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July 4, 1950

From : 1st Criminal Investigation Section,  
MPD

To : PSD

Subject : Re Result of Investigation of the Contribution Case

The following is the result of our investigation pushed  
aftermath of the 2nd report of June 23 (Friday), '50.

1. Parties concerned with YAMADA Kazuo:

There are 12 persons of same name who are residing under the  
jurisdiction. Our further investigation, however, has proved that  
all of them are not being implicated in the case, judging from their  
relationship, occupations and other respects.

2.

After having obtained the handwritings of 40 others, who  
allegedly have any connection with YAMADA Kazuo, present chairman  
of the Toho Studio Section, out of the number of Communist Party  
members (80 dismissed last year but 69 remain in posts) in the Toho  
Studio Section of the All-Japan Motion-picture & Theatrical  
Workers Union (reported on June 23), we have forwarded them CIC  
for the analysis, but the result is not yet known to us.

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15 June 1950

INFORMATION AS OF 3 JUNE 1950

Reply by Phone:

Police Inspector Suzuki, 3rd Unit, 2nd Investigation Section, MPD

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2. CIC tried KANATSU with a lie detector and brought him back to MPD about 9:00 p.m. the same evening (May 30).

3. A warrant of arrest was issued by the Provost Court the following day (May 31).

4. KANATSU told the police that he was supposed to meet his buddies at SHIMBASHI Station at 9:00 p.m., 2 June. Therefore, CIC Agents and Japanese Police set a trap at the spot where KANATSU had been told to wait for them. It turned out, however, to have been a groundless story made up by KANATSU. No one showed up, and the police had suspected that. But, to be sure of everything, they stood by in ambush till a little after 9:00 p.m. that evening.

5. KANATSU is now placed under the custody of CIC. Latest information can be obtained by contacting CIC Agent Burton, Room 469, CIC.

NOTE: The Japanese police do not know the rank or status of Mr. Burton.

Nekajima



16 June 1950

As of 1130 hours, 31 May 1950

1. Police checked with NONOGAMI, the person who first gave the information to ENDO, patrolman of Tsukiji Police Station, on 30 May 1950, and found out that KANATSU had left Tokyo a few days ago for ATAMI, where his wife resides.

2. CIC is again working with the Japanese police, and the Tsukiji Police Station was instructed to locate KANATSU immediately and to contact CIC as soon as he is found.

NOTE: Major Stewart and Lt. Brown were formerly under CIC assignment, and the Japanese police do not know where they are at the present time.

3. The matter has also been reported to Captain B. S. Barnes of Police and Liaison, PMO.

For reference:

4. The address he has at Bunkyo Ward, Tokyo is the home of one of his relatives.

5. The Tokyo Seiji Press Co. is not very well known, and as a matter of fact the police say that it is looks more like a setup of racketeers. KANATSU, the man in question, frequents the place and calls NONOGAMI, president of the company SENSEI (a respectful way of addressing a person).

6. The Japanese Police have sent men to Atami to locate the residence of KANATSU's wife and they have some possibility of locating the house.

7. Police will advise of developments.



16 June 1950

To: . Guard Section, MPD and Investigation Section #2, MPD

From: Tsukiji Police Station

Date: 29 May 1950

Just in case, we wish to submit this report on information obtained by ENDO, one of our patrolmen, on plot to assassinate General MacArthur.

KANATSU, Koichi (Aged 25) # 327 Kozaka, Bunkyo Ward, Tokyo, c/o Tsuru Tamaji

The above person was arrested by our Tsukiji Police Station on charges of larceny sometime ago, but was released on bail from the Kosuge Prison. It seems as if he is going round telling people a story to the following effect: "With TAKAYAMA and eight others, we have been planning to assassinate General MacArthur. After consideration, however, I felt like dropping out of the groups and did drop out. But I am greatly annoyed because there seems to be someone always trailing me.

The headquarters of the groups is located in SHIMBASHI area and backed by the Communist Party of North Korea. As stated in the intimidating letter sent to the General, the plot is to be carried out on 15 June at a spot somewhere between GHQ and USA Embassy, probably near Hibiya Park. It has been decided that revolvers will be used.



15 June 1950

INFORMATION BY GUARD SECTION

1. The person in question, KANATSU, Koichi, was first placed under protection of Ueno Police Station around the latter part of April 1946, when he attempted to commit suicide with a poisonous drug in the premises of Ueno Railroad Station.

At the time, he told the police that he wanted to kill himself in order that he may get away from a certain gang that had plotted to assassinate General MacArthur. The Japanese police contacted CIC, and Major Stewart and 1st Lt. Brown of CIC took charge of the investigation secretly but later the Japanese Police managed somehow to make the story-maker confess that what he had said was all a fake.

A couple of years later, however, on 22 January 1948, the same individual again reported to the Japanese Police, saying that he accidentally met TAKAYAMA, a member of the gang that first plotted to assassinate the General in 1946, near OHI Market in Shinagawa Ward, Tokyo. According to the report he made at the time, he met TAKAYAMA face-to-face near the market area and when he tried to dash off TAKAYAMA fired a shot at him with a pistol which fortunately missed him. Later, however, his story again was proved to have been false. It was true, however, that a man by the name of TAKAYAMA actually existed, and the Japanese Police had made several trips to his home address in Kyoto but they never could find him home., and the police had to cease investigation each time the story told by KANATSU was found groundless.

NOTE: TAKETOSHI, NoGami, President of a small newspaper company called the TOKYO SEIJI PRESS, recently told ENDO, patrolman of Tsukiji Police Station, that KANATSU had told him the story as stated in Incl 1.



20 June 50  
 Conf -  
 Matsumoto 1st Inv. Sect  
 Yamamoto 2nd "

22 June 50  
 Conf - Murayama  
 Threat Letter to Gen Mac  
 dated 6 June 50

12 with <sup>name of</sup> Yamada, Kazuo  
 24 of 80 being checked  
 104 orig released  
 80 with CP applications

Otakegawa released by CIC  
 He is one of 104 released.

KIKUNO, SHIGEO

Threat Letter to Gen Mac -  
 dated June 7, 1950

Subject not com.

Member of CP living next door  
 by name of ANDO, TAKATSUGU  
 living next door is strong com.

age 22 - 3rd student in Tokyo Univ,  
 Maj - Communist.



POLICE BRANCH  
Public Safety Division  
APO 500

17 June 1950

MEMO FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: YAMADA, Kazuo, Threatening General MacArthur  
FROM : 1st Investigation Section, Criminal Affairs Div., MPD  
TO : Public Safety Division

We have investigated into the person who under the name of Kazuo YAMADA at 4 1-chome, Naka-Meguro, Meguro-ku, Tokyo sent a letter to General MacArthur. The letter bore the postmark of the Ogikubo post office and it was sent on June 6, 1950.

We have searched all over the region near Naka-Meguro, Meguro-ku, but no man by the name of Kazuo YAMADA was found or had ever lived in the above region.

We questioned the residents of the above region about YAMADA, but there was not a single person who knew about him.

There is a person called Kazuo YAMADA who is the Chairman of the Toho Studio Branch of the All Japan Screen and Stage Workers Union and he is living at 7 1-chome, Kobiki-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

According to YAMADA, he was arrested by Mr. Moriguchi of CIC at his home at the above address at about 5:00 p.m., 9 June, but was released at 9:00 a.m. the next day. It was supposed that he was arrested on the charge of having launched an anti-America campaign.

We, at present, are investigating those people who harbor ill-feeling against YAMADA among personnel of the above Union. He is an anti-Communist faction and it seems that his acts are placed under the supervision of Communist employees all the time.

Eighty (80) people were discharged last year from the workshop where he belonged and the remaining sixty-nine (69) are Communists, so, we are now investigating them.

The handwriting of Kazuo YAMADA who is the Chairman of Zen-ei-en (All Japan Screen and Stage Workers Union) is as printed in attached paper.

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: No attached paper found.

NOTE: Information referred to as missing was removed by this office and police allowed to keep for handwriting comparisons.

*Z.G.F.*



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Copies  
att to memo  
for record  
in Master  
File.

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Division, MPPD

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Subj: Yamada, K - Threatening letter to Gen Mac  
fr. MPD

15 June 50  
Fritz

昭和二十五年六月十五日

警視庁刑事部捜査第一課



公安課 御中

投書者捜査報告

一九五〇年六月五日附 荻窪郵便局消印の

東京都目黒区中目黒一丁目四番地

山田 一夫

名儀下

マツカーサー元帥宛

投書した者の捜査状況の通りにつき報告いたします

記

警 見 了



一目黒正中目黒一帯附近を捜査したが山田一夫な  
る者も実在しないし且つて居住したることもない。  
又右附近の住民に伺ひ山田一夫を尋ねたが山田を知  
つてゐる者もない。

二、全国映画演劇労働組合 東京支部撮影所分会  
の委員長で山田一夫なる者があり

東京都中史区木挽町一丁目七番地  
に居住してゐる。

その山田の言によれば

彼は本月九日午後五時頃右自宅に於て C.I.C  
の森江さんに逮捕されその翌日午前九時釈放さ  
れた。

その逮捕の嫌疑も又未行為と感ぜられた。



三、全映演の職員中山田に対して反感を持つて  
 いる人物を目下調査中であるが、彼ら互  
 共今まで常に従業員の間を歩くからその  
 行動を監視されていく様子である。

四、彼の職場から昨年一八〇名整理され、残留  
 者六九名あり、(其)干係者であるがそれらの者  
 を調査中である。

五、全映演の委員長である山田一夫の筆蹟  
 を別紙の通り徴収したから提出します。

警 視 庁



PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION  
ROUTING SLIP

FROM: Pat B.		DATE: 12 Jan
2	Chief of Division Executive Officer	WSP
1	Lt. Col. Spiegel	WSP
	Capt. Graves	
3	Capt. Russell	WSP
6	Administrative Officer	
	Chief Clerk	
	Fire Branch	
4	Liaison Branch	WSP
	Maritime Branch	
5	Police Branch	
	Prison Branch	
	Stat & Anal Branch	

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Threat Case  
File - 6 June 50  
Letter  
WSP



POLICE BRANCH  
Public Safety Division  
APO 500

15 June 1950

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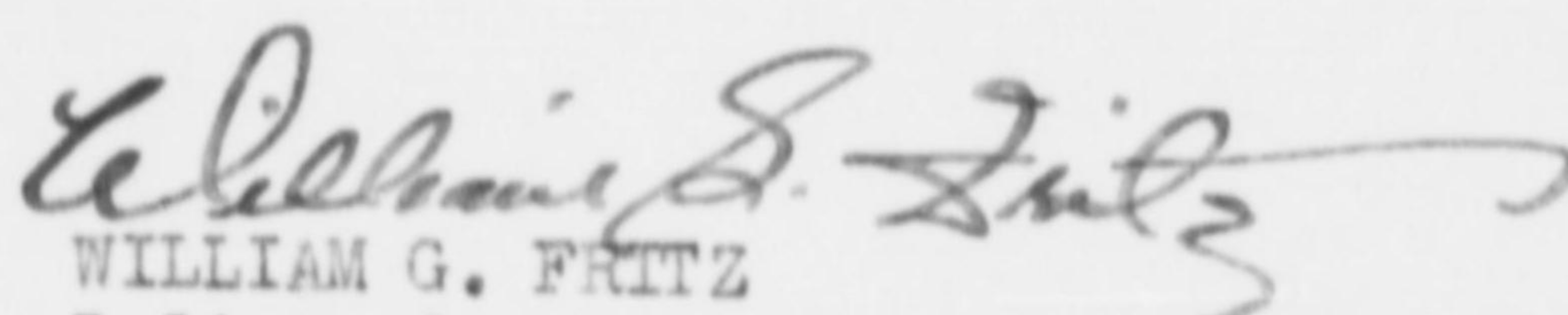
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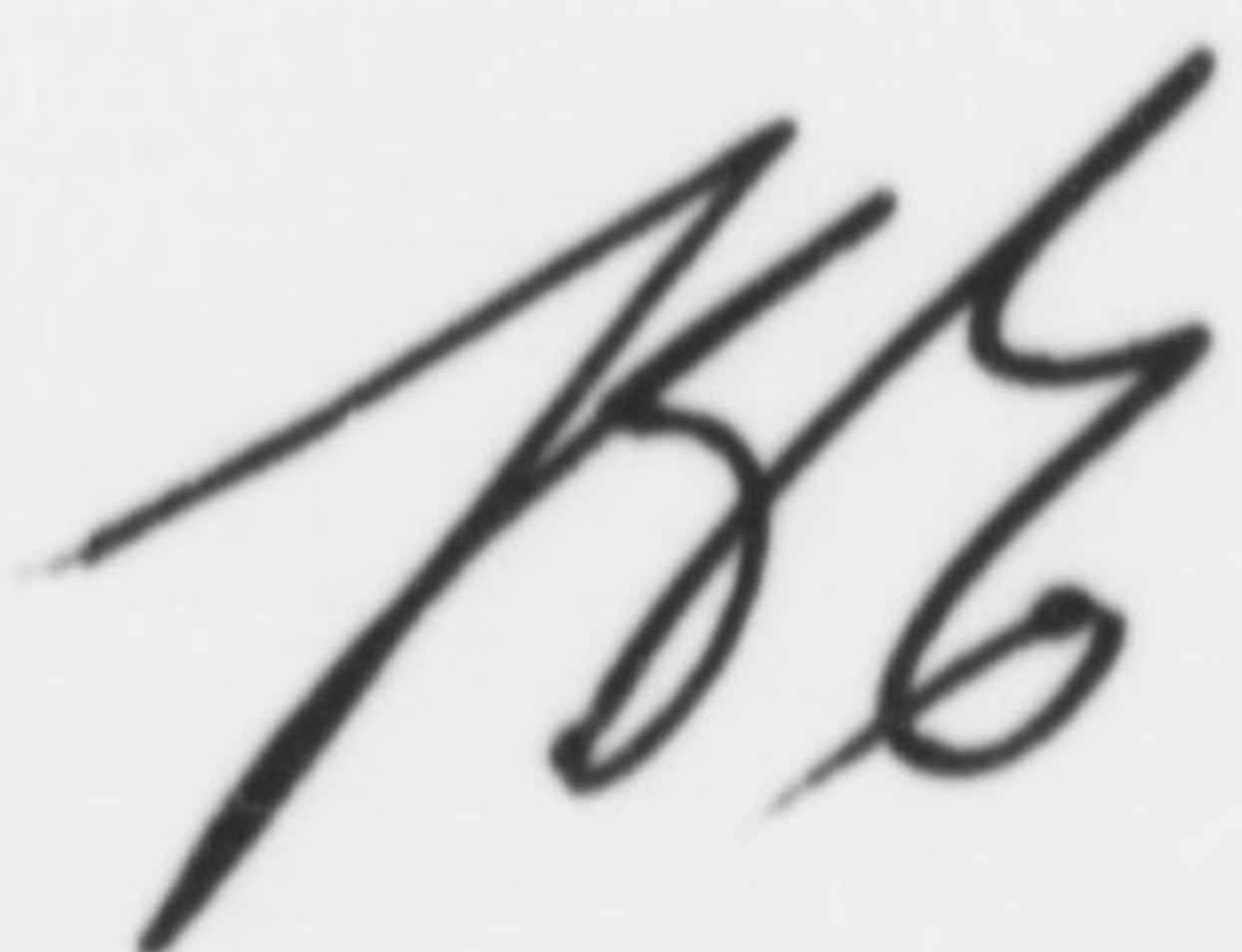
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4. Inspector Teremoto and Assistant Inspector Minagawa instructed by this office to immediately contact CIC (Captain Post, Tokyo AREA, CIC) and obtain the latest evidence in the case, which they stated they would do, and coordinate their activities.

5. Further reports pending.

  
WILLIAM G. FRITZ  
Police Administrator





*Threatening letter to Gen. Mac*

15 June 1950

INFORMATION AS OF 3 JUNE 1950

Reply by Phone:

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Nakajima

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2.  
Public Safety Division

10 June 1950  
APO 500

MEMO FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Threat Letter to General MacArthur

1. At 1015 hours, 10 June 1950, MPD, Liaison Section advised PSD that police had checked the address signed on a threat letter addressed to General MacArthur and signed "YAMADA Kazuo, Tokyo-to, Meguro-ku, Nakameguro, 1-chome, 4-banchi", and found the address to be a fake one in that no person of this name resided there.

2. Liaison Section further advised that CIC agents had checked their labor affiliations list and found a YAMADA Kazuo listed as a Chairman of the All-Toho Theatre and Cinema Workers Union. His address was 4 OSHITANI Industrial Company, Kibiki-cho #7, 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo. CIC arrested this man at 1900 hours, 9 June 1950 but police have no further information as to whether this is the wanted man or not. Meanwhile police are continuing to work with CIC to locate the person who wrote the threat letter.

JOHNSON MUNROE  
Police Administrator



POLICE BRANCH  
Public Safety Division

10 June 1950

MEMO FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Threatening Letter to General MacArthur

TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

1. At 1815 hours, 9 June 1950, Colonel Goodwin called to say that no publicity would be given to the case of the letter threatening General MacArthur.
2. This information was passed on to MPD through its Liaison office at 1820 hours, 9 June 1950.

VIRGIL KILGORE  
Police Investigator



PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

10 June 1950

MEMO FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Phone Call 9 June 1950 Re Arrest of YAMADA, Kazuo

TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

1. Colonel Roundtree, G-2, called to find out what action PSD had taken in the case of YAMADA, Kazuo, who threatened General MacArthur. The undersigned told him that Police Branch, PSD, had given the information to MPD, and he wanted to know if the police would arrest YAMADA. The undersigned told him yes. He then said that he was saying for G-2 to have the man arrested. The undersigned checked with Administrator Munroe to get all the information, and Administrator Munroe told the undersigned that the Japanese Police were told at 1600 hours to find YAMADA and arrest him.

2. At 1745 hours, the undersigned called Colonel Roundtree, but he was out. The undersigned talked to Colonel Polk and told him the time that MPD was notified of action to be taken.

R. F. HOLTON  
Captain FA  
Administrative Officer

*See  
9 June Report.*



9 June 1950

TO : General MacArthur

FROM: YAMADA Kazuo (山田一夫)  
Tokyo-to, Meguro-ku, Nakameguro, 1-chome, 4-banchi

DATE: 6 June 1950

What's the idea of banning Communist leaders from public office by the purge restriction? Do you mean to say that the members of the Communist Party's Central Committee have done something wrong? Don't be so impudent! Rescind the purge order at once! If you don't (within a week, by 1000 hours, 13 June 50), I warn you that your life will be endangered.

Committeeman,  
Anti-American Party

(The postmark is dated 6 June 50, OGIKUBO)

NOTE: Information passed on to MPD Liaison Section (MIKI) this date. 9 June 50.

*To investigate and Report W.G.F.  
check to this office - W.S.T.*

*Cic is also checking this.*

*Suzuki in CIDir is handling this for CIDir. Says  
CIDir has original of this letter and will check with  
PMO (Tokyo) on similar names in PMO files. Cic has  
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APO 500  
8 December 1949

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