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Interrogation Report.

DATE:

23rd October, 1944.

Interrogation Report No. 442.

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SECRETINTERROGATION REPORT No. 442.I. PERSONAL DATA.

Name : Daglan.
 Age : 22 years.
 Sex : Male.
 Race : Mandaling. (East Coast Sumatra).
 Citizenship : Netherlands subject.
 Birthdate & Place : 1922, Belawan. (East Coast Sumatra).
 Education : None.
 Religion : Mohammedan.
 Status : Evacuee; picked up by Allied submarine in Straits of Malacca.
 Occupation : Coxwain of tongkang (large sailing prahoe).
 State of Health : Good.
 Means of Ident. : None.
 Interrogated 30 Sept '44, at Camp Columbia. CCK/kdp.

ESTIMATE OF INTELLIGENCE AND RELIABILITY.

Average intelligence, but not very observant. Information considered reliable.

II. CHRONOLOGY.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Place:</u>
1939 - 1941	Belawan (East Coast Sumatra).
Jan '42 - Nov '42	Voyage Belawan-Pangkalansoesoe-Sigli-Belawan.
Nov '42 - Dec '42	Voyage Belawan - Penang - Belawan.
Dec '42 - Jan '43	Voyage Belawan - Kedah - Belawan.
Jan '43 - Feb '43	Voyage Belawan - Penang - Belawan.
Feb '43 - Mar '43	Voyage Belawan - Telok Anson - Belawan.
Apr '43 -	Voyage Belawan - Penang - Belawan.
May '43 - Jun '43	Voyage Belawan - Malacca - Belawan.
July '43	Voyage Belawan - Penang - Belawan.
Aug '43 - Sept '43	Voyage Belawan - Kantang (Siam) - Belawan.
Oct '43 -	Voyage Belawan - Penang - Belawan.
Nov '43 - Dec '43	Voyage Belawan - Klang - Belawan.
Jan '44 - Aug '44	About eight voyages Belawan - Penang - Belawan.

During '44 informant made several journeys by train as far north as Lhokseumawe (Atjeh).

About 22 Aug '44, on the return voyage from Penang, informant's tongkang was intercepted by an Allied submarine, and after some discussion as to who was the captain of the craft, the Chinese owner and informant were taken on board the submarine. The remaining three members of the crew were put aboard a small sloop, and told to make for the Sumatra shore (in the region of Langsa) where they were to invent a story of their shipwreck. The tongkang was then sunk by gun fire.

According to informant, name of the owner of the prahoe was Soe Seng Ka, who had lived in Medan only about 5 years and who originally came from Perak. Soe Seng Ka was known to Daglan for two years. He traded in tobacco with the Japanese in Medan and owned a tongkang, which he bought after the capitulation. This tongkang was constantly employed by the Japanese in transportation of goods to and from Malaya. Soe Seng Ka received payment for freight only and had no share in the goods carried.

He was making a comfortable living out of the Japanese and therefore was quite contented with the ruling state of affairs, but did not go out of his way to mix with the Japanese, apart from business. He was married but had no children.

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Moshi San, aged about 30 years, short and well-built. He arrived about Jun '44, and was still there when informant left in Aug '44. Moshi San once beat informant for having Malayan currency in his possession on his return from Penang.

At Bindjai, Kempei officials had their office near the Indonesian Field Police barracks.

Civilians: The Sultan of Langkat - Toenkoe Mahmoed - was reported to be very dissatisfied with present conditions, as he was no longer permitted to collect taxes from his people. He received a salary from the Japanese. The people of his domain are strict Mohammedans, and have very little contact with the Japanese.


The former Assistant Resident of Tandjoeng Balei (name unknown) is still in office. It is reported that the Sultan of Tandjoeng Balei (Toengoe Selboen) used his influence to prevent the A.R.'s internment. He has been given a house overlooking the harbour, and lives with his family, comprising wife and two children. He receives a salary from the Japanese of /60.00 per month, plus free rations. He works in his old office and is largely concerned with Police affairs.

The Imams of Belawan and Tandjoeng Balei are both believed to be passively anti-Japanese.

XIII. GENERAL.

Prostitution: Japanese officers at Medan have access to Japanese women imported from Japan.

Other ranks have access to Javanese women kept in organized brothels.


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Enclosures:

Camp Columbia 23rd October, 1944.

NEFIS Map No. FY 5342 - 1 - Belawan Harbour Area.
NEFIS Map No. FY 5342 - 2 - Medan.