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Mr. S. K. Lafoon,
Special Division,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lafoon:

The Military Intelligence Service recommends that the individuals appearing on the attached list of Japanese Nationals not be repatriated. The reason for the recommendation is set forth opposite the subject named.

The persons on whom objections have been made have been taken from the list of Japanese Nationals appearing on the list furnished the War Department by the Department of State as sailing on the first voyage of the S. S. Gripsholm.

There are possibly others whose names appear on the Department of State list on whom objections could be made; however, in order to conform with the agreement of repatriation entered into by the United States and the Japanese government, an effort has been made to register objections against as few individuals as possible. In this connection, those individuals considered most dangerous to the defense of this nation, should they be permitted to return to Japan, have been selected from the list.

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. BISSELL,
Colonel, General Staff,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

Enclosure:

1 - list of Japanese Nationals

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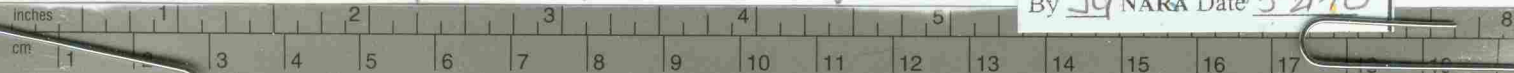
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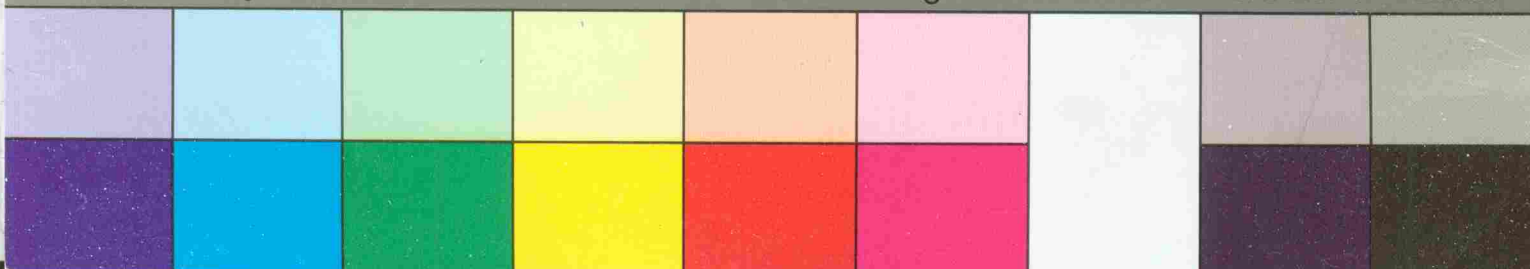
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The Military Intelligence Service objects to the repatriation of the following named Japanese Nationals for the reasons stated. This list has been taken from the list of Japanese Nationals scheduled for sailing on the first voyage of the S. S. Gripsholm.

Group III (Officials and Non-officials from Brazil)

- #43 Hayakawa, Kiyoshi
A well-known bacteriologist doing extensive research work in connection with yellow fever virus.
- #148 Mizuno, Masayoshi
Engaged in espionage activities in the San Francisco District. He is alleged to have taken pictures of explosive plants of the E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co., Inc.
- #255 Tanaka, Seburo
Formerly commissioned officer in the Japanese Air Service. (No report on this subject. If there is any evidence of sabotage reported by either of the other agencies, the rejection of this man's repatriation should be carefully considered.)

Group II B (Officials from South and Central America.)

- #78 Nakashima, Matsugiro
Reported as Colonel Nakashima formerly of the Chief of Staff of the Third Division. In April, 1933 engaged in espionage activities on the Pacific Coast. (There are some questions as to the identity of this person.)
- #79 Nakashima, Teigi
A seaman born on July 10, 1899 and has been employed as a crew member on the Japanese fishing vessel Amao.

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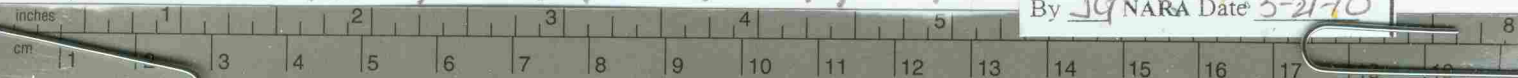
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Special Report
Ohaira, Tedao

Wife and three children. Address Havana, Cuba. Engaged in secret service work for the Japanese Government operating from 80 Orales Street, Havana, Cuba, and cooperating with the Nazi Agents.

Group II A (Non-officials from the United States)

#228 Megata, Shigeyoshi

Closely associated with the Japanese Government and Army Officers and apparently entertained such individuals in this country as appears from the report dated September 8, 1926. Suddenly called to Japan apparently because of certain information he was able to furnish the Japanese Government.

#237 Meiura, Kihagiuro

Fraudulently requested permission to visit the United States aircraft plants and did visit the Fairchild Plant at Hagerstown, Maryland. Was reported to have been an officer in the Japanese Military Forces from 1935 to 1937.

242&3 Mori, Saso (or Siko)

Said to be a reserve officer in the Japanese Army. Was engaged in espionage work in the Phillipine Islands in February, 1938. (This person is not definitely identified with either of this subject's names.)

#428 Tani, Yasuo

Reported as one of the most outstanding and experienced engine designers in Japan. He has attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

#488 Yamada, Hiroshi

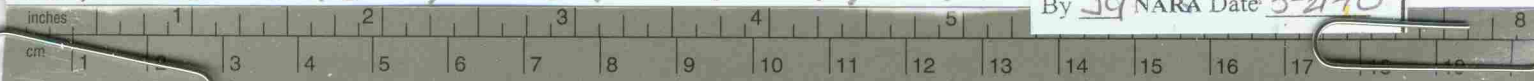
Employed Japanese Foreign Trade Bureau. Apparently is closely connected with the Japanese Consul and the Japanese Commission Minister which appoints the personnel. Subject at time of arrest had magazine articles regarding various munition plants in Chicago, photo pictures of the Panama Canal, expensive camera with telephoto lens, clinometer, slide rule, and several calculations which could be used by the Japanese Government.

#488 Yamada, Hitoshi

Subject entered the United States in 1940 as an employee of the Bank of Tian Ltd. at the branch office in New York City. Information furnished to the effect that subject had in his possession a large amount of moving pictures, as well as photo scenes of Boston Bay and other objects. In his possession at the time of arrest was a Zeiss Camera.

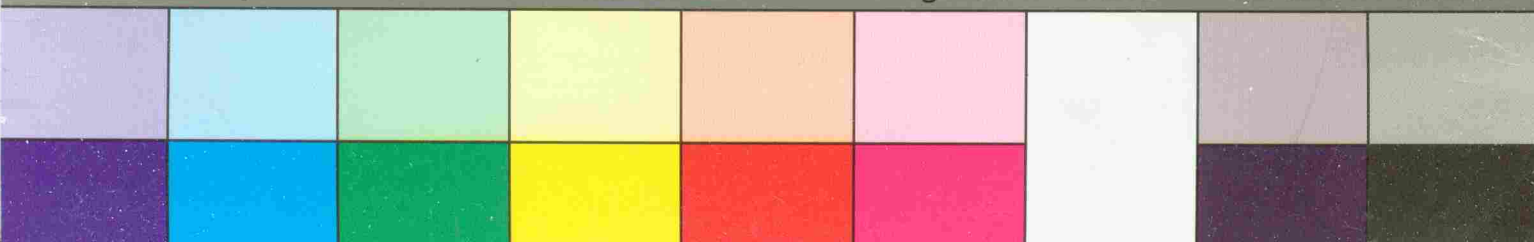
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#284 Nishimura, Ikuzo

Subject was purchasing agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Ltd. He sailed on ships through the South Sea Islands, Australia, Panama, San Francisco, and various ports of England, and continental Europe. He has also covered the Pacific Coast line in the South American countries. At the time of his arrest, he had in his possession documents, maps, and photos of the United States Pacific Coast, as well as the Pacific Coast of several South American countries. He also had a list of merchants, suppliers, and industrial concerns in the United States.

#106 Ishikara, Iyetada

Connected with the Japanese Trade Bureau and in charge of the branch office at Houston, Texas. At the time of his arrest, the subject had certain information covering forty-four reports pertaining to oil production, iron in America, supply of metal in America during the war time emergency. Also the production of synthetic rubber, oil storage in America, and the American rubber industry. He also had two completed articles on manufacturing military supplies. Going statistics about the airplane production and increase in the Army, and other military information of importance to the war effort.

#114 Itoh, Soichi

Reported as being a reserved officer in the Japanese Army and is believed to be using his position in the Yokohama Bank in California to cover up espionage activities. Subject has been working with other Japanese on maps

#363 Shiina, Sueyoshi

Subject served in the Japanese Infantry reserve from December 1, 1917 to November 30, 1918. Discharged as a Sergeant, promoted in 1920 to a Second Lieutenant in reserve which commission, subject states expired January, 1936. In the United States he had been connected with the Mitsui Company as head of the metal and rubber department. Upon request of the Japanese Naval Official he has furnished the Japanese Government a large number of books dealing with the international traffic of arms, Federal Naval Legislation, investigation of concerns of war power, Naval Operations Bill of 1941, objects of emergency management, priorities and defense, in addition to other material.

#395 Takagi, Fumio

Subject employed as auditor for Mitsui Company in New York City. In his possession he had photographs and documents. Among his possessions were pictures of the Brooklyn Bridge, industrial scenes in New York, a bridge in Norfolk, Virginia, a bridge across the James River in Norfolk, Virginia, and pictures of the landscape taken in New York and Philadelphia from an airplane.

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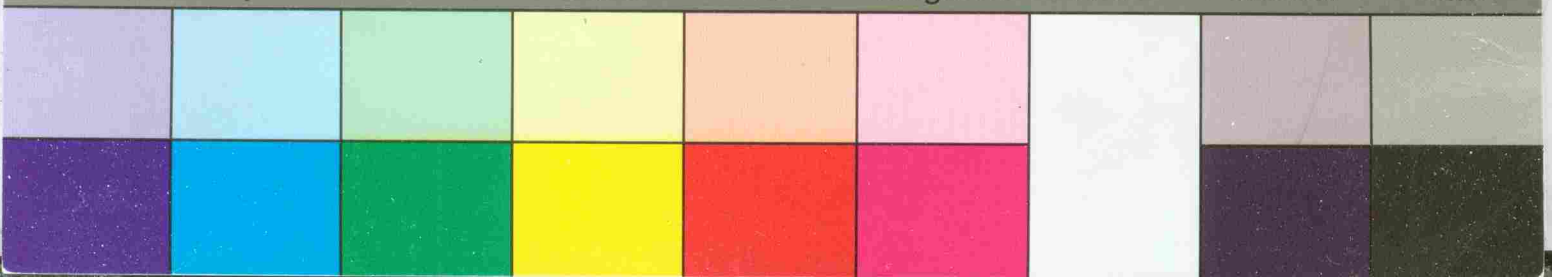
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#425 Schiro, Terso

Subject was manager of the petroleum department of the Mitsubishi Co. in which position he was purchasing agent for the Japanese Navy. He had many contacts with Japanese Military and Naval Officials.

#283 Nishiki, Sabyo

Subject entered the United States the last time in October, 1938 as a visitor. He had several extensions of stay. Employed by a Japanese export company engaged in manufacturing machine tools. In his possession was found a large amount of photograph material including a camera and a short-wave radio, maps showing pictures concerning war ships, national defense scenes, flying fortresses in flight, para-troops in action, anti-tank guns, and fleet scenes. Also in his possession were books regarding the manufacture and operation of machine tools in the United States and articles concerning construction and equipment of United States battleships. His salary was \$295 a month with a drawing account of \$500 a month. His earnings of the company for 1941 were \$10,000.

#125 Isuini, Kunio

Subject was in the country as a student aeronautical engineer. Believed to be an officer of the Japanese Air Force. At Columbia, he attempted to enroll in the Civil Aeronautical Program. In his room he had a short-wave radio set, teletype on which he sent code messages, and had a private telephone number. He was recommended to his landlady by the Nippon Club. The teletype was capable of sending code messages to or from all parts of the world. Prior to the installation of the teletype, he was constantly being awakened to receive cablegrams. In his possession he had a good camera, many pictures of Hudson Bay Bridge, view of ships, and scenes of Washington, Boston, and New York.

#316 Okumura, Takenosuka

Reserved Second Lieutenant in the Japanese Army. At the time of arrest he had in his possession photos of United States Field Artillery, war ships in San Francisco, and a notebook of telephone numbers of the Imperial Japanese Navy and Army. An airline stewardess reported November 8, 1941, that during the trip he took pictures of shell-loading plants at Texarkana, Texas, Army planes on the airplane at Memphis, Tennessee, and made sketches on the map during the flight.

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