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[Kawano] " I.

" Since 1939, the counter-espionage section has informed us that SUGIHARA, formerly Japanese Consul at Kowno, then Vice Consul at Prague, and who, since the beginning of March of this year, has been in charge of the Japanese Consulate at Koenigsberg, was to be considered as a friend of England and of Poland. Since the time he was at Kowno, he has drawn attention to himself by his particular interest in German military affairs.

" In his new position at the Consulate at Koenigsberg SUGIHARA has been so active in his intelligence work that his stay in Koenigsberg threatens to break down the good relations which exist between Germany and Japan. The Governor General proposes to have SUGIHARA withdrawn through the intermediary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

" Associated with SUGIHARA in the intelligence service is a Pole named Jan-Stanislaw PERZ, born 13 November 1909 at Puszkow, whom SUGIHARA knew at Kowno and whom he had naturalized as a Japanese. SUGIHARA knew another Pole at Kowno, Jerzy KUNCZEWICZ, born 4 March 1905 at Swieczany. He also obtained Japanese citizenship for the latter.

* The Consul SUGIHARA is not, however, the only Japanese diplomat having Poles in his service. The above named KUNCZEWICZ worked at the Japanese Embassy in Berlin. A Polish woman, Salomea LAPINSKA, born 17 November 1911, at Loby, naturalized Japanese, is employed at the Embassy of Manchukuo at Berlin. She is supposed to work there as a cook but it has been discovered that she has three agents in her pay who are working against Germany.

[Kysicki]

" A former Polish officer named KYSICKI has been attached as "advisor" to Colonel ONODERA, Japanese Military Attache at Stockholm. Under the false name of Peter IRANOW, he poses as a White Russian, native of Moscow, born 11 November 1898.

" At the beginning of March 1941, the Italian counter-espionage informed us that SUGIHARA, formerly secretary general of the Japanese Embassy in Rome and now at Berlin, had had many interviews with MABIAN LUCCHESKI, general of the Jesuits. The general of the Jesuits was maintaining an illegal correspondence with the Polish resistance movement at Milano by the Japanese diplomatic pouch from the Embassy in Rome to that in Berlin. According to the Italian counter-espionage, LUCCHESKI has received and transmitted several times important military information on Germany.

" II.

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" The Pole, Jerzy KUNCZEWICZ, formerly an intelligence officer of the Polish General Staff at Warsaw, was arrested in Berlin the 6th of July with the so-called "cook" of the Manchukuo Embassy in Berlin, Salomea LAPINSKA, during a meeting with a liaison agent of the resistance movement in Warsaw. His interrogation has led to the arrest of others in Berlin and Warsaw. Here is the information which has been obtained from KUNCZEWICZ.

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" III.

" A. The Japanese Military Attache, Maj. Gen. KUNIKI, is the chief of the Japanese intelligence service in Germany. His office is in Berlin at No. 2 Soligendorf Square. He employs there about forty Japanese officers. This number exceeds that which is known officially. Every two or three months this office of Gen. KUNIKI receives all the intelligence reports prepared by Japanese intelligence officers in the various capitals of Europe. The Japanese intelligence service is composed of the Service East and the Service West. The Service East works against Russia; the Service West against Germany, England and France.

" Colonel OKUDA, Japanese Military Attache in Stockholm, is the chief of the Service East. His predecessor was Colonel Mishimura. The office at Stockholm has two subsidiary offices: Helsingfors - Colonel OKUCHI; and Koenigsberg - Consul SUGIYAMA. The office at Koenigsberg works with three sub-stations: one at Wilno directed by a former Polish student named KUCIUCHOSKI; one at Kowno directed by a Lithuanian named KOSIUCHO; and one at Grodno under a Pole named KOS. Finally there is a mobile station situated on the railroad between Baronowice and Bia Lystok, founded by a Polish Captain KASPRZAK, and which is now directed by Captain Tadeusz OLJESKI who is disguised as a railway worker.

" According to KUNIKI, Consul SUGIYAMA also has some agents in Berlin. A secret room of the Manchukuo Embassy in Berlin is the office of a Colonel HOSHINO, the attache YAMANA and a certain AZUMI who are engaged in intelligence work against Germany. According to KUNIKI, another office of the Japanese intelligence service is located near the Manchukuo Consulate in Hamburg. An attache of the Consulate comes often to Berlin to contact the three men named above. There is reason to believe that this Japanese who comes from Hamburg is MATSUDA, an attache of the Consulate at Hamburg. It is interesting to note that three days after the arrest of Salome LAPIONKA, MATSUDA succeeded after numerous telephone calls to the Ministry, to arrange an interview with the officer in charge of the affair in question and invited him, the same evening, to an extravagant dinner at the Bar Traspitta, near the Berlin Zoo.

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" B. The Polish Resistance Movement and the Complicity of the Japanese: Referring to the information concerning the General of the Jesuits, LESUCHOSKI, it remains for me to inform you of a letter from ~~xxx~~ WILNO to LESUCHOSKI, dated 13 Sept. 1940. The letter was intercepted, and it dealt with the German persecution of the Catholic priests in Russia. This letter, passing through KUCIUCHOSKI, had been expedited by a Japanese courier of the Polish Resistance Movement. A note from KUNIKI was attached, in which he gave instructions to the Jesuit General on the system of sending the next courier dispatches:

" The outside envelope should be addressed to Dr. FUKUCHI, Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Berlin. There must be two inside envelopes, one addressed to KUNIKI, the other to WILNO. Letters to be dispatched with the Japanese courier."

" KUNIKI made an interesting report to LESUCHOSKI in which he announced the departure of a large quantity of illegal mail for Stockholm, from which ~~city~~ it will certainly be transmitted to the emigre government of SIKORSKI in London.

" The Pole LADON, alias RYBICKI, is working with the Military Attache OKUDA, chief of the Eastern Bureau of the Japanese S.I. Service (Service de renseignements - L) in Stockholm. LADON, as well as KUNIKI, is in contact with a former Polish State employee named Henryk MATUSZESKI. He is living, under the name of MADLAK, in room no. 2 or 3 in the Hotel Silvia in Stockholm, and is the liaison agent between the Polish Government in London and the resistance movement in Poland via the Japanese Military Attache (LADON, Stockholm) - annex of the Japanese S.I. (WILNO, KUCIUCHOSKI) - resistance movement in Warsaw.)

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" According to other information furnished by KUNCZEWICZ, ONODEWA may have brought him mail to Berlin, which LASKOW received from ONODEWA, destined without doubt for the resistance movement in Warsaw. It was a question here of dispatching money. KUNCZEWICZ declares furthermore that BANZAI, Commercial Attache of the Embassy of Manchukuo in Berlin, in his turn, may have sent the courier, dispatched by the resistance movement in Warsaw, to the Embassy apartments.

" IV.

" The declarations of KUNCZEWICZ, who is under detention, on the Japanese S.R. in the Reich, will be examined again. He states that he worked in the eastern reseau of the Japanese S.R. since he possessed, as a former official of the Polish S.R., all the aptitude demanded by this work against Russia. He has no information on the activity of the western reseau, which, according to him, is working against the Reich primarily.

" However, according to information in a footnote in connection with the Japanese Consul SUJIHARA in Koenigsberg, it appears that even the eastern network was engaged in a certain amount of activity against the Reich. The fact that KUNCZEWICZ succeeded in obtaining information on war preparations against Russia confirms this hypothesis.

" KUNCZEWICZ tells us that there were two copies of Consul SUJIHARA's report. The first was for Colonel ONODEWA, Chief of the eastern reseau in Stockholm. KUNCZEWICZ was responsible for taking the second one from Koenigsberg to Berlin to General of Brigade BANZAI, Japanese Military Bureau in Berlin.

" Since the arrest of KUNCZEWICZ and LAPINSKA with the M.R. Liaison agent of Warsaw, it has been possible to put hands on the material destined for London. Almost all the documents are encoded. When they are decoded, it can be seen whether they contain any espionage material. In this event, radio stations between Warsaw and London branches of M.R., which are annexes of the Japanese S.R., would in turn exploit this material.

" Through the arrest of other Poles of the Resistance and through the continual interrogations of those detained, it is to be hoped that probable diplomatic relations between Japan, the Resistance Movement, the Polish Government of London, and the Vatican will be revealed.

lin " Heil Hitler.

spe " Devotedly yours. "