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MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Committee

Case No. 208

Subject: ISHIHARA, Koichiro

By: G. C. Hardin

Subject is a businessman. He was interviewed February 15th by Mr. Hauxhurst. The subject graduated in law and began in business life in 1916, when he operated a rubber plantation at Singapore. He later established an iron mine in the Malayan Peninsula.

Matsuoka owned an interest in his business, but in 1926 he bought Matsuoka's interest in the enterprise. He states that he had no property in China. He received favors from the Government at Singapore in the way of mining leases. He has no properties in Korea and none in Manchukuo, but does have properties in Japan, manufacturing copper products.

He says he was in Singapore until 1931, when he came back to Japan to live. He later took an interest in politics, gave advice to KONOYE, claims that he was on bad terms with the military and was twice arrested. He says that he advised against further advances into China.

He has written books, and the file discloses that the book entitled "Rehabilitation of New Japan" has been reviewed by Mr. Horwitz, and it is said that it cannot be said to be treated as war propaganda. Of course further investigation might possibly develop evidence sufficient to support an indictment as a war criminal, but the file does not disclose it, and it is not thought that in view of our policy to limit the number of defendants, that he should be included.

G. C. HARDIN