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SOURCE Former Japanese intelligence officer, from persons active in the rearmament movement in Japan

- Persons acting as advisers on military affairs to HATOYAMA Ichiro are the following five former army men:
 - * SAKAI Koji (3155/0064/6964/2945), former lieutenant general.
 - * TANAKA Shinichi (3944/0022/2450/0001), former lieutenant general.
 - * HATTORI Takushiro (2591/6752/0587/0934/6745), former colonel and longtime head of the Historical Records Section, War Demobilization Board. 1
 - TSUJI Masanobu (/2398/0207), former colonel. 2
 - * HORIBA Kazuo (8231/1023/0001/3948), former colonel. 3
- SAKAI graduated from the Military Academy in 1908 and later graduated from the War College. He became a member of the Japanese Imperial General Staff (JIGS), a member of the Military Affairs Section of the War Ministry, and an instructor at the War College. In 1937 he was in command of a mechanized infantry corps in North China, but the following year he was placed on the reserve rolls for lack of aggressiveness in his operations. Returned to active duty in 1941, he was put in charge of historical research at JIGS, but in 1944 he was returned to a reserve status. He is rumored to be a relative of HATOYAMA.
- TANAKA graduated from the Military Academy in 1913 and later graduated from the War College. He too was a member of JIGS and was Chief of Operations with JIGS at the outbreak of World War II. He served as commanding general of the 18 Division during the war, and was chief of staff of the Burma Area Army Headquarters in August 1945.

* Source Comment. None of these men has had intelligence experience.

1-2 Field Comment. It was reported that HATTORI visited HATOYAMA during March 1952. See 211-110. 50-88794

2-5 Field Comment. TSUJI was elected as an independent to a seat in the Lower House of the Diet from Ishikawa Prefecture in the 1 October 1952 general elections.

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3 + Field Comment. HORIBA, a classmate of HATTORI, was a member of the HATTORI Kikan. Other members included HARA Shiro, NISHIURA Setsuro, MIZUMACHI Katsugi, HASHIMOTO Masakatsu, IMOTO Kunao, and YAMAGUCHI Niso.