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<p>Information on Subject, KODAMA Yoshio, contained in the above referenced document has been excerpted verbatim below.</p> <p>HARA Katsu has had very close connections in the past to Kwantung Army G-2 and General DOIHARA of the Kwantung Army, and to the pre-1945 Intelligence Sections of the Foreign Office as well. KAWAI Tatsuo, former Minister to Australia and onetime chief of the Intelligence and Research Section of the Japanese Foreign Office, knew HARA very well and trusted him highly. Under KAWAI's authorization, HARA became the active chairman ("riji") of the SEINEN GAIKO KYOKAI (Youth Foreign Affairs Association) when it was organized about 1938. HARA continued in this work until the end of the war. It was actually a research organization reporting directly in to the Foreign Office Intelligence. However, it was mainly concerned with China material, and in this manner, HARA, who was the China expert of the group, came into a close relationship with General DOIHARA and furnished the Army G-2 in China with considerable information as well. HARA is a gifted writer and pamphleteer and is said to have been the actual writer of General DOIHARA's "TOA KYODO TAI NO RINEN." Although he is primarily concerned at present with feature writing and ghost writing articles for "KAIZOSHA," which is published by his close friend YAMAMOTO Sanehiko, he does similar writing for other magazines and pamphlets. Every day he goes to the offices of the KAIZOSHA at Kyobachi, Chuo Ku, Tokyo, and has known YAMAMOTO Sanehiko a long time. HARUKE became well acquainted with HARA at that time in 1936-1938 when HARUKE was working at the China Division of G-2 Army Staff HQ, Tokyo. He also knew HARA later when HARUKE was a member of the DOIHARA Kikan of Major General DOIHARA at Shanghai from June 1938 to March, 1939. HARUKE was retained at Shanghai by KAGESA Sadaaki when KAGESA took over the clandestine political operations phase of DOIHARA's work in early 1939 at the time when the UME (KAGESA) Kikan, the RAN (WACHI) Kikan, and the MATSU (SAKATA) Kikans were fully activated in the field. At that time, HARA frequently came to Shanghai and also consulted quite frequently with KODAMA Yoshio. KODAMA Yoshio and HARA were KAWAI's chief sub-ordinates for intelligence gathering, processing, and ideological and political propaganda operations. KAWAI Tatsuo and KODAMA Yoshio had been closely connected since the China Incident of 1937. The KODAMA Kikan in Shanghai was furnishing considerable information to KAWAI Tatsuo at the Japanese Foreign Office through the consular representatives there. Source knew HARA in Shanghai during about that same period and like him although there was little association and considerable mutual dislike between KODAMA and Source. HARUKE Yoshitane hoped to utilize HARA Katsu's Foreign Office connections to put across his and Hokkaido Governor TANAKA Toshibumi's lobby for a Hokkaido Defense Council with</p>				
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prominent Foreign Office officials and also with Democratic leader ASHIDA Hitoshi, who is another old acquaintance of HARA. HARA did not feel the time ripe for overt establishment of such a Defense Committee, and certainly not with Foreign Office sponsorship, although he voiced considerable approval for the idea at the conferences with HARUKE at the end of November, 1951.

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