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THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS ARE QUOTED VERBATIM.				
<p>3. An organization called the "Cabinet for Joint Sino-Japanese Operations" was initiated in the early months of 1948. Policy-makers of this group on the Japanese side were Vice-Admiral KOBAYASHI Shosaburo, Lt. General (or Vice Admiral?) KAWAGUCHI Tadaatsu, Lt. General <u>WATANABE Ikujiro</u>, and YOKOYAMA Yui. At Mr. YOKOYAMA's residence at Kamakura, a conference was held by these four men on 22 Mar 1948 to formulate plans for joint operations with the Chinese National Government. YOKOYAMA was placed in charge of diplomatic and liaison relations with the Chinese, NEMOTO and WATANABE were to direct military and intelligence operations, and KOBAYASHI was made responsible for the funds and procurement of funds.....</p> <p>4. The first three expeditions were primarily for the purpose of fund-raising to support larger expeditions, because every time serious difficulties were encountered in raising funds after ships had been rented and personnel recruited. The Chinese government was willing to pay after delivery of the troops, particularly mechanized warfare specialists and naval gunners; Japanese ship captains were willing to take the risks of smuggling, stowaway, and contraband charges if they were paid a substantial guarantee before the voyage. Difficulties were also encountered in personnel recruitment because of the necessity for clandestine approaches and vagueness as to destination, and because of the inability to pay guaranteed contract bonus</p>				
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money.

5. In spite of these difficulties, WATANABE Ikujiro and NEMOTO and over 1,500 Japanese troops were smuggled into Formosa in this manner during 1949.....

11. The "fifth expedition" is scheduled for 15 October 1950. Twelve ships will be used, including those not "blown" on the fourth expedition...WATANABE Ikujiro himself will serve as deputy commander.

INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT: Attachments A through E, Translations of Newspaper Clippings from MAINICHI and ASAHI Issues. These items were brought to our attention by [ ] and [ ], translated, and included because of their pertinency to the publicized aspects of the smuggling case.

RI/CO Comment: WATANABE mentioned in Attachment A is not positively identical with WATANABE Ikujiro.

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Attachment A

Newsreport from "Asahi" Newspaper, 22 August 1950  
(TRANSLATION)

**"17 Crewmen Sent to Public Procurator's Office in Connection with Smuggling Case"**

~~Wakayama~~ - Seventeen crewmen, including Captain ~~OKACHI~~ (岡崎) and ~~YAMADA~~ (山田) of the 3rd Maruyoshi Maru (19 tons) and of the Tatsu Maru, both seized at OSHIMA Port by the Wakayama Prefectural National Rural Police Headquarters, were sent to the public procurator's office on August 20 on charges of violating Imperial Ordinance No. 311. A certain ~~ARAKURA~~ (荒倉) 33, a crewmember of the 8th Maruyoshi Maru who escaped arrest at Shimizu Port, Shimizu Kan, was rounded up at Oshima, Wakayama Kan and also sent to public procurator's office.

A "man behind the curtain" under search Shimizu - The Maritime Safety Agency at Shimizu ordered on August 21 a nationwide search for a certain ~~WATANABE~~ (渡辺) who was proved to have asked MUTO Yasutomo (渡邊 康徳), 27, at Kashiwa, Shinjuku Ku, Tokyo To (柏木), in charge of navigation, to procure three ships and thirty-three crewmen. This was subsequent to interrogation of Captain ~~ISHII~~ (石井) and crewmen aboard the 8th Maruyoshi Maru. This certain ~~WATANABE~~ is believed to be residing in the vicinity of Kyoto.

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Attachment E

New Report from "Mainichi" Evening Newspaper, 22 August  
(TRANSLATION)

"Former Navy Vice-Admiral Involved in the MABUYOSHI Maru Case. Shipowner YAMAMI Missing."

Kagoshima - It has been confirmed that shipowner YAMAMI Kachiro, age 45, who has taken a key part in the 8th MABUYOSHI Maru Case, had been staying at the Taiho Hotel at Yonakasaki Shi, Kagoshima Ken until the early morning of August 18. ~~YAMAMI~~ MAEDA Mineo (M # 300) age 55, who was said to be a former navy vice-admiral and chief of the Navy Intelligence Section of Former Imperial Navy Headquarters, and had left there for Osaka on August 18.

Smuggling to Formosa uncovered at Takayama - 18 crewmen of the 3rd MABUYOSHI Maru and TATSU Maru which were rounded up at Ochiai Fort, Takayama Ken have undergone interrogation under confinement at the Takayama District Prosecutor's Office and have confessed their plan to assemble at Minato Shimizu, Kagoshima Ken for a smuggling trip to Formosa.

THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT  
TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.