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Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

This report contains HATTON's comments on the ~~fact~~ that the facts reported in EJ3-37 and EJ3-49 will have on his group. If what HATTON implies here is true, the members of the HATTON Kibbutz must have great faith in their leader, or perhaps they have no alternative to staying with him.

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Subject: The HATTORI Group and the  
Projected Military Academy Advisory Board.

Report No: EJI-  
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Date of Information: Prior to 4 March 1952

Place Acquired: Tokyo, Japan

Date Acquired: 4 March 1952

Evaluation: C-3

Date of Report: 10 March 1952

Source: A high-ranking Keisei officer  
close to HATTORI.

1. A friend of HATTORI Takushiro (服部 美四郎), onetime head of the Strategy and Plans Section of G-1, overheard KIDANE (岡) (北部), former Lieutenant Colonel or Colonel who is a member of the IMAKURO Hideo (伊麻久 英夫) group, say that he had met Director-General of the Liberal Party MASUDA Kaneshichi and had advised MASUDA not to allow any of the HATTORI group to participate in future rearmament of Japan. MASUDA was positively in favor of KIDANE's suggestion, causing KIDANE to make the statement that it will be nearly impossible for any member of the HATTORI group to participate in rearmament no matter how hard HATTORI campaigns for a place in the structure. According to HATTORI, MASUDA is apparently a long-time friend of IMAKURO, which makes his position on the HATTORI Kiban understandable to HATTORI.
2. HATTORI never believed it his duty to support Japanese rearmament and still holds that opinion today. However, in 1950 Major General Hilleburgh ordered HATTORI's subordinates to join the Police Reserve Corps. Men who graduated with the 40th and later classes at the Army Officers School were eager to go into Corps, although those who graduated with the 35th year class and in other classes about that time were opposed to joining. The younger officers were quite disappointed when it was announced in 1950 that no former regular officers were qualified to apply for the Reserve. Moreover, the younger officers of the HATTORI group have been thrown into confusion each time a new problem has arisen—the depurge, recruitment of regular officers into the Reserve, government pressure on the HATTORI clique, and so forth. For these reasons, it was fortunate that the news of the future government boycott of HATTORI group members came to HATTORI's attention before other members of the clique heard about it. HATTORI has been able to warn his young officers: "You will have to endure all sorts of difficulties until the new army is formed. If only you are prepared to continue your study of armament, operations, and defense steadily without allowing yourselves to be disturbed or encouraged by the situation of the moment, and if only you make efforts to improve your capacity and wisdom, the time will surely come when you can contribute to the greatness of your nation."

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1. Field Comment. HIRANE is mentioned as an IMAKURO man in SJI-689.

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