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U. S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
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ANNEX B

INTERROGATION NO. 95

PLACE: TOKYO

DIVISION OF ORIGIN: C E C.

DATE: 22 Oct '45

SUBJECT: KENSETUSDAN (CONSTRUCTION CONTROL ASS'N)

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Mr. INOUE - Sc'y of Control Ass'n
Mr. OTA - of the Committee of Economic Organization
Mr. ITO - of the Ministry of Economic & Industry

Where Interviewed: C E C Office Room 361

Interrogator: Capt. Rosenblatt & Lt. Call

Interpreter: Lt. (jg) Holmes

Allied Officers Present: None

SUMMARY:

1. Arrangements for getting information on contractors.
2. Discussion of questionnaire submitted to 2 Chief sources:
 - (a) Control Ass'n.
 - (b) The 48 large companies

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1. Final arrangements were made for compilation of statistics and other information from the KENSETSU DAN. The 48 leading companies will be consulted and all available statistics submitted by November 10. A preliminary report will be given October 25. Mr. OTA was chiefly responsible for clearing a way through the jungle and getting work started.

2. On the ministerial level, Mr. ITO will see that a copy of our questionnaire is submitted to each department concerned, and filled out by November 10, with an accompanying explanatory essay.

It is evident now that the information bottleneck of the contractors is broken, and that all available information will be forthcoming by November 10.

3. The questionnaire was discussed, and Mr. ITO, offered the following information:

- (a) Cement was controlled by govt. after 1939. Information prior to this year will be rough guessing. Cement was distributed by various ministries, and not handled by a central govt. agency. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, however, handled most of it.
- (b) Steel was controlled after 1936; various ministries handled steel, as was the case with cement. The sub-control association (operating under the main Steel Control Ass'n) had complete records on allocation and consumption of steel, but these records were destroyed.
- (c) Wood was controlled after 1941; before this date, Statistics are scarce.
- (d) Labor statics will be more general than we prefer, but such as they are, they will be made available.
- (e) The inventory of construction machinery presents no special problems.

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