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PERSONALITY INFORMATION DATA

Address and Tel. No.	Name ARISUE Saizo
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Present Position Former Lt. Gen., Intelligence type, position unknown Assigned as Research Officer with Foreign Ministry	Photo
Physical Description	
DOB & POB 22 May 1895	

Family

Education
Subject is a graduate of both the Military Academy and the War College.

Languages

Previous Career

1917 - Subject graduated from the Military Academy, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt.

1921 - Promoted to 1st Lt.

1923 - Subject graduated from the War College.

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Personality (Habits, use of Money, Hobbies, Literature, Vices, etc.)
Subject reportedly is well off financially, but there seems to be some doubt as to the source of his income. Subject is a man of almost incredible vitality, combining a boyish boisterousness with an extremely shrewd and able mind. He has been characterized as an opportunist and as being a very clever turncoat, who turned out as part of the welcoming committee for Gen. MacArthur, despite his bitter anti-Allied attitude prior to and during the War.

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Previous Career: (cont'd)

- 1925 - Subject performed minor duties at GHQ.
- 1928 - Subject was sent to Italy for military study in the Italian Army War College.
- 1929 - He attended courses at the War College in Turin, Italy, from 1929 to 1931. During this period he was, from time to time, attached to various Italian Infantry Regiments.
- 1931 - Promoted to Major. He served as Commander of a Battalion.
- 1932 - Private Secretary of Army Minister.
- 1935 - Assigned to duties in the War Ministry, as a member of the Military Affairs Section.
- 1936 - Subject was assigned as Military Attache to Rome, as a Lt. Col., and served in this position until March 1939. While Subject was serving in Rome as Military Attache, KAWABE Torashiro held the equivalent position in Berlin. The two developed a close association.
- 1938 - Promoted to rank of Col.
- 1939 - From 1939 to 1940, Subject was a member of the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry. He was active in bringing Japan into the Tripartite Pact with Germany and Italy. During this period he served as Chief of Staff Section, Army Ministry for six months, and as a member of the North China Army Staff for six months.
- 1941 - From 1941 to 1942, as a Major General, Subject served as a staff officer, and then as Deputy Chief of Staff of the North China Army Area Command.

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- 1942 - In July Subject was assigned to G.H.Q., and in August he was made Chief of G-2, the Intelligence Section of the Japanese Imperial General Staff, and served in this capacity until 1945.
- 1943 - In May Subject was Chairman of the funeral services for Lt. Gen. MORIYA, the Military Attache to the Japanese Embassy in Thailand. Later in 1943, he was a Vice-President of the House of Peers.
- 1944 - Subject was a representative at the Tripartite Technical Commission meeting at the official residence of Premier TOJO in April 1944.
- 1945 - In March, as a Lt. Gen., GHQ, he served as a representative with the Atsugi and Yokohama Commissions. In May he was Chairman of the funeral services for Prince KANIN. After the war, from August to September, Subject headed a joint committee of Army, Navy, Foreign and Home Ministeries personnel for liaison with the occupation forces. He set up an office in the Nippon Club, Yuraku-cho, Tokyo, to handle liaison between the American forces and the First Demobilization Bureau. It was also reported that since the occupation, Subject had been the senior military member of the Japanese Imperial Army and Navy Liaison Committee. From 1945 to 1947, he worked in MacArthur's War History Editing Office in the NYK Bldg., and worked in the Historical Material Section of the Demobilization Bureau. During this time HAYASHI Saburo was also employed in the same section, and worked with Subject.
- 1946 - On 16 April 1946, Mr. OHTA of the Liaison Office, Ministry of Finance, contacted the 441st Intelligence Detachment concerning information on Subject. He stated that he had heard rumors that Subject had headed the ARISUE KIKAN, an Army Secret Service organization during the war, and that this organization had a fund of ¥100,000,000 which was hauled away to a secret hiding place just prior to the Occupation. A member of the Japanese Central Liaison Office reported that there had been many inquiries to and within his own organization as to why Subject "who was deeply involved in Japan's

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progress toward war" had not been arrested as a war criminal. He stated that his habitual reply was that he had no doubt that Subject would be asked to join his friends at Sugamo as soon as his usefulness to GHQ in connection with demobilization had ceased. Subject reportedly was well aware of the difficulties of his position and determined to make the best out of a very bad job. He considered that he was in a position of key importance to SCAP, and he never lost an opportunity to point out how useful he was in ironing out difficulties of procedure, misunderstanding, and frictions which of necessity must arise between the occupation authorities and the representatives of a conquered nation. He intended to strengthen his position and exploit it to the full. Subject is a soldier of great experience in both the military and political spheres and deeply versed in Far Eastern affairs. At this time he had collected around him a group of men, all of whom were very experienced, active, and clear-minded. Subject belonged to the same group of high-ranking officers as General ITAGAKI, General KAGESA, General TANAKA, and General TOJO, in other words, to the group of military leaders who had forced their conception of Japanese power, conquest and rule on the Far East. Subject never mentioned the ideas and ideals of these men, but it was clear from the way he spoke of them that he considered them the finest minds of the Japanese Army. Subject also betrayed great anxiety over TOJO, and implies that TOJO's case had been prejudged.

- 1947 - Subject closed his office because the liaison work had gone into other channels. After the war he had assisted KAWABE Torashiro financially after the war, and the two had strengthened their friendship. Therefore KAWABE persuaded TATSUMI Eichichi, YOSHINAKA Wataro, and American officers who opposed Subject to include him in the KAWABE Organization, and Subject joined this Organization.
- 1948 - According to another report, about the end of 1948, General WILLOUGHBY requested the formation of an intelligence organization, which became known as the KAWABE Organization. It was composed of the following: SHIMOMURA Sadamu, Advisor; KAWABE

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- Torashiro, Frontman; and three geographical heads, TATSUMI Eiichi - Honshu, YOSHINAKA Wataru - Kyushu, and Subject - Hokkaido.
- 1951 - In September 1951, Subject was listed as one of the Soviet Press subscribers. The Soviet Press was one of the daily newspapers published by the Soviet Press News Agency (Sobieto Puresu Tsushin Sha Kabushiki Kaisha).
- 1952 - In March Zenei (Vanguard), a JCP magazine reported Subject to be one of the men directing the activities of the KATO Intelligence Agency, a G-2 group. KAWABE Torashiro and TANAKA Ryukichi also worked with Subject in directing this group. A report of April listed Subject in a group of Japanese military personnel connected with American organizations in Tokyo. He was working under G-2, the KAWABE Organization (Kikan). He was also listed among the Japanese military personnel affiliated with party organizations, in a group with TANAKA Shinichi. This group was believed to be connected with ASHIDA Hitoshi, who was affiliated with the Progressive Party. Subject attended the inaugural meeting of the Sakurada Kai held on 8 May 1952. This was an organization of general officers from the Japanese Military Academy graduating classes between the years 1913 and 1921. It was stated that the purpose of the organization was to promote friendly relations among the members.
- 1959 - Assigned as Research Officer with the Foreign Ministry. Applied for visa to the U.S. to visit the Japanese Embassy in Washington for the purpose of studying economic and social conditions in the U.S. Plans to remain in the U.S. about 17 days. Scheduled to leave Japan 10 Sept 1959.