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TDCS 3,305,455		OUT - DATE - TIME - GROUP 7 FEBRUARY 1957	PRECEDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE
COUNTRY JAPAN/SINO-SOVIET BLOC/NEAR EAST		PLACE ACQUIRED JAPAN, TOKYO	
SUBJECT ALLEGED SINO-SOVIET PLAN TO USE JAPANESE IN ARMS SUPPLY TO NEAR EAST			
DATE OF INFORMATION MID-JANUARY 1957, EXCEPT AS STATED		REFERENCES <i>W E J MR</i>	
APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE) SEE BELOW			
SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE) JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO IN THE PAST HAS FURNISHED HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE MATERIAL. IT IS PROBABLY FALSE THAT SOURCE RECEIVED SUCH INFORMATION; RATHER, IT IS BELIEVED LIKELY THAT HE FABRICATED THE REPORT AROUND CERTAIN FACTS, SUCH AS TSUJI'S TRIP TO EGYPT, KNOWLEDGE THAT THE SUBJECT IS OF PRIORITY INTEREST, AND THE INVESTIGATION BY JAPANESE AUTHORITIES OF ASAEDA AND TSUJI ON SUSPICION OF INVOLVEMENT IN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.			
<p>1. THE USSR IS PLANNING TO SEND ARMS TO EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA AND EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (SIC) BY WAY OF COMMUNIST CHINA, UTILIZING JAPANESE FOR SMUGGLING OR SENDING SUCH ARMS. THE USSR AND COMMUNIST CHINA HAVE AGREED ON PLANS AND THE ARMS WILL BE SENT OVERLAND THROUGH COMMUNIST CHINA.</p> <p>2. ASAEDA SHIGEHARU, FORMER JAPANESE GENERAL STAFF OFFICER, IS IN EGYPT ON THIS MATTER, AND PROBABLY WILL VISIT EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND PROCEED TO MOSCOW. ASAEDA SEEMS TO BE THE MAIN FIGURE IN THIS OPERATION AND POSSIBLY HAS MET WITH</p>			
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<p>TDCS 3,305,455 ^{OUT} 29 January 1957 (for [unclear] T-1) PAGE 2</p> <p>EGYPTIAN PREMIER NASSER. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: ACCORDING TO ANOTHER US AGENCY ASAEDA, WHO WAS IN EGYPT AS OF 30 JANUARY 1957, WAS ON GENERAL YAMASHITA'S PLANNING STAFF DURING THE PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN AND WAS SENT TO MOSCOW DURING SURRENDER ^{wrong?} <u>SARHARIN</u> NEGOTIATIONS WHERE HE WAS HELD AS A PRISONER OF WAR FOR FIVE YEARS. HE STATES THAT HE IS NOW A BUSINESSMAN IN HONG KONG, DEALING WITH COMMUNIST CHINA.)</p> <p>3. TSUJI MASANOBU, MEMBER OF THE JAPANESE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ^{Correct} LEFT ^{according} JAPAN ON 1 JANUARY 1957 FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE WILL PROCEED TO EGYPT AND EAST ⁴⁴⁵⁰ ^(In 29076) EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND WILL PROBABLY VISIT MOSCOW. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: ACCORDING TO ANOTHER US AGENCY TSUJI, WHO WAS WITH ASAEDA IN EGYPT, LEFT EGYPT ON 30 JANUARY TO RETURN TO JAPAN VIA YUGOSLAVIA, GREECE AND TURKEY. HE SAID HE WANTED TO VISIT HUNGARY BUT DOUBTED THAT A VISA WILL BE GRANTED. HE CLAIMED THAT HE IS BLACK-LISTED BY THE SOVIETS FOR REMARKS AGAINST THEM AFTER THE WAR. ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE INFORMATION, TSUJI VISITED THE USSR IN THE FALL OF 1955 AS A MEMBER OF A ^{limited Zichor} DIET DELEGATION. (FIELD COMMENT: IN MID-DECEMBER 1956 A DIFFERENT, USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED THAT ASAEDA HAD SENT A CABLE FROM CAIRO ASKING TSUJI TO COME AT ONCE. AS OF 17 DECEMBER TSUJI HAD NOT SUCCEEDED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARUBENI-IIDA KK, AN EXPORT-IMPORT FIRM WITH ITS MAIN OFFICE IN OSAKA, IN OBTAINING SPONSORSHIP AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS TSUJI MET NASSER ON 30 JANUARY.) TSUJI APPEARS TO BE PARTIALLY INVOLVED IN THE ARMS OPERATION WITH ASAEDA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>See (), 4437 (In 28773) ASAEDA in Hong approx F Dec.</i> <i>See (), 4468 (In 29934) ASAEDA in Hong 2 Jan.</i></p>	
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4. ASAEDA OBTAINS INFORMATION ON THE JOINT STAFF COUNCIL OF THE DEFENSE AGENCY THROUGH COLONEL HASHIMOTO MASAKATSU, GROUND SELF-DEFENSE FORCE OFFICER, AND REPORTS TO EITHER THE USSR OR COMMUNIST CHINA. ASAEDA HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS EITHER FROM THE USSR OR COMMUNIST CHINA TO ESTABLISH HIS OWN MILITARY ORGANIZATION IN JAPAN. AFTER ORGANIZING SUCH A MILITARY GROUP, TSUJI (SIC) HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO MAKE ANY MOVE UNTIL THERE IS WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR. IN CASE OF WAR, THIS ORGANIZATION WILL CONDUCT GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES TO EXPELL THE US FORCES FROM JAPAN. IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS, THIS ORGANIZATION WILL CARRY OUT AN ANTI-AMERICAN COUP D'ETAT, AND SEND SOVIET-MADE ARMS TO NASSER BY A ROUTE TO BE ARRANGED BY COMMUNIST CHINA. (FIELD COMMENT. THIS MAY MEAN THAT THE ARMS WILL BE SENT TO EGYPT ONLY IN CASE OF A US-SOVIET WAR.)

5. ASAEDA IS ALSO RECEIVING INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION OF JAPANESE ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES FROM A GROUP IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND PASSING THE INFORMATION TO SOME FOREIGN COUNTRY. (FIELD COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE, A FORMER JAPANESE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING ASAEDA ON THE SUSPICION OF INVOLVEMENT IN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.)

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