

**ARISUE (Name) (Name), Major General**

**Jap. J-1**

(Formerly carried also as ARIMATSU. New card made, consolidating old ones, Aug. 1947.)

**MIS, March 1944** - Head of Dept. 2, General Staff. This dept. corresponds to our G-2; receives military intelligence obtained abroad and is responsible for ensuring that other departments of the General Staff are supplied with the intelligence which they need for planning and for carrying out their various functions. afp/gac

**A-45019, JR-1171, 6/11/44, C-0 -- 1939:** ARISUE, then Colonel, was Jap. M.A. in Rome and approached the Italian Govt. on the subject of a joint Japanese-Italian Islamic policy. He was ready to dispatch agents into Egypt, Arabia and Persia to counter-balance the pro-Islamic policy already begun by China. The Italians were not interested. cdg

**Diplomatic List, July 1944** - Member of War Ministry Staff.

**DD-222, 6/3/45, p.2** - Subj. is Chief of the Investigations Section (Army Gen. Staff Military Information.) Speaks Italian admirably, knows French and German. Served in Italy twice: as A.M.A., then M.A. "An energetic, turbulent, active, capable very modern, very foxy diabolical general, with a vivacious inventive spirit, always on the watch and on the move, full of life and energy." cdg

**CIRCLE, Boston 322-X** - Head of Jap. Army Information Service as of June 1944. Recommended to Major Ge. KRETSCHMER that Germany seek a separate peace with the USSR. cdg

**Washington Document Center Summary #2, 31 May 1946, p. 10** - Certain documents of the Japanese War Ministry, of a special nature, are not included in a listing of a catalog of Army Ministry files, having been left in the charge of ARISUE by authority of Col. WOOD, WDI.

## NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

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FBZ 64, Sept. 1947 - Subject isofficially at the Demobilization Bureau. He is employed in an ostensibly covert capacity -- actually in rather widely known fashion -- by Gen. Willoughby, SCAP G-2, for the purpose of getting information on the Russians by interrogation of Japanese repatriates, by digging up old files and documents buried by the Japanese just before the end of the war (the Japanese having felt that, being vis-a-vis one of the Allies, such documents would be incriminating), or by any other means. It is doubtful whether GEN. Willoughby's trust in ARISUE is justified; source feels that the latter has been responsible for the delivering of many documents to the Soviets (supposedly through his step-daughter, "a cute little number who may also be his mistress.") About June 1946 source was informed by HAMASHI Saburo (qv) that ARISUE had told him Soviet Major VOLKIN was looking for him, and had advised him (presumably as a means of support until better times, HAYASHI being at that moment undernourished and without income or employment) to get in touch with VOLKIN.

LWA-384-MIS(ETO) Final Interrogation Report of Joseph Albert MEISINGER, 25 May 1946:

Together with Gen. NAKAMURA (q.v.) and Field Marshalls HISAICHI and SUGIYAMA (q.v.) had close personal relations with German Ambassadors Ott and Stahmer.

FSRO-294, July 1946: ONODERA Interrogation Report.

ARISUE, Seizo, Maj. Gen.

(He served in the 42nd or 41st Div. 3)

- 1) Attached to IGH, FCC Whos Who, 23/2/45-
- 2) RB 6825 & 6934: Chief of the Investigations Section of the Army Staff is Maj. Gen. Akofkue or Arissbe (ARISUE, Seizo, Maj. Gen. Imperial Headquarters), who speaks perfect Italian and knows French and German. Formerly he served as Assistant Military Attache and later as Military Attach in Italy. He is very energetic and active, with ~~an~~ inventive spirit.
- 3) FCC WHO'S WHO 23/2/45 - Attached to I. H. Q. of the Army Section
- 4) FCC WHO'S WHO 25 May 45 - same info as item 3

ARISUE Seizo

See [ ] ZJJA-383

After the war KAWABE received financial support from ARISUE Seizo . KAWABE Torashiro ~~xxxxxxx~~ numbers ARISUE among his close friends from service together in JIGS and in Europe (ARISUE was military attache in Rome when KAWABE held the equivalent position in Berlin), with whom a stronger friendship developed after the war.

Subject attended the inaugural meeting of an organization of general officers from the Japanese Military Academy graduating classes between 1913-1921 was held on 8 May 52 at the Sakurada Kaikan. The organization tentatively known as the Sakurada Kai met from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Lt. Gen., grad of the Mil Acad in 1917 and the War College about 1923, was successively a member of the Mil Affairs Section of the War Min, mil attache in Rome (Aug 1936- Mar 39, a member of Mil Affairs Bur of the War Min, 1939-40, active in bringing Japan into the tripartite pact with Germany and Italy, staff officer and later deputy chief of the staff of the No. China Army Area Command, 1941-1942, and chief of the Intelligence Section of JIGS, 1942-1945. After the war he headed a joint committee of army, navy, Foreign and Home Min personnel for liaison with the occupation forces, Aug to Sep 45, then set up an office in the Nippon Club in Yuraku-cho, Tokyo, to handle liaison between the American Forces and the First Demob Bur. By 1947 the liaison work had gone into other channels, and he closed the office and joined the newly formed KAWABE Organization of which he is still a member. He lives at 139 4-chome, Matsubata-cho, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo.

ARISUE Seizo

Honseki: Hokkaido, Sorachi-gun, Babii-machi, Chashiuchi 33. Summary History:

Born: 22 May 1895

2nd Lt: 1917

1st Lt: 1921

Graduated Military Staff College: 29 Nov 1924

Performed minor duties at GHQ: 1925

Sent to Italy for Military study in Italian Army War College: 1928

Major: 1931

Private Secretary to Army Minister: 1932

On duty, War Ministry: 1935

Lt. Colonel; Military Attache, Rome: 1936

Colonel: 1938

On North China Army Staff: 1939

Major General; Vice Chief, North China Army Staff: October 1941

G-2, JIGS: August 1942

Lt General, JIGS: March 1945

(Secy Div Files, 9 Oct 52, [ ])

Very clever turncoat. Turned out as part of welcoming committee for General MacArthur despite his bitter anti-Allied attitude prior to and during war. Rumors say he headed ARISUE KIKAN, an Army Secret Service organization during the war, and this organization had a fund of ¥100,000,000 which was [ ] away to a secret hiding place just prior to Occupation. (CIC, 22 Apr 46)

Had long administrative career in Army. A certain boastful informant at present being interviewed states ARISUE was delegated to persuade him to approve TRI partite Alliance with Germany and Italy.

Working for American forces. His organization is Toyomae Club, meeting place for military men. From YEN CHING KUNG KUAN list of fascist elements in Japan. (ZJY-2769, 16 Feb 51, C-3)

Reported by Mar 52 Zenei as member of Kato Intelligency Agency. (ZJJ-277, 5 Dec 52,

[ ] B-3)

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ARISUE Seizo

- Reported as a contact of Major General Makoto ONODERA while serving as Military Attache in Italy in November 1937.

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Member of the JIS "underground government". Main field of endeavor: China, North Korea, Mongolia, Russia. Organization of his agency:

- A. Investigation Section: SONE Akira. Chief of the 3rd Section of the Foreign Office Investigation Department.
- B. Action Section: Responsible person, SUZUKI Gen. Former Army Colonel.
- C. Work Squad: KAMADA Senzo, Former Army Lt. General.  
WATANABE Wataru, Former Army Maj. General.

Above extracted from ZJL-204, 15 Sept 49, CE File III - 33, IID File 44-6-2.

The Japan underground govt is planning the creation of a fascistic force composed of the constabulary and the fire brigades. It will be led by KAWABE Torashiro and ARISUE Seizo. It is clear that plans for its creation call for organization along the lines of a brigade (ryoden hensei). The rearming of Western Germany has a great influence upon the organizing of this force. The Japanese underground govt is carrying out this organization with great determination. (Ref. ZJL-236, Report H, 8 Dec 49, CE File III - 32.1).

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Ref. ZJL-222, Report E, 17 Nov 49, CE File III - 43; Following is the complete report:

"UGAKI Issei of the Japan underground government had directed former "SAKURA KAI member" Major General IWATOMO Takeo to put Lt. General ARISUE Seizo and others in charge of the direction of the activities of an elaborate international spy net. This net will include former affiliates of the Japanese Army espionage training center, the NAKANO SCHOOL."

ARISUE Seizo is one of the principal members of the UGAKI Issei faction of the Japanese underground government. (Ref. ZJL-229, Report L, 1 Dec 49, CE File III - 33).

The organization of the constabulary by ARISUE Seizo and KAWABE Torashiro, advisers to the General Headquarters' Second Staff Section (G-2), may well become a reality. American made revolvers have already been given to all policemen by the Americans. The fact is that the Constabulary will be organized under American guidance. It has also become clear that plans are being made to bring forward purgee UGAKI Issei and to allow great leeway to the activities of the Japan underground govt. It is evident that all of this is being done with the mutual consent of America. (Ref. ZJL-256, Report M, 24 Jan 50, CE File III - 32.1 - copied entire report).

ARISUE Seizo, KAWABE Torashiro, UGAKI Issei, etc. are acting as advisers to Japan's militarists. (Ref. ZJL-264, Report F, 7 Feb 50, CE File III - 33, copied all).

The group known as the Food and Livelihood Stabilization Assn. (SHOKU SEIKAT-SU ANTEI SYOKAI), Kandabashi, Tokyo, is carrying out underground activities aimed at overthrowing the ARISUE-KAWABE line realizing the creation of an independent army for Japan. The latter would have UGAKI Issei as its central figure. (Ref. ZJL-264, Report SS, 7 Feb 50, CE File III - 33, copied all).

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ARISUE Seizo

Heads an organ of the KATO KIKAN, an intelligence agency serving the Japanese "underground government". Concerned with American and Soviet Intelligence as well as domestic intelligence. (Ref. ZJL-215, Report A, 25 Oct 49, CE File III - 33).

Details on ARISUE Seizo's KIKAN activities in the NYK Building:

1. Gathering intelligence information pertaining to U.S.
2. " " " " " the Soviets.
3. Program for the restoration of UGAKI Issei.
4. Program for the establishment of a constabulary (police army).

(Ref. ZJL-215, Report F, 25 Oct 49, CE File III - 33).

The former Imperial Life Insurance Co. (TEIKOKU SEIMEI) became the Asahi Mutual Life Insurance Company ~~in~~ (ASAHI SEIMEI HOKEN SOGO KAISHA) in 1945. This company has served to bring together former naval aviation affiliates and graduates of the military academy and has its main connections with ARISUE Seizo, former Lt. General. The adviser (komon) for this group is Vice-Admiral TOZUKA Michitaro, former Commander in Chief, Yokosuka Naval Station. (Ref. ZJL-215, Report J, 25 Oct 49, CE File III - 36).

The Race Restoration Society (MINZOKU FUKKO KAI) of Osaka, Nagoya, Mito and MIKURA NO TOMO SHA of Yokohama, two organizations whose main strength derives from the Japan "underground government", are action corps directly dependent upon ARISUE Seizo and are terroristic organizations. (Ref. ZJL-215, Report L, 25 Oct 49, CE File III - 33).

Subject is reportedly an adviser (consultant) for the "G.S.O.", U.S. Dept. of the Army Special Intelligence Section. (Ref. ZJL-215, Report T, 25 Oct 49, CE File III - 30.1).

Subject and HASEGAWA Torashiro reportedly have the KATO KIKAN completely in their grasp. (Ref. ZJL-215, Report .., 25 Oct 49, CE File III - 33).

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A preparatory Committee for Japanese Rearmament has been organized by subject and ex-military leaders. This committee is controlled by the Japanese cabinet.

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ARISUE Seizo

Subject receives a copy of the Soviet Press at 139 4-chome Matsubara, Setagaya-ku. This is a publication of the Soviet Press News Agency. ZJJ-30, 29 Feb 52, CE File I-16.

ARISUE Seizo

(Major General)

ZJTA-461 Inter of Otake Michio: chief of 2nd Section (intelligence) Army General Staff GHQ (1942-45).

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ARISUE General

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ARISUE Seizo (Gen)

According to C □ YOSHINO Matsue works for him, for the British, for Subject, for OSI, and for the Soviets. JAPA-0739, IN 41825; 2 Sep 54, 201-56821.

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ARISUE Seizo

The dispatching of Japanese volunteers and advisors to defend Taiwan is centered in G-2's Strategem Unit in the NYK Building. . . These activities are being carried out as anti-Soviet and anti-Communist operations by ARISUE Seizo, SONE Akira, the KATO KIKAN, Japanese Militarists, the former rightists, etc., in their capacity as advisors to the U.S. Army. (Ref. ZJL-273-A, 28 Feb 50, CE File III - 47; [ ] and [ ]).

Is the responsible person (for the Japanese) in the Japan underground government's Operations Kikan concerned with Japan, the Chinese Nationalists and Korea. (Ref. ZJL-273-F, 28 Feb 50, CE File III - 47; [ ] and [ ]).

Former Major Generals KATAYAMA and SANIMOTO, and former Lt. Generals KAWABE Torashiro and ARISUE Seizo are concerned with supervision of the organization of the Japanese Police Reserve Force (KEISATSU YOBITAI). (Ref. ZJL-410-G, 17 Aug 50, CE File III - 32.1; [ ] [ ]).

High level information pertaining to the American military is flowing to the Japanese Underground Government through ARISUE Seizo, among others. (Ref. ZJL-390-C, 3 Aug 50, CE File III - 47; [ ] [ ]).

The ARISUE Kikan, under the leadership of Lt. General ARISUE Seizo, with overall supervision from KAWABE Torashiro (qv) and TANAKA Ryukichi (qv), is a loose federation of gigantic proportions, within the UGAKI JIS Groups, roughly divisible into three separate agencies: The WATANABE Kikan, headed by Major Gen. WATANABE Wataru; the HAGI Kikan, headed by Major General HAGI; and recently, the KODAMA Kikan. In addition to these subordinate and sometimes autonomous agencies, ARISUE maintains close liaison with the top level of American intelligence in Tokyo, GHQ, and operates with considerable influence, through his position as adviser to TSUCHIDA Yutaka's (qv) Committee along with General TANAKA, in controlling Foreign Office and political connections of the UGAKI federation, and in the Formosan operations of NEMOTO Hiroshi (qv.). (Ref. ZJL-442, 8 Sept 50; [ ] [ ], CE File III - 33)

Also ARISUE is expanding his operations in cooperation with the IWAAZE Kikan to include Manchuria and Indo-China. The KAWAGUCHI Kikan has now taken over full responsibility for support of NEMOTO's Formosan operations from ARISUE.

Subject formulated original plan early this spring for operations into Indo-China which entailed the use of Col. TSUJI Masanobu (qv) as chief of operations. While at Imperial General Headquarters, TSUJI was the protege of subject, then staff intelligence as a Major General. At last minute central advisory group of the UGAKI JIS Group ordered replacement of TSUJI by Lt. Col. TOMITA. (Ref. ZJL-444, 13 Sept 50; [ ] [ ] CE File III - 43)

ARISUE Seizo

Subject is "surrender-time" lieutenant general; that is last-minute promotions. At the time of the Feb 26 Incident subject was involved along with others of the Young Turks then serving at Imperial General Headquarters as staff officers. (Ref. ZJL-445, 14 Sept 50; CE File III - 43)

For further details of activities and JIS operations see ZJL-483, 13 Nov 50; [ ] CE File III - 33.

New China News Agency dispatch released in Hong Kong on 13 Oct 50 re "American espionage" in China, reports that on MacArthur's order, the TYU KO SHA (revival group), a Japanese fascist organization, has been revived and war criminals such as subject, UGAKI Kamehige, and Yoshio KODAMA have been recruited for secret agents and traitors. (WDGS report #ID724564, 18 Oct 50, Filed JIS-Willoughby)

The JONAN Enterprises-National Peace and Independence Preparations Committee syndicate, a new JIS organization, has effected no liaison and does not desire any with subject and his kikan. (ZJL-539, 26 Jan 51; [ ] CE File III - 43)

See ZJL-404, 7 Aug 50, CE File III - 43, [ ] for subject's part in Rightist underground plans to dispatch ships to Formosa and Indo-China.

Subject and all others who advocate the re-armament of Japan only under careful American supervision will be eliminated from consideration when Japan rebuilds its power. Already subject stands alone within the underground on that problem; his reasons for desiring American supervision of the new army are merely that he is making one last attempt to salvage personal power which he knows will crumble rapidly as soon as the Americans are no longer in control. Feels certain that he would have a high post in such an American-controlled army, and is now fully aware that the rest of the Japanese JIS, Army and Navy figures hate him so bitterly that he has no chance for power with them. (Ref. ZJL-568, 1 Mar 51, [ ] CE File III - 43)

Chief Cabinet Secretary OKAZAKI Katsuo, in compliance with orders from Prime Minister YOSHIDA to accelerate the rearmament of Japan, is meeting with former generals ARISUE Seizo and KAMADA Senzo. (Ref. ZJL-596-A, Mar 51, [ ] CE File Japanese Rearmament)

A great split has developed within the Army faction of the Japanese Underground Government as the result of a difference of opinion over rearmament plans. IWAKURO Takeo and his faction advocate Japanese leadership in Japan's rearmament, while ARISUE Seizo leads a faction which feels that American leadership is "unavoidable." The IWAKURO faction, which favors complete independence in rearmament efforts, considers the ARISUE Faction "compradors". (Ref. ZJL-596-B, Jan 51, [ ] CE File Japanese Rearmament)

ARISUE Seizo

Subject among former high-ranking Army officers to whom the Japanese Underground Government has assigned operations for Europe and U.S.A. (Ref. ZJL-609-B, 4 May 51, [ ] CE File III - 33)

The Japanese Underground Government, considering it inevitable that Japan will be given permission to rearm, is conducting research on rearmament. Among others, subject is doing research on this problem. (Ref. ZJL-551-C, 8 Feb 51, [ ] CE File Japanese Rearmament)

See: ZJLA-1473, 11 May 1951, CE File III \* I

Japanese Underground Gov't keeping pace with leftist China-Japan Joint Operations with its own parallel. Subject member of Underground Gov't's China - Japan Joint Operations Guidance Dept. (ZJL-466-A, 26 Oct. 50, [ ] CE File III - 30.3)

Will be named to participate in the Japan-American Joint Defense Committee. (Ref., ZJL-639, [ ] 5 June 1951, CE Japanese Rearmament)

Subject originally recruited HATTORI Takushiro to work for the POPOV organization. A former G-2 of the Imperial General Staff. (ZJL-571, 6 March 1951, [ ] CE III 30.1)

OKADA Yoshimasa (Naomasa) has engaged in operations for KAWABE Torashiro and ARISUE Seizo. He has been working as a member of the ARISUE Kikan. (ZJL-604, 19 April 51, [ ] CE III 33.)

Connected with rearmament & supporting UGAKI Kazushige's appointment as Peace Plenipotentiary. (ZJL-648A, 15 Jun 51, [ ] [ ] dossier)

THE following statement is from a study made by the 2nd Dept of the International Intelligence Bureau of the Military Council (Chinese Communists): ARISUE is already working for the American forces. We should concentrate attention on his organization, Toyomae Club, a meeting place for military men to carry on their activities secretly. See ZJY-2769, 16 Feb 51, CE File V-1.

See also: [ ] ZJLA-1027  
[ ] ZJLA-1242  
[ ] ZJLA-1742 (p. 35),  
[ ] ZJL-229-C&R  
Jonan Enterprises Co., Ltd., CE File III-36.2.

The present staff of the KAWABE Kikan includes ARISUE Seizo (ZJL-788, [ ] 22 Jan 52, KAWABE Torashiro Dossier.)

In his work of American G-2 GHQ KAWABE Torashiro relied quite extensively from time to time upon the service of ARISUE Seizo. (ZJL-748, [ ] 15 Nov. 51, [ ] Dossier.)

See [ ] 15 Mar 50, p.15, 27; 21 Sep 50, p.3; #62109, 17 Jul 50, Vol I; 1 Nov 50;  
[ ] 18 Mar 50, 2 Oct 50, 26 Oct 50; [ ] ZJJ-76, 11 Apr 52;

ARISUE Seizo

Former military leader, working for increased unity of rightist underground groups.  
(SO 80395, 30 Nov 51, Tokyo B-2)

Subscriber Soviet Press (qv) (ZJJ-30, 29 Feb 52, □ □ B-2)

Worked with HAYASHI Saburo in Historical Material Section of the Demobil Bureau,  
1945-1947; used to be friend of HAYASHI but completely incompatible. (ZJJ-51, 21 Mar 52,  
□ □ B-3)

Was to be head of HOKKAIDO Branch of KAWABE Organ when it was requested that it be  
formed in 1948 by Gen Willoughby. (ZJJ-56, 28 Mar 52, □ □ B-3)

Former Mil attache to Germany, worked in MacArthur's War History Editing Office in NYK.  
(ZJJ-72, 11 Apr 52, Yomiuri Shimbu Newspaper)

Mil Attache in Rome when KAWABE Torashiro (qv) was same in Berlin; became close friends  
thru this and service in JIGS. (ZJJ-87, 18 Apr 52, □ □ B-3)

One of 4 generals in KATO Intelligence Organization, contributed A in name, according  
to March 1952 Zenei article by SUGIMURA Kenzo. (A.7./210, 30 Apr 52, British Liaison)

Lt Gen, grad Mil academy 1917, War college 1923, member Mil Aff Sect of War Minis;  
mil attache in Rome, active in bringing Japan in tri partite agreement with Germany and  
Italy; since war headed joint comm of army, navy, For and Hom Ministry personnel for  
liaison with occupation forces; set up office in Nippon Club to handle liaison between  
American forces and first Demobilization Bureau; in 1947 closed office and joined  
KAWABE Organ (qv); address 139 4-chome, Matsubara-cho, Setagaya-ku. (ZJJ-91, 25 April  
1952, □ □ B-3)

Believed to be connected with ASHIDA Hitoshi (qv). (ZJJ-91, 25 April 52, □ □ B-3)

Close associate of KATO Tatsuya (qv) according to article in Shinso, Special Issue 5,  
15 Mar 49, forwarded Wash as ZJLA-1042, 20 Jun 50, untranslated backed by SONO Akira (qv)

Attended inaugural meeting of Sakurada Kai 8 May 52 in Sakurada Kaikan. (ZJJ-116, 23  
May 52, □ □ B-3)

Head of ARISUE Kikan, private intell group subordinate to UGAKI Kikan; 1944-5, maj-gen  
G-2, JIGS; with group, possibly staff of parent organ (526776, USALO, NK, 18 Oct 50);  
among Jap secret police agents participating in central espionage organ set up in  
MacArthur HQ, Japan (724564, ChiCom broadcast 1 Nov 48); has KODAMA Kikan subordinate,  
same level as KAWAMOTO Yoshitaro (qv) Kikan; (ZJYW-2917, 10 Dec 51, Wash files)

Central figure of KATO Agency, composed of officers from Nakano School; ex lt general;  
member Mil Acad 29th Class; ex M/A to Vatican; head of ARISUE Agency; in close liaison  
with SHIOTANI Masuhiko (qv) ex instructor at Nakano School; member of YOSHIDA Shigeru's  
brain trust on military affairs; in contact with MARUYAMA Fusayasu (qv); works for  
Suke Mori Co; operates agency with WATANABE Wataru (qv) as central figure, smuggling  
between China and Japan and engaged in Formosan Volunteer Army movements; contact with  
SONO Akira (qv). (D2-876 (5) 28 May 52, 441st CIC, CCP document)