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REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/9/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/10, 11/40	REPORT MADE BY K. E. ANGELL
TITLE TSUNARO WACHI, with aliases TUNEZO WACHI, TSUNARO WAICHI			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE "J"
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject arrived San Pedro December 10, 1940; met by HEM TOSHIYUKI, prominent Japanese businessman. Registered Olympic Hotel and entered there alone at 10:00 P.M., after dining with TOSHIYUKI. Hotel located in Japanese section of city, and is headquarters for Japanese Association or Japanese Chamber of Commerce. Surveillance discontinued due to nature of neighborhood. Subject returned with TOSHIYUKU to ship December 11, 1940 and boarded same five minutes before ship's departure at 4:00 P.M. No pertinent information in regard to TOSHIYUKU or Japanese Association listed in files of Los Angeles Field Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R.U.C. -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Teletype from San Francisco, dated December 9, 1940.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Reference teletype dated December 9, 1940, advised that the subject would arrive at San Pedro, California, aboard the Japanese ship "Hie Maru" on December 10, 1940; and requested the Los Angeles Field</p>			
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Office to conduct a discreet surveillance, with the precaution to avoid embarrassing the Government, in view of the diplomatic rank of the subject.

A surveillance was conducted by Special Agents WILLIAM NAYLOR, J. P. MOHR, and the reporting Agent. It was observed that the "Hie Maru" docked at the N.Y.K. Pier at 6:50 P.M. on December 10, 1940, and that the subject left the ship at 7:30 P.M. Subject was met by two persons and was driven immediately to the Olympic Hotel at 117 North San Pedro Street, Los Angeles. The car used for this transportation was a 1937 La Salle Sedan, license No. 42 N 449, California 1940, which is owned by BEN TOSHIYUKI of 258 East First Street, Los Angeles. After arriving at the Olympic Hotel at 8:15 P.M., the subject and the individual believed to be TOSHIYUKI, were observed to stop at the desk in the lobby of the hotel, and the subject apparently made arrangements to stay overnight there. Subject carried a small black suitcase and overnight bag into the hotel, and this was taken from him by the porter.

At 8:20 P.M., subject and TOSHIYUKI left the hotel and walked approximately two blocks to the Kawafuku Cafe at 204½ East First Street. A surveillance was maintained outside the restaurant by Agents MOHR and NAYLOR and reporting Agent; and no other persons were observed to enter or leave the cafe until 10:05 P.M., when the subject and TOSHIYUKI departed. They proceeded unaccompanied to the Olympic Hotel, where TOSHIYUKI and the subject parted company and the subject entered the hotel alone. He was observed to get his key at the desk and proceed to one of the upper floors of the hotel.

It was deemed advisable to discontinue the surveillance at this point, in view of the fact that the hotel is located in the heart of the Japanese district of Los Angeles, and it would have been impossible to have maintained a surveillance without arousing suspicion.

On December 11, 1940, reporting Agent observed that the subject returned to the N.Y.K. Dock with TOSHIYUKI in TOSHIYUKI'S car. It was observed by reporting Agent that at 3:30 P.M., subject was dressed in riding clothes and proceeded immediately to the offices of the N.Y.K. Line, which offices are located in the Pier Building. At 3:55 P.M. the subject was observed to board the vessel unaccompanied.

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Confidential Informant L. A. 9 advised that BEN TOSHIYUKI is the owner of the Tensho-Do Drug Store at 260 East First Street, Los Angeles, and holds the master lease on the building at that address. TOSHIYUKU is part-owner of the Miyako Hotel which is situated on the second, third, and fourth floors of that building.

Confidential Informant L. A. 9 further stated that TOSHIYUKI is a prominent Japanese businessman, but Informant was not more fully advised regarding his activities and acquaintances. Confidential Informant L. A. 9 stated that the Olympic Hotel, 117 North San Pedro Street, houses on its fourth floor the offices of the Japanese Association, which is more commonly known as the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. This Association renders assistance to the poor Japanese and gives advice similar to that given by the Japanese Consul..

A review of the files of the Los Angeles Field Office reflects that BEN TOSHIYUKI has been reported as a suspected Japanese Agent. No information has been developed which would indicate that TOSHIYUKI acts in such a capacity. The subject in Los Angeles File No. 65-1322, entitled "ITARU TACHIBANA, Lieutenant Commander, I.J.M." Espionage "J", has resided at the Olympic Hotel since April, 1940. TACHIBANA is an exchange language student from the Japanese government and one of eight in the United States on an agreement whereby the United States Government sends foreign language students to Japan, and Japan sends students to the United States.

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