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Masanobu Tsugi (info addressees see 28 Jan Newsweek magazine) left today return Japan via Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey, after spending week Egypt. Wants visit Hungary but doubts visa will be granted. Claims black-listed by Soviets for remarks against them after war. At pvt luncheon 29 Jan answered ques on visit Egypt generally as follows: Has not seen Nasser nor any other revolutionary leaders nor Army officers in spite of req to do so. Req to insp some Army units and installations also denied (this he contrasted to cooperation recd in Damascus, Beirut, Baghdad and Tehran). Of Ministers saw only Kaissouni (Finance) and Mossler (Commerce) but what discussed undisclosed. Considers Kaissouni non-Communist but Mossler leaning towards communism and particularly liking Red China. Claimed Mossler received big reception during visit Red China 1955. Tsugi not impressed by Soviet Industrial fair Cairo nor does he believe people are. Doubts if Soviets have made much progress penetration unless it be in top officialdom or armed forces which he has not seen. Concludes however that if present economic conditions cont GOE will fall by default to communists. Believes America can still save situation.

Ref Middle East and speaking "frankly", claims American having never suffered mil defeat nor known privation cannot properly understand psychology of defeated and poor people. America now mistaking nationalism in Middle East for Communist sympathizing. Rich America should help defeated people economically but Eisenhower plan is too forthright. Aid must be given more cleverly and more cunningly. Implied to successfully cmbt Soviet announced fgn policy should even be a little dishonest. American hands out millions and gets

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little credit; Russia reaps rewards of smallest gesture, knowing better how to deal with downtrodden people. Contradicting himself Tsugi then said America had nothing to fear from communism in Middle East. Pressed for his reason (ARMA outlined US concern as set forth in Eisenhower address to Congress) Tsugi said in effect: If America gave aid without strings results would rebound to US favor (Eastern philosophy give 1 present get 2 in return).

Was favorable impress with Syrian Army. Said it was best he saw in Middle East incl Iraq. Thought Iranian was worst. Enjoyed talking with Sarraj, Syria, whom he described as nationalist and neither Communist nor politician. Sarraj, a handsome officer, Tsugi said, was concerned only with Israeli threat and wanted arms for def his country saying: "When Syria couldn't get arms from America she turned to Soviets." He doubts that Soviets have successfully penetrated Syria. He claims he saw no Russians in Syria nor in repeated tests could he find Russian speaking Syrians (both Tsugi and travelling companion, Shigeharu Asaeda, speak Russian).

Making ref to "underground escape" ARMA asked if he had ever returned to North Vietnam. Tsugi answered in negative but held it still his opinion Ho Chi Minh not Communist but nationalist being used by Soviets.

Comment:

(1) Tsugi speaks no English. Interpreter was Shudaku Wada, First Secy Japanese Emb Cairo who at times appeared embarrassed translate exactly, especially when Tsugi spoke "frankly". Consider translation accurate, however, since ARMA, Major Hunt, who speaks and understands Japanese also present and confirms.

(2) Consider Tsugi extreme nationalist and neither particularly West-hating nor pro-Communist. In spite of contradictions believe he feels communism winning in Egypt but not yet in other Middle East countries.

(3) Companion Asaeda, who has visited Egypt before (R-643-55) and accompanied Tsugi from Hong Kong, was Army Lt Col and on Gen Yamashita's planning staff during Philippine campaign. Latter sent Moscow connection surrender negotiations but kept there as POW for 5 years. Now states he is businessman

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Hong Kong. Goes into Red China periodically. Plans trip  
Canton next March to purchase bananas.

(4) Recn pass State.

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