

KUHARA Fusanosuke

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Last Year KUHARA Fusanosuke, as Chairman of the Peoples' Council for the Restoration of Japan-Soviet, Japan-China Diplomatic Relations visited Communist China together with MAJIMA Kan, it's director, DOI Sukenobu (Party member) and OBATA Tadayoshi. In establishing his plans to visit Moscow, KUHARA was first encouraged by DOMINITSKY and later stimulated by the fact that during the Soviet leaders trip to Yugoslavia, MIKYOAN had praised KUHARA's skill and ability. However, since the government did not issue the passport required to travel to Moscow, KUHARA decided to visit Peiping for the time being and contact the Soviets in Peiping. KUHARA held two meetings with MAO Tse-tung and talked on the "The Great Asia Principle" and both were completely in sympathy with each other according to KUHARA. At that time the discussion unexpectedly turned to the problem of Formosa and the following points were brought out.

- Withdrawal of U. S. troops.
- Cooperation between Nationalist and Communist Chinese.
- The building up of Asia centered on Japan and Communist China.

KUHARA returned to Japan at the beginning of fall, 1955, and following this he carried out very active but extremely secret activities using the People's Council for the Restoration of Japan-Soviet, Japan-China Diplomatic Relations as a foothold and working upon the Conservative Party through his son-in-law ISHII Mitsujiro (Chairman of the Liberal-Democratic Party Executive Committee), on the Socialist Party through KAZAMI Akira and upon the newspaper circles through KANO Chikao, Chief of the Editorial Bureau of MAINICHI Shinbun. At present, he has close liaison with TICHIVINSKY and has a thorough knowledge of the Soviet Far Eastern policy more so than anyone else in the Japanese Government circles. The reason why he has such close feelings with the Soviet is because he considers the Russians to be part of the Asiatic people. Recently when the Communist China Sample Fair was held in Japan KUHARA maintained contact with AIKAWA Yoshisuke (KUHARA's brother-in-law), Chairman of the Japan Medium and Small Enterprise Council and issued various directives which included various suggestions. Eventually when they expressed a desire to extend their stay in Japan he worked upon the governmental circles to see what could be done (Minister of International Trade and Industry ISHIMASHI Tanzan, etc.). Funds were turned over to him when Madame LI, Communist China Fair Delegation, and the Peiping Drama Troupe visited Japan.

He is working on the unification of the National and the Communist Chinese through HAYAMI Chikashige (2483/6015/6024/6850), a soldier of fortune who formerly lived in China (approximate age 28, graduate of DAI SHITCHI Higher School and Kyoto University. No fixed employment. During the war he was persecuted by TOJO and went to China where he was in charge of a Japan-China Peace Operation. He was close to KONOYE). KUHARA is working on this as if it is his last mission on earth. In order to strengthen the ties with CHIANG Ching-kuo he was actively working through HAYAMI and HSIEH Nan-kuang (6200/0589/0342) (former member of the Chinese Mission, later a member of the Chinese Communist Party).

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Statesman, Industrialist. Member of Cabinet Advisory Council. Former president of the SEIYUKAI Party.

June 1869 Born in Yamaguchi-ken

1889 Graduated KEIO University

1915 Joined MORIMURA & Co., Fujita

1927-1929 Minister of Communications in TANAKA Cabinet

May 1939 Assumed presidency of SEIYUKAI Orthodox Faction when Party split

1940 Resigned SEIYUKAI presidency.

Established KUHARA Mining Co.; Repre KUHARA & Co.; President, KYOHO Life Ins Co.

Elected to Lower House four times in Yamaguchi prefecture.

Advocated dissolution of political parties.

After the assassination in Feb 1936 he and General MASAKI were detained as suspected chief accomplices, but both were cleared of complicity, chiefly because of their influence and high position.

China No.845, 4/3/44.

Army favorite. Has financed some of the GENYO SHA projects (Pacific Affairs, XVII, #3, p.27, September 1944).

Manchurian industrialist who would be familiar with Japanese expansionist circles particularly the Kwantung Army. Mentioned in folder as person to interrogate for political information. (WD Target Folder XVIII, May 1945).

Former president of the now defunct SEIYUKAI is planning to run for the Lower House. ~~KUHARA has been informed~~ that the investigation of his possibility of being a war criminal has been dropped, thus paving the way for the 78-year old politician to resume political activities. (FBIB No.8, 5 Mar 47, p.AAA-9)

YOKOYAMA Yui (q.v.), through KUHARA and by brandishing the name of KUHARA, quickly established himself as one of the most influential "political brokers" before the war. The connection still exists...KUHARA and his political and business followers, as well as former military men, are seeking to use WAKI Kasushige as their front man in their attempt to grasp political leadership. 16 Setp 50

A KIKAN of the Japanese Underground Government is planning the "reconstruction of Japan" centered about Prince CHICHIBU, KUHARA Fusanosuke, and KODAMA Yoshio March 1951,

HATOYAMA Ichiro's recommendations in the formation of a racial front were handed to KUHARA, who was an important figure in the SEIYUKAI when HATOYAMA was a member of that party. It is believed that after the large-scale depurge, KUHARA's former followers in the SEIYUKAI will join the HATOYAMA faction...MATSUNO Tsuruhei's supporters in the present Liberal Party who were also affiliated with the KUHARA line in the SEIYUKAI include SATO Eisaku and YAMAZAKI Takeshi. 22 Jun 51

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Former president of now defunct SEIYUKAI, once the most powerful political party in Japan, became member of YOSHIDA's Liberal Party 3 Nov. KUHARA, who was purged after Japan's surrender as Japan's political leaders, reinstated 2 1/2 months ago when the Japanese Government was given authority by SCAP to conduct a mass depurge. His affiliations with the Liberal Party reportedly made at the request of Premier YOSHIDA himself (FBIS, 5 Nov 1951; CENTRAL NEWS, Tokyo)

UGAKI Kasushige stills supports KUHARA

24 Aug 51

Titular head of the House of KUHARA of the ZAIBATSU; presiding officer (1940) of the SEIYU KAI (Prominent Persons in Japan and Japanese-dominated Area, 14 August 1945)

The following statement is from a study made by the 2nd Dept of the International Intelligence Bureau of the Mil. Council (Chinese Communist): HISAHARA (?HISAHARA?) Fusanosuke is collaborating with YOKOYAMA Yui. He is also of the mainland clique of the Japanese Army.

Subject is one of the principal members of the UGAKI Issei faction of the Japan underground govt.

Former Foreign Office official. Member of the Group of Chief Advisors of the UGAKI JIS Groups. His chief function, in line with YOKOYAMA Yui's efforts, is direct high-level liaison to leading figures at the Foreign Office, such as KAWAURA and HORIUCHI Ganjo, and direction of the Foreign Office men within the UGAKI Groups. He also wields considerable influence with politicians of the Liberal Party who are part of the UGAKI organization such as INUKAI Ken and SHIDEHARA. 8 Sept 50.

Reportedly has been in touch with certain Chinese Nationalists who have taken refuge in Japan now or who are expected to come to Japan.

13 June 51.

Chosen to head the political "aspects" of a new political party to be formed by IWAKURO Hideo, SHIBUSAWA Keizo, MIZUNO Shigeo, and others. Principal leader of the pre-war SEIYUKAI Party. Eighty years old. Close to FUKUYA Shunichi. 20 Sept 51

In compromise plan for re-organization of UGAKI JIS "federation" subject would have been on Board of Advisors.

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See C-10.32, FBIS #218, 6 Nov 53, FFF 15,
New Body to Implement China Trade Pact (Tokyo, Mainichi, 6 Nov 53)

President of the Japanese Nat'l Council for the Restoration of Diplomatic
Relations w China and the Soviet Union formed Oct 54.

Source: North China News Agency 7 Apr 55
Peking

Requesting eight passports to USSR for delegates of the Jpse Nat. Council for
Recovery of Diplomatic Relations with China and USSR. (FBIS #129, Tokyo, KYODO,
2 July 55)

Heading a party to visit Red China to attend Sun Wen's 30th Anniversary.
See: Report #88, 10 Aug 55

Will meet Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan in Peking during his projected Red
China tour. ~~Will~~ Slated to leave for Peking Aug. 14 as head of a seven-man
civilian "good will mission" to Red China. (FBIS #155, Tokyo, Central News, 10 Aug
55)

Left with three members of his team for Communist China on a "national good-will
mission" (FBIS #160, Tokyo, KYODO, 17 Aug 1955)

President of National Council for restoration of Diplomatic Relations with
Communist China and Soviet Union. Arrived in Peking Aug 22 accompanied by five other
persons, including his son and daughter, at invitation of the Chinese Diplomatic
Institute. (FBIS #169, Tokyo, KYODO, 30 August 1955)

Head of a six-man private good will mission to Red China. President of the National
Council for Resumption of Diplomatic Relations with Communist China and the Soviet
Union. (FBIS #202, Tokyo, KYODO, 17 Oct 1955)

Chairman of the People's Council for the Restoration of Japan-China, Japan-USSR
Diplomatic Relations.

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re:Soviet political agents in Japan.
6 Sep 56

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KUHARA Fusanosuke

Subj.'s name appeared in message to Peking on 8 Jun. 55. []

Subj. apparently took or is planning a trip to Peking. (OPS MEMO #376, 2 Nov. 55)

Chairman of the Japanese National Council for the Restoration of Diplomatic Relations with Communist China & USSR. Made a trip with a group to China in Sept. 55 & Oct. 55. (FJB-2216, July-Oct. 55)

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Extract from JIJI Release, 21 May 1948, Tokyo. (OSO Registry #44-7-0-29)

On 22 May 1948 the Purge Appeals Commission rejected the appeal of KUHARA Fusanosuke, a leader of the defunct Seiyukai Party.

Extract from Dispatch #ZIL-88, Tokyo, 13 August 1948 (From news article by Howard Handleman, INS correspondent)

There is evidence that Communist Party leaders at least have tried to effect liaison with some of Japan's most notorious rightists. KUHARA Fusanosuke, friend and financial supporter of right-wing military groups that forged Japan's foreign policy through violence and threat in the 30's, was approached by three top JCP leaders for an interview shortly after the Americans released him from Sugamo Prison where he had been held as a war criminal suspect.

KUHARA turned them down, saying "the time is not yet ripe", but later he told this correspondent that in the final showdown the leaders of the JCP would "act like Japanese first, then like Communists". The great bulk of the new ultra-nationalist societies are small groups of men who served together in the war.

Extract from CIS/FEC Special Report, THE BROGADE BANNER, THE STORY OF JAPANESE NATIONALISM by Tom Davis, 23 September 1946 (OSO Registry #44-7-8-1)

KUHARA speaking in February 1928: "The Cabinet's most important mission at this time is the solution of the Manchurian and Mongolian question. Now is the time to solve the question of Manchuria and Mongolia. In this lies my reason for having supported TANAKA all these years. I shall be able to do much if I become the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, because TANAKA is Foreign Minister as well as Premier. If necessary, I am willing even to become a consul general in Manchuria."

KUBOTA Kinshiro stated in his testimony at the time of the investigation of the 26 February 1936 Plot, that KUHARA was in favor of making Manchuria an unarmed free state, just as Korea should have been. Japanese control, he implies, would have been exercised through economic and other unofficial means.

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After the assassination of February 1936, he and General Masakai were detained as suspected chief accomplices, but both were cleared of complicity, chiefly because of their influence and high positions.

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Connection with IPRI: Little data available in CE office on China activities. However, Subject identified with Horiuchi's FEARS (Japan branch. IPRI) through its various phases from 1950 to present.

Connection with IERI: Member

Pre 1945 - President of Seiyukai

1945 - One of YOKOYAMA Yui's principal backers according to statement dated 1945.

1947 - Forecasted that leaders of New China would be primarily oriental in their thinking and would ultimately provide third force in world affairs. Gave views on rise of Asian power; outlined ambitious plan for United States of Asia which would include Japan, Manchuria, Korea, India, and both Nationalist and Communist China. (Source makes following comment: "Mr. KUHARA may be opposed to communism from ideological standpoint, yet he recognizes it as a power to stay. One might presume he feels a hidden admiration for an Asian people that has won victories over the West and succeeded in doing what Japan itself failed to do; assert the principle of Asia for the Asians and Asian supremacy over the west.... Many "old China hands" cannot rid themselves of the obsession that Japan and China are inextricably woven together, that the two are mutually dependent from a commercial standpoint, that common cultural matters constitute an unbreakable link...." (Article by Chief Far Eastern Correspondent, Christian Science Monitor, 9 Nov 55)

1948 - Approached by three top JCP leaders for interview shortly after Americans released him from Sugamo Prison where he had been held as war criminal suspect. Report implies JCP leaders were interested in developing liaison between JCP and rightists. Subject told them "the time was not yet ripe". Later Subject remarked to source that in final showdown JCP leaders would act like Japanese first, then like communists. 13 Aug 48, from news article by Howard Handleman, INS correspondent

1949 - Named among friends of WANG Wen-cheng who arrived in Japan and was believed to be seeking help from Jap financiers in organizing and financing a Japanese volunteer corps to strengthen TANG En-po's army and to organize trade corp to give economic assistance to TANG. 16 May 49.
Note: China desk was queried on activities of WANG Wen-cheng. WANG belongs to an anti-Chiang Kai-shek clique which is suspected of having ties with Peiping although no data has been produced to establish this. They are opportunists.

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1950

- Subject and YOKOYAMA Yui connected with WANG Wen-cheng who was reported to have been spy for Japanese in China during war, and who was involved in smuggling at time of report. (SHINSO (Communist publication) #16, 15 Feb 50)
- Subject and YOKOYAMA Yui associated before war; connection continues to exist. Subject and political and business followers as well as former military men are seeking to use UGAKI Kazunari as front in attempt to grasp political leadership. 16 Sept 50
- A chief advisor of UGAKI group. Subject's function in line with YOKOYAMA Yui's efforts, in direct level liaison to leading figures at Foreign Office such as KAWAMURA and HORIUCHI Ganjo, and direction of Foreign Office men within UGAKI group. Also wields considerable influence with politicians of Liberal Party who are part of UGAKI organizations such as INUKAI Ken and SHIDEHARA fmu. 8 Sept 50.

1951

- (Apparently at time Subject and Hatoyama were members of SEIYUKAI), Subject received HATOYAMA Ichiro's recommendations for formation of racial front. After depurge, Subject's former followers including SATO Eisaku and YAMAZAKI Takeshi will join HATOYAMA faction. 22 June 51
- Contemplating participation in formation of a new political party with FUKUYA Shinichi and other IWAKURO associates. 18 Dec 51

1951

- In touch with certain Chinats who have taken refuge in Japan or who are expected to come to Japan. 13 June 51
- Chosen to head political aspects of new political party to be formed by IWAKURO Hideo, SHIBUSAWA Keiso, MIZUNO Shigeo. and others. Close to FUKUYA Shinichi. 20 Sept 51.
- FUKUYA Shinichi took IWAKURO Hideo a few times to Subject's home so that IWAKURO could brief Subject on military affairs. FUKUYA Believed Subject should be informed on this matter since he was participating with FUKUYA and other IWAKURO associates in formation of new party.

1953 (Oct)

- Named among sponsors certain to participate in first meeting of Sponsors Society for new extra-party newspaper organ of the JCP, the KOKUMIN no Shinbun. Comment suggests communist connections may have been will conceal since few sponsors mentioned appear to have connection with leftist activity. 24 Dec 53, B-documentary) Note: Since July 1953 JCP issued plea for further unification of non-party organizations and individuals (e.g. groups for promoting Sino-Japanese trade and diplomatic relations with Com China and USSR), JUHARA, a leading advocate of this policy, could have wittingly supported the JCP organ.

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- 1954 - President of Japanese National Council for Restoration of Diplomatic Relations with China and Soviet Union formed Oct. 54.
- 1955 (Apr) - Soviet Ambassador to India, Mikhail A. MENSHIKOV, Chief Soviet Delegate to ECAFE Conference, visited Subject at his home. Meeting was arranged by DOI Sukenobu, JCP member and repatriate from USSR. MENSHIKOV demanded that Subject through his organization (Japanese National Council for Restoration of Diplomatic Relations with China and Soviet Union) arrange restoration of USSR-Jap relations since Soviets desire restoration during tenure of HATOYAMA Cabinet and doubt restoration will occur if left to Japanese Government action. Following this meeting Subject's organization conducted research into territorial claims of Japan and USSR since these claims were considered a chief impediment to restoration of Jap-USSR relations.
- 1955 - To head eight member private mission to USSR selected by People's Council for Restoring Japan-China, Japan-Soviet International Relations. Mission scheduled to leave 23 Jul 55.
- Will be accompanied by IWAKURO Hideo and six other on trip to USSR.
- Above delegation received cable from CHANG Hsi-jo, President of Chi Communist Foreign Policy Association stating delegation welcome to come to China for three weeks. Assumed cable was sent after Foreign Ministry refused to grant delegation passports to USSR. It was believed however, that delegation would make trip to China and then an unauthorized visit to USSR.
- (1 Aug) - Subject's group promised in writing not to go to USSR if permitted to go to China.
- Subject, old friend of (Soviet Deputy Premier, Anastasia) MIKOYAN, will probably go to USSR. IWAKURO (Hideo) is Subject's brain; IWAKURO has deep relations with US bases and is trying to get together with the main family of the "peace offensive".
from article in 9 Aug. NAIGAI Times
- Heading party to visit Red China to attend Sun Wen's 30th Anniversary.
- Will meet Soviet Deputy Premier Anastasia MIKOYAN in Peking during projected Red China tour. Slated to leave for Peking 14 Aug.
(FBIS #155, Tokyo, Central News, 10 Aug 55)

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FJJ-402 (CS-27618)

Regarding formation of newspaper Kokumin no Shimbun by JCP with support of many conservative and rightist individuals. These include MURATA Shozo and KUHARA Fusanosuke.

FJB-1010 (CS-62984) —

Indicates meeting held between KUHARA and Soviet Ambassador to India, Mikhail

A. Menshikov, chief Soviet Delegate to ECAFE Conference, on 9 Apr 55.

Meeting arranged by DOI Sukenobu, JCP member and repatriate from USSR.

ZJLA-324, 26 May 1949

WANG Wen Cheng (alias WANG Shih Ching) has again come to Japan and is living in

Hayama, Kanagawa-en. It is reported that his visit this time is in

connection with TANG En Po, General in command of the Nationalist 3rd Army,

and LUNG Tso Liang, alleged Chief of Staff to TANG En Po, who has come as

an aide of WANG's. WANG graduated from the Quartermaster School of the

Japanese Army in 1906 and then entered the financial field in China. In

1938 he was appointed president of the Japanese supported Federal Reserve

Bank in China and Chief of the Financial Section of the North China Provisional

Govt. Because of his background, WANG has numerous friends among the former

leading Japanese financiers and businessmen, such as KUHARA Fusanosuke

and AYUKAWA Giusuke and FUJIMANN Aiichiro. It is being rumored in well-

informed Japanese circles that the mission of WANG is to obtain the help

of Japanese businessmen and financiers to organize and finance a Japanese

Volunteer Corps to strengthen TANG EnPo's army and to organize a trade

corporation to give economic assistance to TANG EnPo.

15 Sep 50, ZJLA-1169 quotes SHINSO No. 16, 15 Feb 50: Connects KUHARA with

WANG Tsu-hui (possibly alias for WANG Wen Cheng or vice versa). WANG is

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connected with YOKOYAMA YUI and KUHARA . WANG was spy for Japanese in China during war, now in smuggling.

Various reports indicating KUHARA's connections with Japanese rearmament groups.

ZJY-4141 indicates ChiNats in contact with KUHARA. 13 July 1951

ZJL-88, 13 August 1948:

Howard Handelman, INS correspondent, reported from Tokyo (probably 7 June 1948) that "Fusanosuke Kuhara, friend and financial supporter of right-wing ~~financial~~ military groups that forged Japan's foreign policy through violence and threat in the '30's, was approached by three top Communist Party leaders for an interview shortly after the Americans released him from Sugamo ~~was~~ prison where he had been held as a war criminal suspect. Kuhara turned them down, saying "the time is not yet ripe," but later he (told) this correspondent that in the final showdown the leaders of the Japan Communist Party would "act like Japanese first, then like communists."

"Left Wing, Right Wing" (Civil Intelligence Report) indicates HATOYAMA had vied with KUHARA and NAKAMIMA Chikuhei for leadership of the Seiyukai after the retirement of SUZUKI Kisaburo in 1939.

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POLITICAL REPORT

2. National and Foreign Affairs:

a. KUHARA Announces Plan: KUHARA Fusanosuke (INTSUM 3433), who is engaged in attempting a political comeback, has prepared a plan entitled "A New Statecraft for a Difficult Age." He will circulate this as widely as possible and hopes to have it printed completely in the "Nippon Times" within the next few days. (c)

Comment: The plan calls for Government investment in private industry by the purchase of shares, but without participating in management. The plan contains nothing new, but is of interest because of its propounder—a fabulous prewar figure, now 83, who was at the same time a top professional politician and also a minor zaibatsu (INTSUM 3357). On the political side, he was Communications Minister under TANAKA Giichi in 1927, four times elected to the Lower House, president of the Seiyukai Party (ancestor of the present Liberal Party) in 1939-1940, and a member of the Cabinet Advisory Council several times. As a business man, as president and principal owner of the KUHARA Mining Company, he practically controlled Japan's copper output, and had many other business interests as well. He is laying the ground to run in the next general election from Yamaguchi Prefecture.

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KUBARA Fusanosuke, once reputed to be Japan's political boss before the Pacific War, is expected to leave for the United States early in Feb. for a month's visit during which he will make a study of the current political and economic situation in the U. S. KUBARA was once listed as a major war criminal but was depurged in August, 1951. His efforts to join the Liberal Party, however, have been fruitless. (FBIS, CENTRAL NEWS, Tokyo, Feb. 1, 1952)

Brother-in-law of AIKAWA Yoshisuke

c. KUHARA To Visit U.S.: KUHARA Fusanosuke, recently depurged, prewar political leader, is scheduled to leave Japan on 7 Feb. for a one month inspection tour of the U.S. KUHARA headed the Seiyukai Party (ancestor of the Liberal Party) in 1939/40 and was a rival of HATOYAMA Ichiro (INTSUM 3410), who is mentioned as a probable successor to Premier YOSHIDA (INTSUM 3364). In early Nov 51 KUHARA applied for membership in the Liberal Party, however, the Prime Minister held up his entry into the Liberal ranks on the basis that the issue should be more carefully discussed (INTSUM 3347). (a)

Comment: KUHARA, now 82, is a minor zaibatsu, and is president and principal owner of the KUHARA Mining Company which practically controls Japan's copper output. On the political side, he served as Communications Minister under TANAKA Giichi in 1927, was elected four times to the Lower House, and was a member of the Cabinet Advisory Council several times.

FEC Daily Sum.

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2 Feb 52

Relationship of IWAKURO Hideo to (HISAHARA) KUBARA Fusanosuke

There exists no particular or definite relationship between the two. If there is any rumor going around in the world that these two are connected, it is attributable to the fact that FUKUYA Shunichi has taken IWAKURO two or three times to KUBARA's home and introduced him. KUBARA has practically no concern today with the armament issue nor with any other military affairs. Since KUBARA contemplates participation in the formation of a new political party with FUKUYA and other IWAKURO associates, FUKUYA took IWAKURO to KUBARA with the thought that KUBARA should gain a general picture of military planning and an up-to-date general knowledge of military affairs. FUKUYA had IWAKURO explain about current military affairs to KUBARA. IWAKURO has previously been on duty with the Military Affairs Bureau, War Ministry for a long time. FUKUYA merely asked IWAKURO to inform KUBARA of the facts he knew himself to be true. Although KUBARA has become acquainted with IWAKURO and thought well enough of him but he paid not particular respect to IWAKURO nor did he attach any lasting significance to his relationship with IWAKURO.

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2. BASIS STORY WOULD BE ☐ SUMMARY OF 11 JULY REPORT BY KYODO IN JAPANESE AND ENGLISH. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND IDEN A PROVIDED: RIGHTIST INVOLVED FEBRUARY 1936 INCIDENT WHICH ATTEMPTED OVERTHROW JAP GOVT; OFFICER IN INTEL AND ESPIONAGE SECTION JAP IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF IN 1938-39 WHERE HE INSTRUMENTAL ORGANIZING INTEL UNITS FOR OPERATION IN CHINA; ACTIVE IN INTEL WORK IN THAILAND AND MALAYA 1942-44; POSSIBLY HEAD PRIVATE INTEL NETWORK

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UNDER IDEN B AT PRESENT; POSSIBLY PLANS REESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH FORMER JAP AGENTS IN CHINA DURING TRIP THERE PRIOR TRIP TO USSR.

3. PLS ADVISE YOUR REACTION THIS PROPOSAL. PLS CHECK ODYOKE AGENCIES TOKYO ESPECIALLY IDEN E FOR ANY CURRENT INTEREST IDEN A WHICH WOULD MAKE ABOVE PROPOSAL UNDESIRABLE. PLS CONFIRM KYODO REPORT THAT GROUP WILL TRAVEL TO CHINA PRIOR TRIP USSR. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST.

4. HQS CONSIDERS ~~UNDESIRABLE~~ UNDESIRABLE ANY ACTION INCREASING IDEN B'S ANTI-PATHY TOWARD PEPRIME THUS ABOVE ACTIVITY MUST NOT REVEAL PEPRIME BACKING. FOR THE FUTURE, BELIEVE SOME FORM OF FRUITFUL CONTACT WITH IDEN B MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED. ☐ ACQUAINTED IDEN B. SUGGEST YOU EXPLORE POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHING CONTACT.

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REF A. DIR 14604 (OUT 57358), 11 JUL 55

1. WE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED POSSIBLE ~~XXX~~ UNFAVORABLE CONSEQUENCES IDEN A ~~XXX~~ MISSION MAY HAVE ON JAP-SOVIET TALKS LONDON. REQUEST YOU CHECK (A) G-2 FILES ON IDEN A'S INTERROGATION AS WAR CRIMES SUSPECT AND (B) IDEN A'S CONNECTION WITH IDEN B WHO RECENTLY ARRESTED BY JAP POLICE. PLS CABLE ANY PROPOSALS YOU HAVE FOR DECREASING EFFECTIVENESS MISSION.

2. [] WAS VICE DIRECTOR [] WHEN [] WAS DIRECTOR. THIS BUT OBVIOUSLY LONG SHOT ~~XXX~~ WISH YOU WOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY ASKING [] INFLUENCE IDEN C TO WITHDRAW FROM MISSION POSSIBLY CHARGING IT PROMOTING COMMUNIST TENDS. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, COULD [] CHANNEL BE DEVELOPED FOR INFO ON USSR?

3. IDEN A ASSIGNED CRYPTO POSHARK.

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IDEN A: KUHARA FUSANOSUKE

IDEN B: ~~XXXX~~ YOKOYAMA YUI

IDEN C: OBATA TADAYOSHI

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[] 3196 (IN 27345)

1540Z 22 JUL 55

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TO: DIR

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RE: DIR 14604 (OUT 57358) (NOT SENT [] [])

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1. RE PARA 3 REF: AM YOMIURI 22 JUL 55 STATED: ON 21 JUL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS FOR RESTORATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND COMMUNIST CHINA AND USSR RECD CABLE FROM CHANGE HSI-JO (NCA), PRES CHICOM FOREIGN POLICY ASSN STATING "WE WELCOME YOU STAY IN CHINA THREE WEEKS." CONGRESS DECIDED TO SEND DELEGATION IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION AND WILL REQUEST TRAVEL PERMITS FROM FOMIN 22 JUL. DELEGATION TO INCLUDE KUHARA FUSANOSUKE, KUHARA TOSABURO, KUHARA FUMIKO, MAJIMA KAN, OBATA TADAYOSHI, NISHIKAWA TEIICHI, IWAKURO HIDEO, DOI SUKENOBU.

2. ASSUME ABOVE IS CAUSED BY REPORTED FOMIN REFUSAL ISSUE PASSPORTS TO GROUP TO VISIT USSR, SO THEY PLAN VISIT CHICOMS, THEN MAKE UNAUTHORIZED TRANSIT TO USSR.

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RE: A. DIR 14604 (OUT 57358)

B. DIR 15230 (OUT 58416) (NOT SENT ☐ ☐)C. ☐ ☐ 3196 (IN 27345)

1. ☐ ☐ STATES PASSPORTS NOT ISSUED TO POSHARK OR OTHERS IN GROUP AND NO INDICATION WHEN OR IF PASSPORTS WILL BE ISSUED. G-2 REPORT 21 JUL FROM "GOVT OFFICIAL" STATES POSHARK PLANS ABANDON TRIP BECAUSE HE NOW REALIZES COMMIES EXPLOITING HIS PRESTIGE FOR OWN ENDS.

2. RE PARA 3 REF A IDEN E OUT OF TOWN BUT SCTY GP OFFICERS STATE NO SCTY GP OR ODOPAL INTEREST IDEN A. POCASQUE STATES NO POCANASTA INTEREST AND NO KNOWLEDGE OTHER OFFICIAL INTEREST.

3. REF B PARA 1 (A) WAR CRIMES INTERROGATION FILES ARE IN LIBRARY CONGRESS (B) YOMIURI ARTICLE (PROB 1950) STATES IDEN B RECEIVED AID (PRESUMABLY FINANCIAL) FROM POSHARK. FORMER TOKYO PROCURATOR STATED DEC 45 THAT POSHARK WAS ONE OF IDEN B'S PRINCIPAL BACKERS AND HOPED RECEIVE BUSINESS BENEFITS. ALSO SEE ZJNA-160

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4. FURTHER COMMENT FOLLOWS.

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RE: [] 3224 (IN 29639) BEING PASSED []

1. NIHON KEIZAI 29 JUL REPORTS FONMIN DECIDED 28 JUL ISSUE PASSPORTS FOR "TRAVEL ONLY TO CHINA" TO KUHARA AND SEVEN OTHERS WHO PLAN DEPART 8 AUG FOR 2 WEEK STAY PEIPING AFTER WHICH THEY INTEND GO MOSCOW DESPITE PASSPORT RESTRICTION.

2. HOGEN SHINSAKU, CHIEF FONMIN SOV DESK, STATED TO KUBARK OFFICER 29 JUL THAT ABOVE REPORT UNTRUE, NO DECISION YET REACHED THOUGH FONMIN UNDER "OUTSIDE PRESSURE" TO ISSUE PASSPORTS. WILL CABLE FURTHER DETAILS WHEN DECISION REACHED.

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RE: DIR 14604 (OUT 57358)

☐ ☐ 3242 (IN 30061)

FUL REGD FROM ☐ ☐ 4 AUG 55:

A. ON 1 AUG MEMBERS OF KUHARA GROUP SUBMITTED HAN STATEMENTS PROMISING NOT TO GO TO USSR IF THEY WERE PERMITTED TO GO TO CHINA.

B. GROUP OF VICE MINISTERS WILL MEET 8 AUG TO DECIDE WHETHER GROUP WILL BE PERMITTED GO TO CHINA. IN ☐ ☐ OPINION, PERMISSION WILL PROB BE GRANTED. SAME MEETING WILL DECIDE WHETHER PERMIT SHIGA YOSHIO GO TO PEIPING TO COLLECT ASHES OF TOKUDA KYUICHI.

C. DOI SUKENOBU HAS DROPPED VOLUNTARILY FROM KUHARA GROUP. (FIELD COMMENT: DOI, AS JCP MEMBER, MAY HAVE DROPPED OR BEEN MADE TO DROP BECAUSE HIS PRESENCE WOULD PREJUDICE

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RE: A. DIR 15230 (OUT 58416)

B. ☐ ☒ 3196 (IN 27345)C. ☐ ☒ 3294 (IN 32227)

1. JPSE GOVT 9 AUG DECIDED ISSUED PERMIT 15 AUG TO KUHARA GROUP TRAVEL TO CHINA ONLY. GROUP INCLUDES ALL NAMES LISTED PARA 1 REF B EXCEPT ^{DOIT} KOI. GOVT BANKING ON KUHARA HONESTY HE WILL NOT PROCEED USSR FROM CHINA. -

2. NAIGAI TIMES ARTICLE 9 AUG STATED KUHARA, WHO OLD FRIEND MIKOYAN, WILL PROBABLY GO USSR. SAID IWAKURO, HEAD OF WARTIME IWAKURO KIKAN, IS KUHARA'S BRAIN; STATE IWAKURO HAS DEEP RELATIONS WITH "U.S. BASES" AND IS TRYING TO GET TOGETHER WITH THE MAIN FAMILY OF THE "PEACE OFFENSIVE". ADDS THAT MOSCOW CANNOT READILY BE DECEIVED.

3. ALTHO ARTICLE UNCLEAR, IT IMPLIES IWAKURO IS INVOLVED IN ANTI-BASE MOVEMENT AND WANTS TO CONSULT WITH MOSCOW ON STRATEGY. HOWEVER CONTEXT COULD BE TWISTED TO IMPLY HE FAVORS U.S. BASES AND HAS INTEL CONNECTION WITH U.S. FORCES. THIS, WITH HIS INTEL BACKGROUND, COULD BE HINGE FOR HTENFORCE EFFORT.

4. JABA HAS UNCOVERED NO PBPRIME OR JPSE GOVT INTEREST IN IWAKURO BUT HAS BEEN

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RE: [] 3320 (IN 33943)

1. FOL RECD FROM KAWAHARA KENICHI, JSST CHIEF ENTRY SEC, IMMIGRATION BUREAU, 13 AUG:

A. PASSPORTS ISSUED KUHARA GROUP 13 AUG.

B. IWAKURO REPORTED TO FOMIN 13 AUG THAT HE HAD CANCELLED TRIP FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

2. KUHARA FUMIKO TOLD [] 14 AUG THAT PARTY PLANNED LEAVE 16 AUG.

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Tokyo, KYODO, in Japanese and English, Aug. 17, 1955, noon edition--T

(Text)

Tokyo, Aug. 17--Fusanosuke Kuhara, 86 year old veteran politician, left with three members of his team late lastnight by Japan Air Lines plane for Communist China on a "national good will mission." Kuhara, known as the "sphinx" of Japan's political circles for his grandiose ideas, is chairman of the national council for restoration of diplomatic relations between Japan and Communist China and Japan and the Soviet Union. The party included Teichi Nishikawa, mining company executive and former progressive Government economic leader, and Kuhara's son and daughter. The quartet will join two other members of the party who had left ahead of them in Hong Kong and tour Communist China for about 2 months. The Japanese Govt refused permission for the Party to visit the Soviet Union from Red China as Kuhara wished. Kuhara, however, reportedly was planning to see Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan at Peking. He is said to have wired Mikoyan to come to Peking for the meeting.

Kuhara, clad in Japanese kimono, said at the airport that he has been interested in China since helping Sun Yat-sen, the late Chinese revolutionary leader, 40 years ago, and he hoped to promote Japan's reconciliation with both Russia and Red China.

He refused to say whether he would meet Mikoyan at Peking, but added in his usual mysterious way: "I go to any place where man is."

(Editors note: A KYODO Aug 17 Noon Edition dispatch from Hong Kong reported that Kuhara, upon reaching Hong Kong Aug. 17 said that it was still not known whether his party would extend its trip to Russia from Peking; that it all depended upon whether his group was asked to do so or not. He said if he visited Soviet Russia, he would discuss the peace issue freely, as a civilian.)

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FJB-1684. DIST DFG. INFO RECD 30 AUG 55 FROM FORMER JAPANESE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (B) FROM FORMER JAPANESE MILITARY OFFICER SPECIALIZING IN SOVIET AFFAIRS (C) ON 22 AUG. DATE OF INFO: AUG 55. EVAL OF INFO: 2.

1. ALTHOUGH KUHARA FUSANOSUKE AND PARTY HAVE PERMISSION VISIT COMCHINA ONLY, THEY PLAN IGNORE GOVT'S ORDER AND WILL DEFINITELY VISIT USSR. (FIELD COMMENT: OF FJB-1405. 1547, DIFFERENT SOURCES. NIPPON TIMES 23 AUG 55 REPORTED ARRIVAL KUHARA'S PARTY PEKING 21 AUG.)

2. PRIOR DEPARTURE KUHARA'S PARTY REQUESTED SEKAI KEIZAI CHOSA KAI (SOURCE COMMENT: ORGANIZATION LOCATED AT 8, 2-CHOME OTE MACHI CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO, AFFILIATED WITH FONMIN) FOR BACKGROUND DATA ON FOLLOWING PERSONS IN PREPARATION FOR INTERVIEW REQUESTS: VOROSHILOV, BULGANIN, KHRUSHCHEV, MOLOTOV, MALENKOV, MIKOYAN, MIN FISHING INDUSTRY KABANOV, MIN FISHING INDUSTRY ISHIKOV, MIN HIGHER EDUCATION ELYUTIN, MIN CULTURE MIKHAILOV, DEPTY

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Title: KUHARA Fusasanosuke's Visit to Soviet and China
(Summary)

Author: KIMURA Gihei

Source: MINZOKO TO SEIJI, October 1955

The old man KUHARA is a great realistic politician. When he wants to put his thoughts into practice, he uses whatever means appropriate for the purpose. MATSUNO Kakuhei once said, "When I am with KUHARA, he prospers as he steps on right road; but when I am not with him, he does not prosper, as he walks on dark road."

I contributed to the Tokyo Nichinichi on the 23rd March this year, giving what I heard from him:

"These days, politicians and major people are outside themselves. They think Japan will be attacked unless it sides with America or China and Soviet. It is absurd. No one can attack Japan if it stands erect."

"Trading and cultural exchange with China and Soviet are quite natural. China, Soviet and Korea can only be very adequately exploited by Japanese people. Siberia, Karafuto, Manchuria and Mongolia, forest, pulp, railways, road construction, copper mine, fishery are all fit for Japanese."

"Japan has not been invaded for 3,000 years. If it is occupied and administered forcibly, it will never yield. Any one who invades will be betrayed by the people. Lack of pride and dignity is the cause of being fooled."

The old man's talk appeared on the Tokyo Nichinichi saying, "When I was at Kosaka mine, I thought of killing and throwing into the depth all officials, police or tax-men who ran counter against me." He said also on a hot day just before departure, "It is awfully hot and sleepy."

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If the earth breaks and one-third of it falls down, it will awaken me."
When he visited Moscow 28 years ago, he proposed to see Stalin with his own interpreter only and talked with him for 4 hours.

It occurs to me sometimes that it will be interesting if I talked with him on revolution and riot. He was connected with 2.26 incident as is well known. Soviet and Chinese people may find common idea with the old man. I told him the other day: "You say yes if asked for money. You say yes if asked for a dinner. And you see anyone if asked to be seen. There were many men of that sort in the old days. OKUMA Shigenobu, GOTO Shimpei and TAKAKA Giichi all belong to this class." He will never be away from politics until he dies. He is interested in national affairs at his 86th. He can be called great. He may come back with unexpectedly big presents.

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RE FJB 2832

1. MOVE TO ELECT KUHARA FUSANOSUKE, CHAIRMAN OF PEOPLE'S COUNCIL FOR RESTORATION OF JAPAN-CHINA, JAPAN-SOVIET DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AS LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) PRESIDENT IS BEING PUSHED PARTICULARLY BY FORMER TRANSPORTATION MINISTER MIKI TAKEO AND BY TANAKA ISAJI. (SOURCE COMMENT. TANAKA WAS EXPERT ON DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS IN FORMER LIBERAL PARTY AND IS CLOSE TO FORMER PREMIER ASHIDA HITOSHI.) KUHARA WILL SUCCESSFULLY SEEK SEAT IN UPPER HOUSE IN JUNE ELECTIONS.

2. BELIEF THAT KUHARA WILL BE NEXT PRESIDENT OF LDP IS WISHFUL THINKING.

3. KUHARA WILL NOT BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LDP, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE

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HE HAS NO DIET SEAT. EVEN IF SEAT WON IN JUNE ELECTIONS, NO UPPER
HOUSE MEMBER CAN BE NOMINATED PRESIDENT OF A PARTY UNDER NORMAL
CIRCUMSTANCES AND ACCORDING TO GENERAL POLITICAL PRACTICE.

4. KUHARA'S POLITICAL FUNDS COME MAINLY FROM UBE KOSAN, FERTILIZER
AND CEMENT INDUSTRIAL FIRM IN UBE CITY, YAMAGUCHI-KEN.

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1. FJBA-9090 INCLUDED RESULTS FIELD CHECK (JABA AND G-2).

2. RE OTHER POINTS:

A. KUHARA FUSANOSUKE'S FIRST WIFE WAS AIKAWA'S YOUNGER SISTER

Kuhara KIYO. WHEN KUHARA BECAME MINISTER COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT 1928, HANDED OVER ALL HIS HOLDINGS TO AIKAWA. AIKAWA WORKED CLOSELY WITH JAPANESE ARMY AND TIPPED OFF KUHARA TO MANCHURIAN AFFAIR. TOGETHER THEY BOUGHT UP SMALL FOUNDRIES, MINES AND MACHINE TOOL PLANTS THROUGHOUT JAPAN, MAKING THEM PART OF AIKAWA HOLDINGS. WHEN MANCHURIAN INCIDENT BROKE, WERE IN VERY GOOD POSITION FINANCIALLY TO CORNER BULK OF WAR CONTRACTS. (FOREGOING FROM ODACID DISPATCH 235, 9 SEPT 1955.) G-2 INTEL DIGEST 16 JULY 1952, B-3, CLAIMED THAT MEN LIKE KUHARA AND AIKAWA HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO CONTACT VARIOUS INDUSTRIALISTS IN ORDER TO INTENSIFY MOVEMENT FOR OPENING TRADE WITH COMMUNIST CHINA.

B. BELIEVE AIKAWA'S ARTICLE DOES NOT REPRESENT ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING, BUT RATHER INTENDED AS CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM OF U.S. BELIEVE ALSO THAT

ARTICLE REFLECTS OPINIONS OF MANY NON-COMMUNIST JAPANESE. NOT*IT FORWARDED BY

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C. NO INFO JABA OR G-2 FILES RE AIKAWA'S ATTENDANCE AT 16 OCT 1954 MEETING TO ORGANIZE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESTORATION JAPAN-CHINA, JAPAN-USSR RELATIONS. A G-2 REPORT DTD 11 NOV 1954 STATED 130 PERSONS ATTENDED INAUGURAL PROGRAM THIS ORGANIZATION ON 28 OCT 1954 AND ADDED THAT NOT ALL THESE WERE COMMUNISTS; ALTHOUGH MOST OF NON-COMMUNISTS WERE SYMPATHIZERS OR SOCIALISTS, REMAINDER INCLUDED AT LEAST ONE LIBERAL POLITICIAN, ONE PROGRESSIVE, SOME "LIBERAL" SCHOLARS AND "A HANDFUL OF BUSINESSMEN INTERESTED IN TRADING WITH COMMUNIST CHINA OR IN FISHING IN CHINESE AND SOVIET WATERS". CONSIDERING AIKAWA'S WELL-KNOWN INTEREST IN SPURRING JAPAN-CHINA TRADE AND HIS CLOSE CONNECTION KUHARA, LEADER OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION, BELIEVE HE MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF BUSINESSMEN WHO ATTENDED 28 OCTOBER MEETING.

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It seems probable that there is some truth in this report, although the quantity is difficult to ascertain. KUHARA's background and recent activities strongly indicate that he would like to see himself as a pan-Asian (including the USSR, if we can believe Source Comment 2) Messiah, reviving the concept of hakko-ichiu. On that basis, we tend to believe paras. 2 and 4 of this report, to the extent that KUHARA is dedicating himself to reconciling Japan and the two Chinas; the effectiveness of his activities is another matter which is open to considerable doubt.

The name of HAYAMI, coming as a bolt from the blue after some years of silence, lends particular interest to this item. You should find additional pertinent information on him in your files on the [] [] debacle.

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SOURCE: Paras. 1 and 3: Trained American observer (B); from a Japanese writer with numerous political contacts and sympathetic to the Japan Socialist Party (F).

Para. 2: Japanese free-lance journalist (C).

Appraisal of Content: 3.

1. MAJIMA Ken is now cooperating closely with KIMURA Fumamasa on behalf of the USSR. MAJIMA is in contact with members of the unrecognized Soviet Mission in Tokyo and wants to go to Moscow to assist the Japanese Government in negotiating a peace treaty with the USSR.
2. MAJIMA has also paid frequent visits to Minister of Agriculture and Forestry KONO Ichiro.
3. MAJIMA, KABA Masuke, and WISHI Rensaku are all serving as agents of the USSR.

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REFERENCES: CS-105695

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PLACE ACQUIRED: Japan, Tokyo (20 August 1956)

SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE. NOTE FOREGOING EXPLANATION.

SOURCE: Western-educated Japanese journalist (F); from an official of the Japanese Foreign Ministry (F). **Appraisal of Content:** 3.

1. KUHARA Fusanosuke¹ is in close touch with Sergei L. Tikhvinskiy, head of the Soviet Fishery Mission in Tokyo.²
 2. While the Chinese Communist sample fair was in Japan during 1955, KUHARA was active in contacting Government personnel to attempt to arrange for the Chinese Communists to extend their stay, as they wished to do.³ KUHARA contacted, among others, Minister of International Trade and Industry ISHIBASHI Tanzen.
 3. KUHARA received funds from the Chinese Communists both when Mrs. LI Te-ch'uan was in Japan in November 1954 and when the Chinese dramatic troupe headed by MEI Lan-fang was in Japan in 1956.
 4. KUHARA is working for the unification of Communist and Nationalist China through HAYAMI Chikashige (2483/6015/6024/6850), a soldier of fortune (sic) who formerly lived in China,⁴ through whom KUHARA is trying to strengthen his ties with CHIANG CHING-kuo.⁵
1. **Field Comment:** The 37-year-old KUHARA is a somewhat equivocal figure on the Japanese political scene, variously reported to be influential behind the political scenes and to be an eccentric dotard whose views are disregarded by political leaders. KUHARA headed the Seiyukai before and during the war but has not returned to active postwar political life since his departure. He is Chairman of the People's Council for the Restoration of Relations with China and the USSR (Nitchu Nisso Kokko Kaifuku Kokumin Kaigi).
 2. **Source Comment:** KUHARA has a more thorough knowledge of Soviet Far Eastern policy than anyone in the Japanese Government. KUHARA considers the Russians as an Asiatic people and so feels close to them.
 3. **Field Comment:** KUHARA's efforts were apparently fruitless.
 4. **Source Comment:** HAYAMI is a graduate of Kyoto University. During World War II he was persecuted by TOJO Hideki and went to China, where he was in charge of an operation designed to bring about peace between China and

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Japan; he was close to Prince KINOE Fumimaro.

5. Source Comment. According to informed sources close to Communist Chinese and Soviet circles in Tokyo, it is common knowledge that the Chinese Communists are working on CHIANG-Ching-kuo to bring about cooperation between Communist and Nationalist China. It is believed that overtures to CHIANG are being made by reporters for the Chinese Communist newspapers Jen Min Jih Pao and Ta Kung Pao via Peiping and Hong Kong. Overtures are also being made to K'UNG Hsiang-hsi (1313/4382/3956) and WEN Hsi-chen (7051/6932/1472).

Field Comment. The above Comment appeared in the same original report as the other information above, and no direct connection was indicated between the above approaches to CHIANG and the activities of KUHARA. However, since the objective is the same and in both instances CHIANG is cited as the target of the approaches, it may be inferred that Source feels the two reported activities to be connected. Source also stated that KUHARA was trying to strengthen his ties with CHIANG by working through HAYAMI and HSIEN Nan-kuang, a Chinese Communist official who defected from the Chinese Nationalist Embassy in Tokyo, but if there is any truth in the above it would appear logical that HSIEN would be using KUHARA and HAYAMI as a channel to CHIANG rather than that KUHARA would be trying to get to CHIANG through HSIEN.

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SOURC E: CIC Report, 12 February 1958, IF-3-207846(2b)

On 13 January 1958, the following report of surveillance of the Chinese Communist Red Cross Delegation to Japan for the period 23 to 28 December 1957, was obtained from SC-0003:

. . . From 1425 to 1515 hours, 26 December 1957, a party was given LIAO Ch'eng-chih, CHAO An-po, HSIAO Hsiang-ch'ien, and MIYA ZAKI Semin by KUHARA Fusanosuke at the Happeen Restaurant, 25-banchi, 1-chome, Shiba-Shirogane-Dai-machi, Minato-ku, Tokyo-to. . .

On 12 February 1958, the files of Headquarters, 441st CIC Group Apo613 revealed the following information concerning the individuals listed above:

. . . KUHARA Fusanosuke, member, House of Representatives

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