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Address and Tel. No.		Name
Permanent Address		KAWAEE Torashiro (3109/6704/5706/0934/6745) (former Lt. General) Pen name: KAKENO Rhei
Present Position (Date of Info)		Cryptonym
Vice Chief Army Gen Staff (Apr 45)		
Physical Description		
DOB & POB 1890, Toyama-ken, Japan		
Family		
Education		
1912 - Graduate, Military Academy, (artillery)		
1912 - Sublt.		
Languages		
Previous Career		
<p>1937 - Cdr. Field Artillery Regiment of Imperial Bodyguard Div. Section Chief Gen Staff, concurrently attached Naval Gen. Staff.</p> <p>1938 - Shifted to Air Corps and promoted Major Gen.</p> <p>1938 - Military Attaché Japanese Emb., Germany</p> <p>1941 - Promoted Lt. Gen - General Affairs Sec., Army Air Hos.</p> <p>1941 - (Dec) Chief, Gen Affairs Sec., Army Air Inspectorate General</p> <p>1944 - Vice Chief Mil. Aviation Eqs.</p> <p>1945 - Vice Chief, Army Gen. Staff</p>		

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From "Biographies of Prominent Japanese", published by the Navy,
15 September 1945.

Lt. Gen. Torashiro KAWABE - Vice-Chief of the Army General Staff.

KAWABE was born 1894 in Toyama-ken. In 1912 he graduated from the Military Academy, where he specialised in artillery. He served as commanding officer of a field artillery regiment of the Imperial Bodyguard Division, and in 1937 he was a section chief in the General Staff, concurrently attached to the Navy General Staff. KAWABE was transferred to the Air Corps, and in July 1938 was promoted to major general. He then served on the Shanghai front as chief of staff to General Shunroku HATA. Later in 1938 KAWABE was sent to the embassy in Berlin as military attache. He was promoted to lieutenant general in July 1941, at which time he was chief of the General Affairs Section of the Army Air Headquarters. He became chief of the General Affairs Section of the Army Air Inspectorate General in December 1941. He was appointed deputy inspector general of military aviation and vice-chief of Military Aviation Headquarters in August 1944. On 7 April 1945 KAWABE was appointed vice-chief of the Army General Staff.

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KAWABE Torashiro

Lt Gen; chief of general staff, National Defense General Hdqrs; b. Toyama Pref. 1890. Educ Military Academy, 1912; Mili Staff Coll. Career: appointed sub-lieut 1912; comdr Field Artillery Reg. of Imp. Body Guard Division; section chief of General Staff Office; attache to Embassy in Germany 1938; served China front; present post Sept 1941. Address: 45, Aoyama Minami-cho, 5-chome, Akasaka-ku, Tokyo. (Who's Who 1941-42)

Lt Gen (8/41): Air: Chief of Gen Affairs Sec Army Air HQ: Chief of Gen Affairs Sec Army Air Inspectorate Gen (12/41) (ATIS publication "Alphabetical List of Japanese Army Officers")

Lt Gen - Vice Chief, Army General Staff; vice-inspector, Inspectorate General of Army Aviation; vice-chief Army Aviation Hq.

KAWABE Torashiro

Former Major-General. Born 1890, Toyama-ken. Career: graduate, Military Academy, Artillery, 1912; Commander, Field Artillery Regiment of Imperial Bodyguard Division; Section chief General Staff, concurrently attached to Naval General Staff, 1937; later shifted to Air Corps. Military Attaché Imperial embassy in Germany, 1938.

Heads an organ of the KATO KIKAN, an intelligence agency serving the Japanese underground government. Is carrying out activities aimed at the realization of a special higher investigations net" (TOHKO SASATSU NO) and a special peace preservation corps.

In charge of matters concerned with Public Welfare and Tranquility (CHIAN MONDAI) for the Japanese underground government.

With YASUI Seiichiro, is the main force behind the Japanese underground government's attempt to establish a constabulary(Keisatsu Gun) with UGAKI Issei at its head.

25 Oct 49.

Subject and AIIISUE Seizo reportedly have the KATO KIKAN completely in their grasp.

25 Oct 49

KAWABE Torajiro

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A tentative proposal on Japanese rearmament has been tendered to the government by subject former military leader.

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KAWABE Torajiro

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Former Japanese military leaders who are now connected with the Yoshida government include KAWABE Torajiro, formerly military attache in Germany, and former commander of a corps of the Kwantung Army.

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KAWABE Torashiro
Pen Name: KAKONO Rohei
Born: 1890 in Toyama-ken
Vice Chief of the Army General Staff
Former Milt. Attaché in Germany, and former
Commander of a Corps of the Kwantung Army

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Through personal prestige, forced cooperation of various
intelligence cliques - AKISUE, IWAKURO, SAKURAI - up to
summer of 1950, despite dislike all have for AKISUE
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KAWABE Torashiro, Gen (Lt Gen)(?)

Consultant of POPOV on Japanese rearmament with direct access to him on this strategic research matters. Serves as POPOV cutout to Lt Gen INAKURO Takeo & Lt Gen SAKURAI Tokutaro, who serve subordinate to him in research, although both are occasionally consulted by POPOV direct. Up to summer of 1950, considerable influence on the AKESUE Kikan, but now busted up & personal feeling toward ARISUE is bitter. POPOV's chief contact; no pretensions as an intelligence officer but chief anti-communist with considerable research ability. Fine character & moderate views trustworthy; increasingly good rep among rightist leaders; rumored will be new C/S, or some one picked by him will be.

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KAWABE Torashiro

See FUJA-1389, 28 Aug 53, Policy JGU-Jap Liaison

KAWABE Torashiro (3109/6708/5766/0934/ 6745) J1 - J2 - J3
(Nom de plume - KAKONO Roksei)

See FUJA-1389, 28 Aug 53, Policy JGU-Jap Liaison

KAWABE Torashiro

See: FJB-1185, 25 May 1955, filed: CE File III-32.5

friendly with YAMAGATA Arimitsu

KAWABE Torashiro

former Lt. GEN

See: FUJ-682, 6 Apr 54, GC file A-10.84

KANANE Torashiro

See: FJB-495, 7 Dec 54, CE file III-45

Personality (hobbies, use of money, hobbies, literature, vices, etc.)

AIS Contacts

Other IS Contacts

Miscellaneous

1. Heads organ of KATO KIKAN, intel agency serving Jap. underground govt. Carries out activities aimed at realization of special higher investigations net (TOKKO SASATSU MO) and a special peace preservation corps. (Ref. ZJL-215, Report A, CE file III - 33, 25 Oct. 49).
2. In charge of matters concerning Public Welfare and Tranquility (CHILAN MONDAI) for the Jap. underground govt. (Ref. ZJL-215, Rpt. E, 25 Oct 49, CE File III - 33)
3. KAWABE Torashiro's (Japan underground govt.'s NGAKI Issai faction) clandestine organization within the police constabulary special higher investigation net has currently been named the SAKURADA CLUB. It was formed by bringing together former higher special police officials. Organization wields greatest power within metropolitan police. (Ref. ZJL-220, Report D, 10 Nov 49, CE file III - 32.1 carded all).
4. Liaison is being maintained between the Soviet Trade Mission in Japan (CHUNICHI SOREN BOEKI SHIKETSU DAN) in Mitsubishi Bldg. 21 and former Lt. Gen. KAWABE Torashiro. (Ref. ZJL-236, Report K, 8 Dec 49, CE file III-29)
5. KAWABE Torashiro's constabulary (KEISATSU GUN) will set up the following units so as to be able to function as a modern armed force: Poison Gas Unit (DOKU-GASU TAI), Machine Gun Unit (KIKANJU-TAI), Tank Unit (SENSHA-TAI) (Ref. ZJL - 264, Rpt D 7 Feb. 1950, CE file III-32.1, copied all).
6. Secretly selected as member of Supreme Guidance Dept. of Jap. Police Constabulary. (Ref. ZJL-386, 28 July 50, CE file III-32.1; □)
7. Former Major Gen. KATAYAMA and SAMAMOTO and former Lt. Gens. KAWABE Torashiro and ARISUE Seizo are concerned with supervision of organization of Japanese Police Reserve Force (KEISATSU YOBITAI). (Ref. ZJL-410-G, 17 Aug 50, CE file III, 32.1 □)
8. The statement that KAWABE supervises the SAKARAI Kikan is generally true. SAKURAI Tokutaro is no longer in direct operative leadership of the Kikan bearing his name. He cooperates with subject in overall direction. (Ref. ZJL-445, 14 Sept. 50 □ CE file III. 33)

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9. Despite strenuous efforts of certain elements at the top and center of the UGAKI JIS Groups; notably subject, TANAKA Ryukichi and TANAKA Shinichi, rapidly deteriorating and disintegrating "federation" in early Oct. showed tendency to split bitterly...between the Army jingoists, the Army Moderates-Navy HQ clique, and the Navy Moderates-Foreign Office cliques. (p.5) Subject, despite his Army General Staff background and despite his past exemplification (in Navy eyes) of unmitigated and unil teral Armyism, is now viewed with increasing favor for his recent attempts to soften the Army jingoists and to reach a working basis and common policy agreement with Navy and Foreign Office-led factions. (p.8) One of the leaders of the compromise attempt made 10 Oct. to 25 Oct. 1950 to repair the shattered "federation". Under an overall plan, subject would have served on a Board of Advisors. (p.9)
10. Member of Intelligence Kikan affiliated with the JOMAN Enterprises-National Peace & Independence Preparations Committee syndicate. For details of interrelations see ZJL-538, 26 Jan 51; [] CE File III - 36.
11. Subject has conferred with Col. HATTORI Takashiro, Lt. Gen. SAKUMA Ryoso, and Lt. Gen. SAKURAI Tokutaro on the subject of doing research for POPOV's organization on the subject of the military strength of China, Korea, and a rearmed Japan. (ZJL-571, 6 Mar 1951 [] CE III 30.1)
12. Prime Minister YOSHIDA Shigeru is thoroughly accepting the plan for the rearmament of Japan advocated by former Lt. Gen. KAWABE Torashiro and former Maj. Gen. TATSUMI Kiichi. (Date of info: 14 Mar 51. Ref ZJL-596-A, CE file Japanese Rearmament)

The Japanese Underground Govt. (JUG) has decided to undertake the rearmament of Japan, under the leadership of UGAKI Kasuhige as Commander-in-Chief and KAWABE Torashiro as Chief of the General Staff. (Ref ZJL 596-B, Date of info Feb 51, CE file Japanese Rearmament)

13. The Japanese Govt is considering sending ex-Admiral NOMURA Kichisaburo, ex-Lt. Gen. KAWABE Torashiro, and ex-Gen UGAKI Kuniharu to the US for the purpose of explaining the Japanese side of the rearmament proposal. The Govt hopes to receive an American invitation for such a mission. (Ref ZJL 597, 2 Apr 51 [] CE File [] Dossier.)
14. The connection between the Continental Affairs Research Institute and the KAWABE Kikan is a secret closely guarded on orders of G-2. DOI is an undercover member of the KAWABE Kikan and receives from it both a salary and operational funds with which to support his Institute. The persons who are aware of this fact are TATSUMI Kiichi and KAWABE Torashiro, and the G-2 officers concerned. DOI's work for the Kikan consists of supplying it with what information on the USSR he obtains and in analysing military information on the USSR obtained from other Kikan sources. (ZJL-27, 28 Feb 52, CE file [] Dossier.)

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15. The elder brother of KAWABE Torashiro, KAWABE Shoso, has been even more closely linked to the IMAKURO political group toying with the idea of rearmament. (See 211-218, [] 15 March, IMAKURO File, Dossiers).
16. Councillor, Tadaharu KAWABE, (Judge 52, Lawyer, Tadaharu KAWABE).

The organization of the constabulary by ARISUE Seiso and KAWABE Torashiro, advisers to the General Headquarters' Second Staff Section (G-2), may well become a reality. American made revolvers have already been given to all policemen by the Americans. The fact is that the constabulary will be organized under American guidance. It has also become clear that plans are being made to bring forward purgee UGAKI Issei and to allow great leeway to the activities of the Japan underground govt. It is evident that all of this is being done with the mutual consent of America. (Ref. ZJL-256, Report N, 24 Jan 50, CG File III - 32.1 - copied entire report).

mix // KAWABE Torashiro's constabulary (KEISATSU GUN) will set up the following units so as to be able to function as a modern armed force:

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Poison Gas Unit (DOKU GASU TAI)
Machine Gun Unit (KEIKAKU TAI)
Tank Unit (SENSHA TAI)

(Ref. ZJL-264, Report D, 7 Feb 50, CG File III - 32.1, copied all).

Information has been received to the effect that ARISUE Seiso, KAWABE Torashiro, UGAKI Issei, etc. are acting as advisers to Japan's militarists. (Ref. ZJL-264, Report E, 7 Feb 50, CG File III - 33, copied all).

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The group known as the Food and Livelihood Stabilization Assn., Sandabashi, Tokyo, is carrying out underground activities aimed at overthrowing the ARISUE-KAWABE line realizing the creation of an independent army for Japan. The latter would have UGAKI Issei as its central figure. (Ref. ZJL-264, Report SS, 7 Feb 50, CG File III - 33, copied all).

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Secretly selected as a member of the Supreme Guidance Department of the Japanese Police Constabulary. (Ref. ZJL-386, 28 July 50, CG File III - 32.1, [])

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Former major generals KATAYAMA and SAWAMOTO and former Lt. Generals KAWABE Torashiro and ARISUE Seiso are concerned with supervision of the organization of the Japanese Police Reserve Force (KEISATSU YORITAI). (Ref. ZJL-410-C, 17 Aug 50, CG File III - 32.1, [])

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Will be added to the policy advisors of the new National Peace and Independence Preparations Committee, particularly to assist in operations of the Liaison Bureau to Japanese government agencies such as the new Police Reserve Force and to other agencies such as the Army leaders. (Ref. ZJL-483, 13 Nov 50, [] CE File III - 33)

Member of intelligence kikan affiliated with the JONAN Enterprises-National Peace & Independence Preparations Committee syndicate. For details of inter-relations see ZJL-538, 26 Jan 51; [] CE File III - 36.

Attempts being made by the JONAN-N.E. I.P.C. syndicate for particularly close connections to subject. See ZJL-439, 26 Jan 51; [] CE File III - 43.

JONAN Group activities - ZJL-564, 21 Feb 51; [] CE File III - 43.

See ZJL-404, 7 Aug 50, CE File III - 43, [] for subject's part in Rightist underground plans to dispatch ships to Formosa and Indo-China.

Members of the JONAN Combine, particularly SATOMI, are very anxious to stay on the closest possible terms with subject because they feel certain that with the pending death of OKAMURA, and considering his good relations with both POPOV and the independent Japanese underground, he is virtually assured of heading any revived Japanese Army. Liaison is maintained by SATOMI to KAWABE and through him to Lt. Generals IWAIZU, TANAKA Ryukichi, DOI, OIKAWA Genatichi, and SAKURAI Tokutaro. SATOMI prefers the direct connections to KAWABE. (Ref. ZJL-561-C, 2 Mar 51, [] CE File 202-2662D)

See ZJL-591, 11 Apr 51, [] CE File III - 36.2 for subject's attitude to program for unified military revival action.

Prime Minister YOSHIDA Shigeru is thoroughly accepting the plan for the rearmament of Japan advocated by former Lieutenant General KAWABE Torashiro and former Major General TATSUMI Eiichi. (Date of info: 14 Mar 51; date rec'd 15 Mar 51). KAWABE himself stated to source that the American Government attaches the greatest importance to his plan. (Source [] Mar 51) (Ref. ZJL-596-A, CE File Japanese Rearmament)

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The Japanese Government [REDACTED] is considering sending ex-Admiral NOMURA Kichisaburo, ex-Lieutenant General KAWABE Torashiro, and ex-General UGAKI Kusumi to the United States for the purpose of explaining the Japanese side of the rearmament proposal. The Government hopes to receive an American invitation for such a mission. (Ref. ZJL-597, 12 Apr 51, [] CE File []

Subject is one of four former officers who have studied jointly and given their critique of UGAKI Kasushige's "Japan Rearmament Proposal". (Ref. ZJL-609-A, 4 May 51, [] CE File Japanese Rearmament)

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KAWABE Torashiro

Among former high-ranking Army officers to whom the Japanese Underground Government has assigned Soviet operations. (Ref. ZJL-609-B, 4 May 51, [] CE File III - 33)

Among others, subject is doing research on problem of Japanese rearmament for the Japanese Underground Government. (Ref. ZJL-551-C, 8 Feb 51, [] CE File Japanese Rearmament)

KAWABE Torashiro is assisting Prime Minister YOSHIDA as a Counsellor. (Ref. ZJL-611, 3 May 51, [] CE File [] dossier)

See: ZJL-A - 1473, 11 May 1951, CE File III - I

Japanese Underground Gov't keeping pace with leftist China-Japan Joint Operations with its own parallel. Subject member of Underground Gov't's China-Japan Joint Operations Guidance Dept. (ZJL-466-A, 26 Oct. 50, [] CE File III- 30.3)

As results of the YOSHIDA - DULLES conversations, Japan-American Defense Committees (NICHIBEI BOEI IINKAI) will be formed in both countries for purpose of implementing the Japanese-American Defence Agreement. Military specialists on Japanese committee is KAWABE Torashiro. (Ref. ZJL-639, [] 5 June 1951, CE File Japanese Rearmament.)

The composition of an eight-man Japanese Army committee on rearmament includes KAWABE Torashiro. (Ref. ZJL-641-A, [] 5 June 1951, CE File Japanese Rearmament.)

Both MATSUYA Makoto, a former Colonel attached to the Army General Staff, and Subject are working on rearmament plans...Subject, at the request of the Government, is drawing up a detailed rearmament plan. (ZJL-668, 6 July 1951, [] Japanese Rearmament)

Member, Japan Military Affairs Council (ZJL-673B, 19 Jul 51, [] Japanese Rearmament folder)

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Former Lt. Gen KAWABE Torashiro, member of General Staff, also lives in Kamilya village in the outskirts of Tokyo. One-time veteran of Soviet Affairs, he is a farmer. (FBIS TOKYO TIMES, Tokyo, Nov. 8, 1951)

OKADA Yoshimasa (Naomasa) has engaged in several operations for KAWABE and ARISUE Seizo. Younger brother of the late Gen. KAWABE Shogō. Has another brother junior to him. Subject is now virtually certain of being Chief of Staff. Source's personal comments on subject appear on pp. 7 & 8 of report. (ZJL-604, 19 April 1951, [] CE III 33)

Member, former SAKURA KAI; now opposed to UGAKI Kazushige (ZJL-699B, 24 August 1951, [] dossier)

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Subject acts as go-between from IWAKURO Hideo to American agencies. (ZJL-725A
20 Sept 51, [] C [] dossier.)

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See: TSGI 2705, IN 27395, 14 Mar 52, Senior Rep File.

The elder brother of KAWABE Torashiro, KAWABE Shozo, has been even more closely linked to the IWAKURO political group (toying with the idea of rearmament.) The elder KAWABE is full general, and was in the process of retirement at the time of the Surrender. KAWABE Shozo is believed to be advanced by the IWAKURO group to head a tentative rearmament program merely as a figurehead. This does not necessarily indicate that KAWABE Torashiro is also connected with the IWAKURO group, but it is well known that KAWABE Torashiro does get on quite well with IWAKURO, and that he has accepted in the past information from the IWAKURO Kikan for transmittal to American authorities. There is no definite indication that the younger KAWABE is directly connected with the efforts of his brother and the IWAKURO group. The prestige of KAWABE Torashiro has suffered a slight decline since the eminence of peace treaty ratification, largely because of the same stigma which is attached to HATTORI Takushiro as a military leader who has worked quite faithfully for American G-2 GHQ, particularly for Major General Willoughby. This is merely a general rumor in army and in intelligence circles; nevertheless it is generally accepted that KAWABE has done considerable military planning and intelligence work for G-2 GHQ in the past few years. In this work, he relied quite extensively from time to time upon the services of IWAKURO Hideo, SAKURAI Takutaro, OIKAWA Genichiro, ARISUE Seiso, and other leading former staff figures. KAWABE has been reputed to have his own intelligence gathering organization, but there is no indication that he has actively entered the rearmament fields. Actually, much of KAWABE Torashiro's information and efforts are believed to go to support of SHIMOMURA Sadamu. This also is merely a general accepted rumor nothing more. Far as is known, KAWABE Torashiro and KAWABE Shozo both have refrained personally from any direct attack upon HATTORI Takushiro or any malicious gossip concerning the latter's activities. (ZJL-748, [] 15 Nov. 52, [] dossier.)

IWAKURO Hideo and KAWABE Torashiro have no personal contact at present and apparently have had none for a long time. (ZJL-784, [] [] 18 Dec. 51, [] dossier.)

Subject is among the close friends of KOTANI Etsuo. KOTANI worked with subject in JIGS, and latter regarded him as a likeable junior officer. KOTANI owes his employment by the KAWABE Organization to KAWABE's sponsorship. (ZJJ-70, 4 Apr 52, [] dossier.)

KAWABE Torashiro (3109/6708/5706/0934/6745)

The Japanese Cabinet has recently set up what is commonly known as the "ROMMEN LINMAI" (Six-Man Committee). The actual purpose of this committee is to give informal advice on the question of de-purge of remaining field grade Army officers and future order of de-purging general officers. It is known unofficially as the Japanese Government's Military De-Purge Committee. All of its members are highly trusted by present Cabinet authorities, but the closest to government circles at highest levels is of course TATSUJI Kiichi. Among the members of the committee is KAWABE Torashiro, age about 60. The most interesting point concerning the committee is that some of the members including KAWABE would like to be future Defense Minister or top-level "Special Advisor" on Military Affairs to the Government. (ZJL-771, 18 Dec. 51, Dossier.)

The opinion that the ZJL-771 is the best of the Japanese central intelligence bureaus and to be held only by TATSUJI Kiichi and others around him, according to TATSUJI Kiichi, MURAKAMI, wife and son, to organize and operate an independent organization at the Central Intelligence Bureau. (ZJL-201, 19 Sept 52, SOIB-58920, GC File J-10.20)

KAWABE (Torashiro) Kikan - This organization is steadily reducing its expenditures and personnel. This is as it should be, because the KAWABE Kikan has no place in an independent Japan. Its membership should be absorbed into the future central intelligence Bureau, according to TATSUJI Kiichi in August 1952. (ZJL-201, SOIB-58920, 19 Sept 52, GC File J-10.20.)

Subject accepted a position in the Continental Affairs Research Institute in July 1952. (ZJL-202, 26 Sept 52, GC File III-48.1.)

Councillor, Tairiku Mondai Kenkyu Sho, (1 Apr 53 issue, Tairiku Mondai)

See ZJN-50, 18 July 52.
See ZJL-1242

KAWABE, Lt. Gen., Chief of Staff to Gen. YAMADA, Commander in Chief of the National Defense Headquarters. (X-2 30014, 17 Aug 43).

Contributed an article to the Tenth issue of Continental Affairs. (FJJ-76, 13 Feb 53, GE File III - 48.1) Source Comment: KAKONO Kohei (Kakono no de boku) of KAWABE Torashiro.

Subject attended a party for T'ANG En-po at the Tokyo Kaihinko on 28 Mar 53 at which were 100 Japanese well known in financial and business circles, and some ex-military men. (FJJ-160, 17 Apr 53, dossier)

Subject, probably same. For connection with Rightist Political activities see FJJ-200, 21 May 53, Rightist Policy (As Lieu Gen in Japn Army he was chief of the KAWABE Kikan. Reportedly is member of Cont Affairs Research Institute.)

KAWABE Torashiro

High level information pertaining to the American Military is flowing to the Japanese Underground Government through KAWABE Torashiro, among others. (Ref. ZJL-390-C, 3 Aug 50, CE File III - 47; []).

Member of the group of chief advisors of the UGAKI Group. Has excellent connections with the American G-2 chief or the latter's close associates. He is generally identified with overall policy supervision for the ARISUE Kikan, the SAKURAI Kikan, and the IWAAZE Kikan, even though the ARISUE Kikan has its own connections to the Operations Section of G-2 GHQ. (Ref. ZJL-442, 8 Sept 50; [] , CE File III - 33)

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KAWABE Torashiro of the KATO KIKAN has in his possession a detailed map of the undeveloped areas of Manchuria and Siberia which is a map of shifting tactics (TANSHIN SAKUSEN YOZU) used by the Japanese Kwantung Army. This map is a Top-Secret document of the Japanese army pertaining to strategy directed against the Soviets and is of great importance in future military strategy directed against the Soviets. There is only one copy of this map in the world. (Ref. ZJL-220, Report B, 10 Nov 49, CE File III - 33, - carded all).

One of the leaders in the plan of the YOSHIDA Shigeru Cabinet for strengthening the police force. (Ref. ZJL-220, 10 Nov 49, Report Z, CE File III-32.1).

④ (49) KAWABE Torashiro's (of the Japan underground government's UGAKI Issai faction) clandestine organization within the police constabulary special higher investigation net, has currently been named the SAKURADA CLUB. It was formed by bringing together former higher special police officials. This organization yields the greatest power within the metropolitan police. (Ref. ZJL-220, Report D, 10 Nov 49, CE File III - 32.1 - carded all).

The Japan underground govt is planning the creation of a fascistic force composed of the constabulary and the fire brigades. It will be led by KAWABE Torashiro and ARISUE Seizo. It is clear that plans for its creation call for organization along the lines of a brigade (ryoden hensai). The rearming of Western Germany has a great influence upon the organizing of this force. The Japanese underground government is carrying out this organization with great determination. (Ref. ZJL-236, Report H, 8 Dec 49, CE File III - 32.1).

④ Liaison is being maintained between the Soviet Trade Mission in Japan (CHUNICHI SOREN BOEKI SHIKETSU DAI) in Mitsubishi Building 21 and former Lt. General KAWABE Torashiro. (Ref. ZJL-236, Report K, 8 Dec 49, CE File III - 29).

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Apparently this information comes through HATTORI Takushiro, though he is not specifically reported as the informant.

This report is significant as a correction to information previously given by paragraph 7, ZJL-771, which indicated that KAWABE Torashiro was collaborating with the Japanese government. The information in ZJL-771 concerning KAWABE's hopes of becoming future Defense Minister, may, nevertheless, be considered valid.

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This information is drawn from personal knowledge. The report is another in the series of background studies by of Japanese personalities of intelligence interest. Although this material is fragmentary and lacking in detail, it supplies some general background, particularly on KAWABE's personal associations.

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TSUSHIMI Eiichi (6591/1570/2837/0001) advised of the information contained in this report on 16 December 1952. This would appear to be the beginning of the end for the group.

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SUBJECT: GENERAL - Background Information on Personalities Mentioned in ZJL-442
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We transmit herewith the following references to personalities appearing in ZJL-442 which have not been previously reported:

ENCL References

TAKEMATSU is the code name for a secret intelligence operation presently being established by POPOV. The operation is designed to provide domestic intelligence from within Japan (MATSU) as well as positive intelligence from without (TAKI). TAKEMATSU is to be manned and run by Japanese personnel with POPOV personnel involved only at the high policy level. The entire operation is to be financed by POPOV. Source: Report from C to C

From C dated 20 May '49.

The following information was received from a highly reliable source on 10 January 1949:

On 28 December 1948 a meeting took place at the CIS Special Activities House in which the following were in attendance:

C
C

.....
General KAWAKI
General ARAKAWA

The meeting was initiated by C who announced that a 1940, black, four door sedan, Engine No. 1675249928, would be made available to KAWAKI. He also stated that Japanese typewriters had been prepared for the use of TAKEMATSU personnel.

KAWAKI stated that the operational plans for MATSU are being drafted. Boundaries of jurisdictional responsibility are presently being set up. Offices will be established within the following locations and with the listed persons responsible for their operations:

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Report No: ZJJ-53

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1. KAWABE Torashiro (川辺虎次郎), former general and present head of the KAWABE Kikan, is not taking part in the clearing of purged regular officers of the former Japanese army, as rumored. He would not do so even if he were asked, because he fears that the work might injure his reputation and lessen his prestige in the future.
2. Screening committee members in charge of de-purging regular officers were KATSUKI (勝木) (勝木), former Lieutenant General, SHIDOMURA Sadam (下村貞), former Lieutenant General, SHIMURA Jo (下村義), former Lieutenant General, TATSUMI Eiichi (辰巳一), former Lieutenant General, MIYAZAKI (宮崎) (宮崎), former Major General, and KAMAMOTO Shigeichiro (上本重一), former Major General.

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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. KAWABE Toshishiro (高濱利重) (1887-1958), chief of the KAWABE Organization (高濱), was a lieutenant general in the Japanese army. He was graduated from the Japanese Military Academy (1912) and from the War College. His military career included service as a member of the Operations Section of JGOS (1931), as military attaché in Moscow, as commander of an artillery regiment of the Imperial Guards Division (1936), as chief of the Intelligence Section of the Kwantung Army Headquarters (1938), and as military attaché in Berlin (1938 to February 1940). During the war he was commander of an air division, then deputy chief of the Army Air Force Headquarters (1943 to April 1945), and deputy chief of JGOS (May to August 1945).
2. After the war, KAWABE received financial support from ARISUSe Seizo. When he was chosen by G-2 to head the intelligence organization which bears his name (KAWABE Organization, or Kikan), he therefore persuaded TATSURI Eiichi, YOSHIMAKA Wataro (吉村和太郎), and American officers who opposed ARISUSe to include him in the organization. At the request of G-2, in 1949 KAWABE conducted interrogations of high-ranking Japanese army officers who were repatriated from the USSR. He continues to be nominal head of the KAWABE Organization.
3. KAWABE's principal friends, some of whom are working under him for G-2, include:
 - a. SHIMONERA Sadamu (下村貞蔵), former general, with whom he served for many years in JGOS. SHIMONERA, a 1908 graduate of the Military Academy, was graduated and then was an instructor of the War College and later its superintendent. He also served as chief of the JGOS Historical Section, commander successively of Japanese Army Forces in central China, of the Seibu (Western) Army Area, and the North China Army Area, and, from August to November 1945, as Minister of War.
 - b. TATSURI Eiichi, a relationship which developed intimacy after

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1. G-2 Headquarters, Far East Command informed KAWABE Dorashiro (3109/6708/5704/0934/6745) early in December 1952 that appropriations had not been made for the next fiscal year to cover all the expenses of his intelligence organization. For this reason a radical reduction in the organization's personnel and in its scope of activity would be necessary. KAWABE was offended at the sudden and one-sided decision, and he and his colleagues decided to dissolve the group rather than accept G-2's terms.
2. Having anticipated eventual dissolution of his group, KAWABE had placed 15 of his men in the National Safety Force (Hoan Dai) (NSF) prior to receiving word of G-2's decision. As of mid-December he was attempting to place the remainder in the proposed new government intelligence bureau.

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