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FROM: IID, Consolidation Section

SUBJECT: ONODERA Makoto

Attached hereto is a photostat copy of a letter written by ENOMOTO Mamotaro to Mr. Adolf J. Lium, American Legation, Copenhagen, Denmark. The original copy of this document is filed in 201-41.

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c/o Mr. F.D.A.S. Wimalakirti
Villa Firenze, Bandarawela
Ceylon
March 19, 1946

To: Mr. Adolf J. Lium

American Legation
Copenhagen, Denmark

My Dear Lium,

Thanks a million for friendly words of encouragement you gave in your cable from Copenhagen, as well as for your kind services in taking steps for requested transfer of my funds even when you certainly had many things to do before your own departure from Stockholm.

As instructed, I have herewith enclosed a copy each of my airmail dated on March 5 and posted on March 5 and my report to the local American consul, which was transmitted to the American Legation in Stockholm on March 11. I have as well enclosed copies of all other communications I made with you, Lord Marley, the Chief Secretary of the Government of Ceylon, and the Swedish authorities, hoping that they may help clarify my situation.

I am very grateful indeed for arrangements you have kindly made for transfer of my funds, of which I am now in great need, for I am afraid the money I took ashore with myself will have run out by the time the present airmail reaches you. As stated in my airmail of March 13, I have applied, through the local Swedish consulate, for a Swedish license for release of my private funds still blocked in my account with Skandinaviska Banken, but I am still waiting for reply from the Stockholm authorities.

I am much surprised to hear about your new assignment in Copenhagen, as I have always been hoping for direct and personal collaboration with you in Japan or the Far East, after your requested transfer from Stockholm. Has your present assignment anything to do with the person who was officially your direct chief and who might have been more or less prejudiced against you because of your sympathy for Japanese? If such is the case, it is really a great loss to the cause of democracy in Japan and peace in the Pacific as well as of the American-Japanese collaboration, which will be greatly promoted by personal confidence and sympathy and which will be greatly hampered by personal prejudice and hatred. Though I am sure you have very important mission to fulfill in your new post, I do hope you will discharge your Copenhagen mission in a very short time before you get new assignment of real importance in Japan or the Far East, which calls for you so urgently.

Pending your further instructions as to my next move, I shall go on preparing myself for further trip homeward. Even if I have to leave here before your instructions are received, I shall not fail to inform you of any move I make.

I do not know whether it is good thing for me to address, from here right now, to Mr. Riyad al-Solh, Ex-Premier of Lebanon and leader of the Arab League, who is reported to have recently returned to the Near East from the UNO Assembly in London and who may be able to give his reaction to my proposed visit to his capital, Beyrouth, or to the Cairo headquarters of the Arab League. (Please refer to my autobiographical sketch for my personal connection with Riyad Bey.) It solely depends on your judgement of the Near Eastern situation, the Soviet relations, and my possible usefulness in that part of the world for a task of pacifying and democratizing the League through its leaders like Riyad Bey and a few others I know personally. In case you deem it advisable to sound out Mr. al-Solh's reaction, it will help me obtain permit necessary for entry to Beyrouth or Cairo, if I am allowed to state that I have been granted an American permit to make such a visit on business.

Prior to his departure from Colombo, Mr. Onedera has charged me to transmit the following statement to you personally:-

A)

(1) Since he had taken up his post in Stockholm, he has always done his best for using the German information services for his own purposes, as it seemed to be the best policy he could follow under the circumstances. Among the German officers who collaborated with him most closely are Col. von Heilmann, air attache, and Dr. K.H. Kraemer. The former passed over information obviously gathered in Berlin. O. can not figure out if K. also passed over information originated from Berlin sources or information collected by K. himself, who did not tell about the sources of information.

(2) In exchange for their information, the Germans were given "little information received by my (O.'s) own service" as well as other information received from his colleagues in Spain, Switzerland, and Portugal, who had been in close contact with himself. Especially since communications between Berlin and Tokio were made difficult during the last months of the war, O. had quite many things to tell to the German collaborators on the basis of information he got directly from Tokio.

(3) As it was part of his duties at the Stockholm post to watch the German situation for objective appraisal, he had had difficulty in dealing with Germans on more than one occasion.

(4) Information he got on the Western front was mostly of the German sources. He did not gather as much information on the Eastern Front, in accordance with Tokio's policy.

(5) Collaboration with non-German Allied officers.

a) No collaboration with Italians.

b) Collaboration with Finnish military attache, Mr. Stevens, had been arranged for information service in the East. He found, however, that Mr. S. did not know very much of the Soviet Army and was too friendly toward the Soviets to pass objective judgement on the Soviet situation.

c) Hungarian military attache, Lt.-Col. Kober seemed to be a "good fellow" as far as personal contact is concerned but was not very useful for information service. His assistants, first Mr. Vagi and later Meziköeny, are among the most capable officers he came in contact for information service. Vagi is at once anti-German and anti-Soviet. He is liked by many Swedes, with whom he came in contact in social affairs and were willing to help him (V.) in his service. As he is not a Russian specialist, however, it is doubtful that V. will be successful in organizing Russian information service under his own direction. Meziköeny had little time to show his capacity in Stockholm, but O. personally knows that Mez. was very successful in organizing the Russian information service of the Budapest General Staff. He may be found useful in the future, as he seemed to be friend of the Western Powers.

B)

According to O.'s own experiences, it is very difficult for Japanese

to organize in Europe an information net-work of Born-Japanese agents. It seemed most fruitful to single out European agents with former record at the Japanese offices for a Japanese-managed net-work according to their respective capacity and objectives and further to organize close collaboration with friendly European services or members thereof. O. could have had certain success in services organized along the above lines.

(1) Balts.

O. had been able to find a number of capable and useful collaborators from among many Baltic emigrants in Sweden and Germany. Some of them were in the German information services. Information he received from his Baltic collaborators have often proved to be accurate and useful. Baltic collaborators were very capable in the Russian information service. In one case, a Baltic collaborator was very successful in the French information service and his information, when passed over to the German service, was highly appreciated by Kraemer. (O. refers to Messing, apparently. - P.)

(2) Finns.

Finns seem to have developed the best information service in Europe, as far as the Soviet codes are concerned.

O. does not think that the Finnish service in Russia is very extensive, but that it is most intensive and gathers accurate information about details. He has reason to believe that Finns have certain preparations for sabotage in Russia.

(3) Poles.

a) Poles have developed services most useful for Russian information and most powerful for underground work in Russia. Many Polish officers are friendly toward Japanese, and some of them are most trustworthy friends of the Japanese information services. During the war, however, full collaboration between the Polish and Japanese services had not been organized until the German capitulation, partly because the Japanese avoided offending their German ally by linking themselves closely with Poles and partly because the Poles did not want to help Germans through their information which might be passed over to the German services via the Japanese. Provided the Russian policy of the Western Powers is made clear in one way or another, the Polish friends of the Japanese services will be ready to accept a Japanese proposal for ~~the~~ tripartite collaboration among the Western Powers, Poland, and Japan for information services.

b) Polish services in London, Bucharest, and Istanbul could be contacted via Japanese channel, as leading officers at the three posts of Polish observation have special links of confidence with O.

(4) Swedes.

He failed in organizing Swedish communists and social democrats for his information purposes. The Swedish military information service as a whole was not very collaborative, mainly because the Swedish general staff was afraid of Russian reaction to collaboration with the Japanese. Some individual members of the Swedish service, however, have been contacted (mainly through social contacts).

(5) Hungarians.

Col. Hidai, of the Hungarian General Staff, is one of the most capable coordinators of Russian information O.net in Europe. However, he might not be very successful organizer of information service in Russia. The latter job may be given to Weizsacker and Andruszky with greater chance of success. Weizsacker may be useful for supplementary service of Russian information in Sweden.

O. has added that he is only ready to answer any question by yourself or your appointee for further elucidation on the above statement.

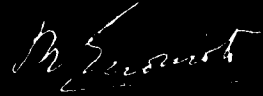
Could you kindly see to it that my luggage left in Stockholm for transmission to myself in Japan be shipped by the Swedish steamer, "Pongall", for delivery to myself through its Colombo agent, Volkart & Bros., upon my coming on board the same boat for further passage to Shanghai? Please ask Mr. Kitamura to pay shipping and insurance fees in my behalf. He is authorized to dispose of my property in Stockholm.

On March 5, I wired to Mr. Eiichi Aehge, my colleague in Stockholm, and Mr. Marcell Breitfeldt, Ekoby 5, Djursk6lm, asking them NOT to sell my auto, Opel Super Six numbered AF 380 -H, in their custody in Stockholm, pending further instructions from myself. I am going to wire to them, requesting to ship the car by the "Bengal" at my cost. In case they have any difficulty in carrying out the requested shipment, could you do anything to help them? My experiences in Colombo indicate great use I can make of a car at any post in the Far East including Japan.

I have loaded you with too many requests and questions. I know it and I am ashamed of it. But please forgive me for all that, as I have no other person but you to count under the present situation.

Thanking you for your kind services and anxiously waiting for your word, I always remain, my dear friend,

Yours most sincerely,



P. S. - Simultaneously with my cable to you today, requesting for shipment of my luggage by "Bengal", I have wired to Mr. Kitamura as follows:-

*YOMIURI STOCKHOLM * KINDLY SHIP AT MY COST ALL LUGGAGE AUTO BY SWEDISH SHANGHAIBOUND STEAMER BENGAL FOR DELIVERY TO MYSELF THROUGH SHIPS COLOMBO AGENT VOLKART BROTHERS STOP WE EXPECT SAIL ABOARD SAME ABOUT END APRIL STOP TRANSMIT TO KONGO AND BREITFELDT DJURSHOLM EKEBY FIVE PHONE 554248 MY ABOVE REQUEST FOR AUTO SHIPMENT FNOMOTO*