

MAEDA Minoru (1467/3944/4457)

During the course of the first meeting of the Continental Affairs Research Institute on 8 Jan 1952 in Tokyo. The motion was made to invite former Soviet experts of the Japanese Navy to collaborate with the Institute. The decision in this matter was left to the chairman, DOI. However, the desirability of working with naval experts on the USSR was expressed by TAHIGAWA Kazuo and seconded in principle by the meeting. This Institute is headed and sponsored by DOI Akio, and its purpose is to revive the relationship among those former officers of the Japanese Imperial General Staff who composed the Soviet. (ZJJ-27, 28 Feb. 52, [ ] CE File DOI Akio Dossier.)

DOI Akio stated at the first meeting of the Institute that late in December 1950, he had also obtained the concurrence of MAEDA Minoru for holding the initial meeting (ZJJ27, 28 Feb. 52, [ ] CE File DOI Akio Dossier.)

Subject attended a meeting of military and naval experts on the USSR which was held under the auspices of and in the offices of the Continental Affairs Research Institute. [ ] ZJJ-112, 16 May 52, CE File III-48.1.

If ASAI Isamu was unable to approach MURAI Jun thru YABE Chuta, DOI Akio planned to use Subject. At the meeting of DOI Akio and MURAI Jun in Jul 52, MURAI asked DOI if Subject was a member of the Continental Affairs Research Institute, and received an affirmative answer. [ ] ZJJ-209, 26 Sept 52, CE File III-48.1.

According to DOI Akio, MURAI Jun (head of the Cabinet Research Chamber) has two former intelligence officers from the services advising him. One of these is MAEDA Minoru. ZJJ-165, July 1952, III-32.5.

From the same report: MAEDA was a member of the Soviet Desk in the Japanese Office of Naval Intelligence and served at one time as naval attache in Moscow. He has always been considered the leading Soviet expert of the former Japanese Navy. At present, Maeda is director of a salvage company.

Councillor, Tairiku Mondai Kenkyu Sho (1Apr53 issue, Tairiku Mondai)

Member of the Boei Iinkai. (FJJ-78, 13 Feb 53, [ ] CE File III-48)

Former Admiral MAEDA Minoru was employed by MURAI Jun along with YABE Chuta to work in the Defense Section of the GPC. [ ] FJJ-214, 18 Sept 53, CE III, 32.5)

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