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File No. 100-12201

Report made at: LOS ANGELES	Date when made 4/10/42	Period: 3/10,12,13/42	Report made by: EDMUND D. MASON	AM
TITLE: MASAHIKO WADA, alias Rev. Wada.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J Alien Enemy Control	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, connected with Japanese Language School, apprehended March 13, 1942, under emergency authorization of U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, based on information that Japanese Language Schools indirectly controlled by Japanese Government, through texts approved in Japan, designed to instill patriotism and loyalty to Emperor. Schools regarded as possible source for dissemination of Japanese propaganda.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent EDMUND D. MASON, Los Angeles, March 28, 1942, entitled "Japanese Language Schools, Los Angeles Origin", Internal Security J.

DETAILS:

Subject was apprehended March 13, 1942, by Special Agent J. M. KENNEDY at 711 South San Antonio Ave., Pomona, California, under emergency authorization for apprehension granted March 10, 1942, by Assistant United States Attorney LEO SILVERSTEIN. Subject has been delivered into the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. United States Attorney at Los Angeles is requesting a Presidential warrant for Subject. Subject has been ordered held for appearance before the Alien Enemy Hearing Board. Reference report indicates Japanese language schools are indirectly controlled by the Japanese Government, and that they are a possible source for dissemination of Japanese propaganda. Translation of text books reveals chapters devoted to instilling patriotism, loyalty to Emperor, and race consciousness. These texts are approved in Japan.

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At the time of Subject's apprehension, he executed a voluntary waiver of search, which will be maintained in the Los Angeles files. His home was searched by Special Agent J. M. KENNEDY, and the following was seized:

- 2 Japanese Language text books
- 1 text book of aviation published in Japan
- 2 Magazines on the strength of aviation in Nations
- 1 Magazine extract, information about strength of air force in various countries and medals
- 1 address book
- 1 Japan-China pictorial primer
- 1 Pamphlet "Japan's position in the Shanghai and North China Hostilities"
- 1 Pamphlet "Uniform Crime Report"

These are being retained in the Los Angeles file, and will be returned to Subject at a subsequent date if deemed not pertinent to this case.

In Subject's home, in the room of his son, MICHINIKO, were found two sheets of blueprints. These were also seized, and are being retained in the Los Angeles file pending examination. These blueprints were of Terminal Island, California, which is known as a vital defense area, containing shipyards, harbors, air bases, and docking facilities.

Subject stated to Special Agent C. H. FISCHER, JR., that 711 South San Antonio Avenue, Pomona, California, is his correct residence address. He displayed Alien Registration Card No. 21811.63. He was born on April 9, 1880, at Sendai, Japan. He stated that for the past three years, he has been employed as a Baptist Minister. Subject stated that he is a member of no Japanese organizations, with the exception of teaching Sunday School at the Pomona Baptist Church.

Los Angeles File 100-5650, entitled "Japanese Language Schools", Internal Security J, lists Subject as an instructor of the Upland Kyosei Kikai Gakuen. Subject entered the United States in September, 1928, and states that he has made no trips back to Japan since his arrival. He has one brother presently living in Japan, who he states is in no way associated with the military or Governmental service of that country. He said that he has made no contributions to Japan, or to any Branch of the Army and Navy Ministries. He also stated that he has no investments in Japan, and no income from Japanese sources. Subject denied that he had ever been associated with the military or naval service of Japan in any capacity, regular or reserve.

He is described as follows:

Race	Japanese	Height	5 ft. 5 inches
Sex	Male	Weight	165 pounds
Age	61, born April 9, 1880	Hair	Black
		Wears glasses	

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