This office has not received a translation of the SHUNSO article mentioned here, but the chances are that SHUNSO would put HATOKI in as had a light as possible. On the other hand, if  be a HATOKI man and both this report and his discussion of the real HATOKI plan carried in ESL/751 are in all probability slanted in HATOKI's favor.
Subject: HATTORI Takushiro's Comments on Report No: ZJJ-46
A SHINSO Article Dealing With the HATTORI Plan.

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1. The so-called HATTORI Rearmament plan recently published in the magazine "Shinsō Tokubetsu Tsushin" (Truth: Special Correspondence) is a complete fabrication. HATTORI Takushiro, author of the actual plan, considers the substitute plan to be an attempt at slandering him.

2. Many newspapers are trying to get the HATTORI plan, particularly reporters from the Political and Social Section of Yomiuri Press. The general public seems to believe that the HATTORI plan is a novel, unusual one. There is almost nothing new to an actually workable plan. If the newspapers were to publish the HATTORI plan now, the public would denounce it as stereotyped and common. Therefore, fearing that such a practical plan as his might be discarded if exposed to the public, HATTORI has been very cautious in making his plan known prematurely and refuses to be interviewed by newspapermen.

Notes

1. Field Comment. The real plan is carried in ZJJ-751.