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PERSONS IMPLICATED: MATSUO, Masanao; LtCol KAGESA, Sadaaki; LtCol WACHI, Takaji; LtCol USUDA, Kanze; TOJO, Hideki; LI Tsung-jen; PAI, Chung-hsi

CRIMES OR PHASE TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Aggression in China

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

Documents regarding MATSUO, Masanao, alias ITO, Hanni. Petition of MATSUO addressed to presiding Judge of OSAKA District Court, TANIGUCHI, dated 27 June 1939.

1. (pp 7838-7840) MATSUO came to know LtCol WACHI, then Military Attache at Canton, through LtCol USUDA's introduction. MATSUO says he was then trying to persuade LI Tsung-jen, PAI Chung-hsi, and others to rebel against CHIANG Kai-shek, and gave them more than ¥5,000,000 in Japanese bonds, cash and checks. MATSUO thinks that misinformed by LI and PAI, WACHI came to misunderstand him.....WACHI did not know that MATSUO had given LI and others so much money, because the money was called by the name of exchange equalization fund, and because he was prohibited from above to tell anything about it.

MATSUO says he was intimate with Colonel KAGESA too. Only KAGESA misunderstood him, believing what WACHI had said against him. MATSUO further says he is still intimate with "big shots" in the Army except WACHI, and is making efforts to assassinate CHIANG Kai-shek.

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2. Evidential documents submitted by ITO, Hanni's attorneys to OSAKA District Court, 14 Nov 1939.

a. A letter from USUDA, in CANTON, to ITO, at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, dated 25 Feb /the year not given/.

(pp 7987-7988) USUDA writes: I think WACHI is already in Tokyo. Ask him about details. Our opinion of you has undergone no change. Our friendship is one of long standing.

Besides, not only the KWANGSI Faction, but also the KWANTUNG Faction, is leaning towards Japan.

.....Disposing of China will begin now in real earnest.....

b. A letter from USUDA, in CANTON, to ITO, at the Imperial Hotel, dated 28 Apr.

(p 7990) USUDA writes: Beg pardon for long silence. The Southwest is making healthy progress. CHIANG is now on the down-grade. The shift of the Central strength of China will come to the fore with a swift tempo after this summer.

Next year, China will revive in happiness, though belated, under the control of resuscitated political force (of course, with the Southwest as the center).

Fools who could not perceive such a tendency sometime last year-- what are they thinking now? The time is approaching when you, WACHI and others can swagger about proudly. The time will shortly come when you will compel fools to kowtow before you. Then you will please drink hard to the health of LI and PAI to the West, at YUGAWARA /a hot springs resort in Japan/ or somewhere.

c. A letter from USUDA, at Tokyo Station, to NAKAYAMA, Masanao, at the Tenrikyo Sect General Affairs office, Tambaichi Town, NARA Prefecture, dated 3 Nov.

(pp 7992-7993) /Translator's note: Tenrikyo is a Buddhist Sect, that was persuaded by MATSUO, according to his own assertion, to contribute about ¥6,000,000 towards the anti-CHIANG campaign of LI and PAI/.

USUDA writes: (1) We are not servants of the Tenrikyo Sect (2) We have common sense, and, above all, we are component parts of the Imperial Army which values honour as dearly as life. (3) We shall look on your letter addressed to Commander LI with calmness, and be content to be regarded as fools for the time being. (4) Going to worship at the MEIJI Shrine now.

d. A letter to ITO at Dejima Building in Osaka, from USUDA, No. 1, Reppongi, Azabu, Tokyo, dated 7 Nov.

(pp 7994-7996) USUDA writes: (1) Thanks for your troubles (2) Isn't NAKAYAMA's letter ready yet? I am going to send it to the South as soon as it comes to hand (3) CHIANG will leave Peiping on the 4th, and move to Central China (4) After that his relation with the South may become speedily strained (5) The doctors whom you know are at last to assemble at Shanghai by the 15th. So, when you go to Shanghai, it will be safer for you to have preventive 00/T.N. injection? on the spot, or to have it done in Japan before starting. If you want to have it on the spot, speak beforehand to KAGESA, and have the doctors do it. This matter is strictly confidential. Be very careful and take good care of yourself.

/Translator's note: Item 4 may be in something like cipher. "The doctors" may very well mean Chinese thugs whom these self-styled patriots employed to assassinate CHIANG. In China and Japan, patriots are sometimes called state-doctors, meaning people who cure the State of its ills/.

e. A letter from WACHI, at CANTON, to LtCol USUDA, 2nd Dept, Army General Headquarters, Tokyo, dated 29th /probably May 1934/.

(pp 8005-8008) WACHI writes: I am in good health. As I wrote to KAGESA the other day, I am doing my utmost with conviction and determination amidst the changing political situation. Many thanks as a comrade for your various efforts in the building of New China at the time of Mr. NAKAYAMA's start for South China.

Please tell Mr. ITO that he can make a fortune by taking advantage of the current political situation. (1) CHIANG and the anti-CHIANG group is sure to begin to fight during this year (2) Whether CHIANG wins or loses, the Nanking bonds will collapse at least for once (3) It will be advisable to corner the bonds at the time of collapse (4) If CHIANG wins, the quotations of the bonds will recover to the former level. If CHIANG loses, the Nanking Govt will be a wreck, and the bonds will be no more than waste paper. ITO, however, can contact LI Tsung-jen and PAI Chung-hsi, and make them recognize such Nanking bonds as are in his possession, which will cause their quotations to soar. (5) Such being the case, it is most advantageous to give monetary aid to the Kwangsi faction boldly, so that CHIANG may be beaten hollow. Whether CHIANG wins or loses, ITO will never be a loser. But defeat of CHIANG will bring more profit to him. (6) It will be better to choose the kinds of bonds to be cornered after consultation with LI and PAI. Operations shall be done on the Shanghai market. (7) (For reference) When Feng Yu-hsiang stirred in the North and Chen Chi-tang and LI Tsung-jen were about to rise in arms in concert with Feng, the mere rumor was enough to cause Nanking bonds to fall a little. This time the real thing is to take place. It is a decisive battle. HU Han-min, KWANTUNG, KWANGSI, LIU Shiang in Szeway, HSU Chung-chih in

SHANGHAI--all will rise in arms. Furthermore, real power is in the hands of LI and PAI, who are in practical cooperation with Japan. Ask NAKAYAMA and ITO to supply LI and PAI with as much funds as possible. All that ITO has to do is to watch the developments at SHANGHAI in close liaison with the local agency of the Japanese Army. ITO can make a big fortune, while lounging. He will never be a loser, I think.

f. A letter from WACHI to ITO /No address of either WACHI or ITO, but the envelope is marked "NYK LINE" no date/.

(pp 8009-8010) WACHI writes: Things are approaching to a showdown. Sympathizing with me, LI and PAI, pray make your last efforts.

g. A letter from WACHI to ITO, dated 25th /no name given and no address of either WACHI or ITO, but on the envelope is printed "MATSUBARA HOTEL, HONGKONG/

(pp 8013-8014) WACHI writes: I am eagerly waiting for your arrival in CANTON in mid-June, and proceeding with my plan steadily. The day will shortly come when LI and PAI of Kwangsi will make themselves famous. Both LI and PAI are heartily glad at the arrival of Mr. NAKAYAMA. They say that if Mr. NAKAYAMA will understand them and their intention to contribute to the establishment of East Asiatic peace, the right to propagate Tenkikyō Sect all over China will be gladly conceded.

h. A letter from TOJO, at No. 36.2 -- CHOME, KUSHIHARA-MACHI, KURUME City, to ITO, at Room 311, Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, dated 3 Dec 1934.

(pp 8031-8033) TOJO writes: Thanks for your coming all the way to such a distant place to see me. All my family ask me to thank you for your kind present of gramophone discs recorded by yourself. My brother-in-law is to teach at the university in Siam at the invitation of the Siamese Govt. He was collecting materials for his lectures, which are meant to promote the awakening of the Oriental races. He happened to come to my house the other day, and, finding "Flowers of the Orient" your own composition, gladly took it away with him as valuable material for his lectures.

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