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SOURCE Former Japanese intelligence officer, from personal knowledge.

1. KAWABE Torashiro (河邊 辰四郎), chief of the KAWABE Organization (Kikan), was a lieutenant general in the Japanese army. He was graduated from the Japanese Military Academy (1912) and from the War College. His military career included service as a member of the Operations Section of JIGS (1931), as military attache in Moscow, as commander of an artillery regiment of the Imperial Guards Division (1936), as chief of the Intelligence Section of the Kwantung Army Headquarters (1938), and as military attache in Berlin (1938 to February 1940). During the war he was commander of an air division, then deputy chief of the Army Air Force Headquarters (1943 to April 1945), and deputy chief of JIGS (May to August 1945).
2. After the war, KAWABE received financial support from ARISUE Seizo. When he was chosen by G-2 to head the intelligence organization which bears his name (KAWABE Organization, or Kikan), he therefore persuaded TATSUMI Eiichi, YOSHINAKA Wataro (芥 仲 和 久 郎), and American officers who opposed ARISUE to include him in the organization. At the request of G-2, in 1949 KAWABE conducted interrogations of high-ranking Japanese army officers who were repatriated from the USSR. He continues to be nominal head of the KAWABE Organization.
3. KAWABE's principal friends, some of whom are working under him for G-2, include:
 - a. SHIMOMURA Sadamu (下 村 定), former general, with whom he served for many years in JIGS. SHIMOMURA, a 1908 graduate of the Military Academy, was graduated and then was an instructor of the War College and later its superintendent. He also served as chief of the JIGS Historical Section, commander successively of Japanese Army Forces in central China, of the Seibu (Western) Army Area, and the North China Army Area, and, from August to November 1945, as Minister of War.
 - b. TATSUMI Eiichi, a relationship which developed intimacy after

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the war.

- c. ARISUE Seizo, a close friend from service together in JIGS and in Europe (ARISUE was military attache in Rome when KAWABE held the equivalent position in Berlin), with whom a stronger friendship developed after the war.
- d. KAWABE Masakazu (河辺 正三), elder brother of Torashiro, graduate of the Military Academy (1907) and of the War College. He was deputy chief of staff of the North China Army Area Headquarters in 1937, commander of the Burma Area Army in 1943, and of the Army Air Forces in 1944 and 1945.