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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

28 May 1945

TO: Mr. Eric Staight  
FROM: Chief, Japan-China Sec., FESI  
SUBJECT: SFE No. N-14635

1. We are in receipt of your memorandum of 8 May 1945 regarding the above-mentioned subject. We agree with you that the subject may be a valuable source for the kind of information in which we are currently interested, and in accordance with your suggestion, we asked van Beuren to conduct a discreet investigation of his background. The result of this investigation has been rather disappointing as apparently the subject has an unsavory business reputation in the Far Eastern circles with which he was formerly connected. Also according to reports, he was almost completely ostracized by the white foreign community in that area. Accordingly, we believe that he should be approached with caution.

  
Duncan C. Lee, Major, AUS  
Chief, Japan-China Sec.  
Far East Div., SI

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