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THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED VERBATIM				
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<p>1. Two former Colonels of the Japanese Army General Staff, HATTORI (fnu) and <u>TSUJI Masanobu</u>, are directly connected with GHQ authorities in conducting research on rearmament. They are an inseparable pair, with TSUJI dominating the more docile HATTORI.</p> <p>2. It is a known fact among former General Staff officers that HATTORI and TSUJI planned and urged the hostilities which brought about World War II. They were the prime movers whose tireless efforts of convincing the General Staff finally brought the opening of hostilities.</p> <p>3. Both HATTORI and TSUJI are extremely irresponsible, and will not take the consequences for their actions. They have cleverly avoided all responsibility for the Nomonhan Incident, letting their superiors or other staff officers bear the consequences. TSUJI is the type of man who, given the chance, would start World War III without any misgivings.</p>				
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4. There is sufficient feeling among former General Staff officers unfavorable to HATTORI and TSUJI that, if the latter were to be given a voice in Japan's rearmament, these General Staff officers would refuse their cooperation, knowing that they would again be led down the wrong road. These facts are being discreetly circulated among stock exchange circles, who anticipate an effect on the market when HATTORI's and TSUJI's rearmament activities become known to the general public.

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