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SOURCE Japanese free-lance journalist (F), from NOMURA Kichisaburo. Appraisal of Content: 3.

Former Admiral NOMURA Kichisaburo considers himself the leader of opposition to the integration of naval forces into a unified defense force. NOMURA feels that the navy has many unique technical problems which require that it be handled as a separate and distinct force, and cites as an illustration of this that, whereas all Army generals in peacetime and wartime days were graduates of the War College, the Navy had many admirals who were specialists who did not graduate from the naval staff college.

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