug. 1945
668	---	Planning Board Decision to Employ POW's in defense construction.
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List of Officials of Japanese Government
Project No. 1648
21 July 1945

Genki ABE: Minister of Home Affairs.

1894 Feb.	Born Yamaguchi Prefecture; eldest son of Hanjiro Abe; married Fumiko, eldest daughter of Masanosuke Akiyama
1920	Graduated in law Tokyo Imperial University. Entered civil service
*	Director, Education Department, Yamagata Prefectural Government
1932	Chief, Special Service Section, Metropolitan Police Board
*	Director, General Affairs Department, Shizuoka Prefectural Government
*	Superintendent, Police Training School
1937-39	Superintendent-General, Metropolitan Police Board
1940 Jan-Dec	Reappointed foregoing post
1941 Dec-1943	Vice President, Cabinet Planning Board
1945 Apr.	Minister of Home Affairs, Suzuki Cabinet

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Radio Tokyo declared Abe had been recommended for appointment as Home Minister by Prince Konoye who was Premier during the last six months of Abe's service as head of Tokyo Metropolitan Police Board.

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References to War Politics in Japan

- W PJ-34 - COUNCILOR, IRAA, Dec. 41, to Nov. 43
- W PJ-120 - MEMBER OF PLANNING BOARD, TOJO CABINET, 29 Dec. 42 to 1 Nov. 43.
- W PJ-123 - HOME MINISTER, SUZUKI CABINET, 4 APRIL 45 to 17 AUG. 45 (PPJ-10)
- PPJ-43 - PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR OF AIR DEFENSE HQ. (replaces Minister of Home Office)
- PPJ-117 - PRESIDENT, TOKYO FACTORY ASSOCIATION, 1940 -

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