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1.) Secretary TSUCHIYA of Stockholm is visiting Berlin and says that before he left Japan the Chief in charge of his section told him that if he got any ideas concerning communications lines after assuming his office he should wire them back. Hence, after carrying on full discussions and studies with information officials in Turkey, Portugal and Vichy, and in Spain not only with such officials but also with the Minister, he has arrived at the conclusion that it would be most fitting to establish the intelligence board described in my next message #272a. After telling me this he asked my opinion and I asked him for a detailed exposition on the matter. He gave it to me and I have been closely studying it.

2.) Well, it is very important that we coordinate our information and propaganda policies -- fuse them into one, as it were. I am in entire agreement with this man's proposal, however, whether or not we can by its use get the desired results will depend upon the number of men we can apply to it, that is, the number of capable men. Under the present circumstances I know that we are up against difficulties and I don't know how we can get to work on this? How will it be organized? How will authority be exercised? TSUCHIYA plans to set it up in Berlin but I think we had better fully consider just where might be the best place to put it. Anyway, I would like to know your reaction to this proposal.

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