

# ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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1. <b>7B3</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>DEC 25 1947</b>		<b>[ ]</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">                       Check ECG-PE and cards                      as SAITO, as well as [unclear]                      and [unclear] So [unclear]                 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Job 76-780R</b>  <b>Box 321</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>JAN 28 1948</b>  <b>DISSEMINATED: L. C. H.</b> </p>
2. <b>[ ]</b>		<b>29-12-47</b>		<b>[ ]</b>	
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COUNTRY China

DATE:

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SUBJECT Political Information: Reported Death of General SAITO; activities of HSIEN Wen-tung

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SOURCE See below

Source for paragraph 1: Japanese, former army officer attached to the Staff Officers' Section of the (Chinese Communist) 4 Military Headquarters at Chiamussu (130-21, 46-49). In Harbin on 17 August 1947, he was told the following information by the surviving Japanese mentioned below. He left Harbin in September and arrived in Changchun on 17 October; he is presently living there in the refugee camp for Japanese from Communist areas [reported in SO-11250].

F-6 1. Lt. Gen. SAITO Ysheita [齋藤彌平太] was executed by Chinese Communists in Chiamussu on 15 August 1946. As announced by the Communists, he and two subordinates were placed on trial as war criminals on that day (Surrender Commemoration Day), found guilty and sentenced to death. Prior to the execution, one of the subordinates, the former manager of the Japanese-Manchukuo Commercial Co. [name unstated], was able to escape through the assistance of HSIEN Wen-tung's men [see paragraph 2]. SAITO and the other subordinate were executed.

[Washington Note: SO-6628 reported that Gen. SAITO surrendered to the Chinese Communist 8 Route Army on 15 September 1946, and referred to a Nationalist rumor, current on 1 July 1947, to the effect that SAITO was at that time aiding the Communists in their Manchurian operations.]

Source for paragraph 2: Japanese, language instructor

B-3 2. HSIEN Wen-tung (謝文東) is a bandit chief who originally opposed Japanese policy in occupied Manchuria but later joined the Japanese in various capacities. He was used by the Harbin Tokumu Kikan [Special Service Organization] for intelligence work in the eastern border regions--Mutan Chiang, Chiamussu, Tunggan, etc., where he had subordinates and enjoyed much popular influence. After the surrender HSIEN succeeded in saving many Japanese from capture by Soviet forces. He assembled his former subordinates and, with some Japanese, has been engaged in an "army construction movement" along with his banditry.

[  ] Note: HSIEN is probably the same HSIEN Wen-tung mentioned previously as commander of certain Chinese Nationalist "Irregular" forces in Manchuria, subordinate to MA Chen-shan.)

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