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From: District Intelligence Officer, Twelfth Naval District.  
To: The Director of Naval Intelligence.

SUBJECT: Relocation Centers, Spanish Consul's Visit to.

Reference: (a) DNI conf. ltr. A2-14/EF66, Serial 02770916,  
dated Dec. 12, 1942, same subject.  
(b) 12ND card #38842, dated Feb. 6, 1943, subject:  
MIYAMOTO, Tatsuhiko (Dr.)

1. Reference (a) reported that the Spanish Consul at San Francisco would make an official visit to several of the relocation centers, and that he would be accompanied by Mr. Bernard GUFLEER, Assistant Chief of the Special Division in the State Department.

2. A confidential Japanese informant (Rating C-2) at the Granada Relocation Center, Lamar, Colorado, has furnished the following information concerning the visit of Captain Antonio Rodriguez MARTIN, Spanish Vice-Consul, San Francisco, California, at that center.

3. Captain MARTIN arrived on the evening of January 22, 1943, and remained until the night of January 23, 1943. He was accompanied by Mr. GUFLEER. On the evening of January 22, 1943, Captain MARTIN was conducted through the camp and was shown various apartments of the residence, and the recreation halls, and also attended a block party where he made a speech. On January 23, 1943, he met with the Issei of the camp during the entire morning and had lunch with them. He departed in the early evening.

4. Dr. Tatsuhiko MIYAMOTO, alias Fred MIYAMOTO, subject of Reference (b), served as interpreter for the Issei and Captain MARTIN, but aside from MIYAMOTO, the informant knows of no suspect or persons of doubtful loyalty to whom MARTIN talked with individually, and apparently Mr. GUFLEER had a strong control over the activities of MARTIN during the entire time he was in the camp.

5. Before the arrival of Captain MARTIN, the Issei listed approximately forty complaints to be presented to him, but these were reduced to three main requests, namely: (1) that the Issei receive more communications from their relatives in Japan, (2) that they receive

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more information on the status of their property in California, and, (3) that the hospital situation at the camp be improved. Captain MARTIN visited the hospital at Granada and indicated that he did not feel that the residents had a valid complaint to make in regard to the hospital service there. He stated that he would attempt to facilitate communication between the Issei and their Japanese relatives "if forwarded through his office."

6. According to this informant, MARTIN attempted to speak English to the residents in both the speeches he gave at the center, but his English was so atrocious that the residents were under the impression that he was talking to them in Spanish, and that few of the Japanese, particularly the Issei in whom MARTIN was most interested, could understand a word he spoke during the entire time he was in camp. The informant further offered the opinion that the United States government could not have chosen a better man to send to the camp, inasmuch as MARTIN could not possibly do any damage because he could not make himself understood, and yet the Issei were quite satisfied with his visit merely because "the Spanish Consul had been sent by the Japanese Government to see how they were getting along."

7. According to this informant Dr. MIYAMOTO, who acted as Captain MARTIN's interpreter, is a Los Angeles Osteopath, who attempted to secure a position on the staff at the Granada Hospital, but that the Japanese medical doctors refused to work with him. He is at present the leader of the adult education class at Granada and has evidenced decidedly pro-Japanese tendencies and sympathies at the meetings of the adult education class. He claims to have received a lot of "inside dope" from Captain MARTIN at the time of the Vice-Consul's visit concerning Japanese Naval victories and now seeks to give the impression that he is in a position to receive latest up-to-the-minute authentic news of Japanese military efforts from Captain MARTIN. Since MIYAMOTO has taken over the meetings of the adult education class, many of the meetings against voluntary enlistment of the Issei Japanese in the Army, and informing the Issei that they should discourage their children from taking such action on the grounds that if America wins the war, the position of the Japanese will be much the same as the negro race at present, which he asserts is a minority race without a mother country. In addition, MIYAMOTO is actively building up a following among the Issei by giving gratuitous medical attention and writing prescriptions for residents of the camp, although he does not have authority to practice there.

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