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GIFU
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25, Unit 2 (Gifu, Honshu)

5 August 1947

SUBJECT: Surveillance of Preservation and Protection of
Property of United Nations Nationals

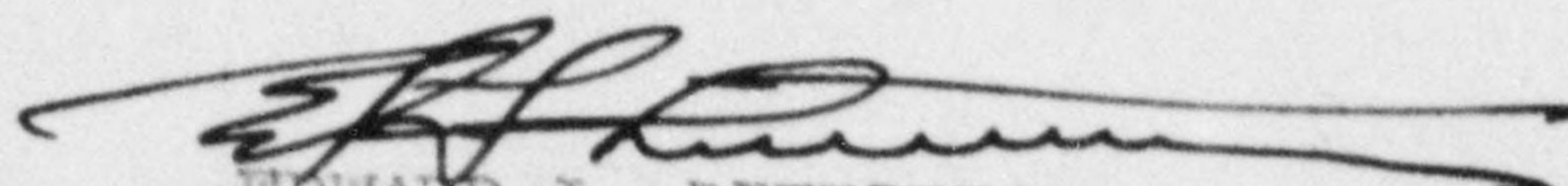
TO: Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Military Govern-
ment Region, APO 710

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between Mr. Scott, your headquarters and Legal and Government Section this headquarters, 4 August 1947, 1100, subject: "Report Required by Operational Directive 48".

2. The files of this headquarters show that four (4) copies of this report were forwarded to Headquarters Eighth Army, Military Government Section, on 26 June 1947. A copy of this report and a copy of Ltr, Gifu Mil Govt Team, subject: "Surveillance of Preservation and Protection of Property of United Nations Nationals", dtd 26 June 1947 is enclosed for your information.

3. Investigation has shown that the properties of the Standard Oil Company and of the Rising Sun Oil Company were transferred to Japanese ownership before 7 December 1941. It is the opinion of this headquarters that these two properties should not be considered as falling under the provisions of paragraph 4, Operational Directive 48.

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As indicated


EDWARD L. LITTLETON
Lt. Col., CE
Commanding

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25, dtd 5 Aug 47,
Subj: "Surveillance of Preservation and Protection
of Property of United Nations Nationals"

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Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 14 Aug 47

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301
ATTN: Mil Govt Section

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Hq I Corps, APO 301 22 AUG 1947

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

Forwarded for necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Wilder A. Johnson
WILDER A. JOHNSON
Capt., A. G. D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Ltr, Gifu Mil Govt Team, dtd 5 Aug 1947, subj: Surveillance of Preservation and Protection of Property of United Nations Nationals

AG 332.2 (MG-F) 3rd Indorsement

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

28 AUG 1947

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1. Property transferred prior to 7 December 1941 is not to be included in the report required by Operational Directive 48 of United Nations Nationals' property.

2. In order that action may be taken to remove the property referred to in paragraph 3 of basic communication from the list of United Nations Nationals' property previously reported, further information is desired as to the history and date of transfer.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

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R. SCHAFER
Dt. Col. AGD
Asst. Adj Gen

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4th Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301 3 SEP 1947

TO: CO, Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25

THRU: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

Forwarded for necessary action.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

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Wilder A. Johnson
WILDER A. JOHNSON
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Asst. Adj Gen.

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BASIC: Ltr, Gifu Mil Govt Team, dtd 5 Aug 1947
Subj: "Surveillance of Preservation and Protection of Property of United Nations Nationals"

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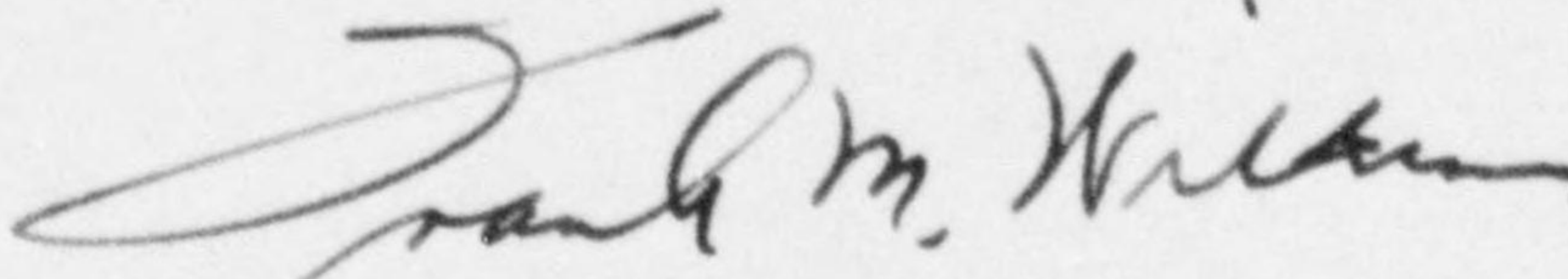
Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 5 September 1947

TO: CO, Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25

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For compliance with 3rd indorsement.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BURNELL:



FRANK M. WILKINS
Maj, FA
Adjutant

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6th Ind

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Hq Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25, Unit 2, 2 Dec 1947

TO: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

1. An investigation was made by this headquarters as to the date and history of the transfers of the properties listed in basic communication. The information received is as follows:

a. Standard Vacuum Oil Company Properties

- (1) Gifu Plant Higashikomoto-cho, Kano, Gifu
- (2) Kasamatsu Service Station
5692, Furuzutsumi, Yanaizu-Mura,
Hashima-gun, Gifu Prefecture
- (3) Takayama Service Station, Elsimae,
Hanazoto-cho, Takayama, Gifu Prefecture

The above listed property was transferred to Han-emon Mont, a former representative of the company, as custodian for the Ministry of Finance on 16 January 1942. On 1 September 1943 this property was transferred to the Mitsui Trust Company.

b. Rising Sun Petroleum Co., Ltd. Properties

- (1) Gifu Bulk Benzine Depot
- (2) Gifu Shibugacho filling station
Numbers 1, 2 and 3 - 1 Shibugacho, Gifu City

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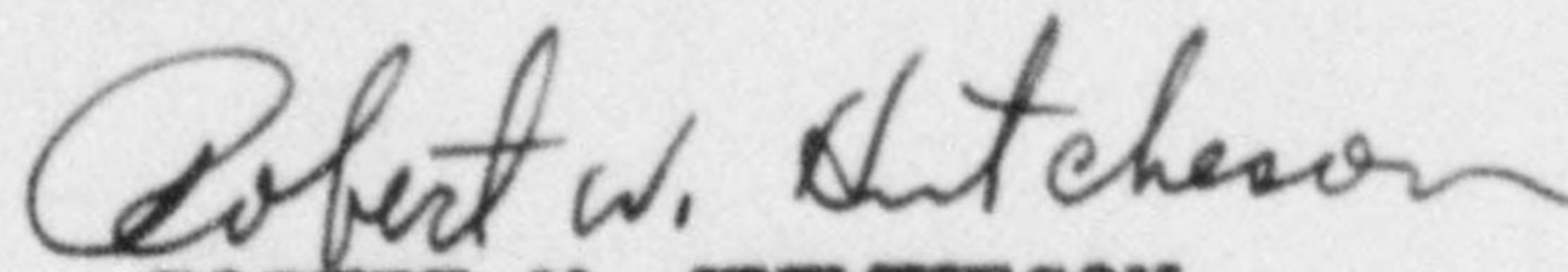
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6th Ind (Cont'd)

The above listed property was transferred to Kuniki Itagaki, former representative of the company, as custodian for the Ministry of Finance, on 16 June 1942. On 1 September 1943 this property was transferred to the Mitsubishi Trust Co. as the new custodian.

2. In view of the foregoing information, it is believed that the basic communication is in error and that this property should remain on the list of United Nations Nationals Property, previously reported.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



ROBERT W. HUTCHESON

Captain, CMP

Executive Officer

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25, dtd 5 Aug 47,
Subj: "Surveillance of Preservation and Protection of Property
of United Nations Nationals."

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Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 5 Dec 47

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301
ATTN: Mil Govt Section

Your attention is invited to the 6th indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Roy G Lumpkins

ROY G. LUMPKINS
1st Lt, Inf
Asst Adjutant

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Hq I Corps, APO 301

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

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Your attention is invited to 6th indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Wilder A. Johnson
WILDER A. JOHNSON
Capt., A. G. D.
Asst. A.M. Gen.



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Ltr, Gifu Mil Govt Team, dtd Aug 5, 1947, subj: Surveillance of Preservation and Protection of Property of United Nations Nationals

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9th Ind

15 DEC 1947

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

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In view of information contained in 6th indorsement the property referred to in paragraph 3 of basic communication will be retained on the list of United Nations Nationals' property previously reported and will be subject to protection and maintenance by the Japanese Government under the provisions of Operational Directive 48, this headquarters, 9 June 1947.

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL RYDER:

DEC 15 1947

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 R. SCHASER
 Lt Col, APO
 Asst Adj Gen

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Hq I Corps, APO 301

TO: CO, Tokai Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 701
ATTN: Civil Property Custodian

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Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

Wilder A. Johnson
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 Capt. A. G.
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Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 24 Dec 47

TO: CO, Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25

Your attention is invited to the 9th indorsement.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DUMONT:

Walter Wade

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, Inf
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
United States Army
Office of the Commanding General
APO 343

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SUBJECT: Report of Inspection

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TO: Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301

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Forwarded herewith for your information is a report of an inspection made in your area of responsibility by Mr. Robert L. Houtz of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, Economic and Scientific Section.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

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MONROE N. HINEY
Major, AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

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TO: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

Forwarded for your information.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SWING:

Wilder A. Johnson
WILDER A. JOHNSON
Capt., A.G.D.
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
 SUPRE COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
 Economic and Scientific Section
 APO 500

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DATE: 16 Oct 1948

SUBJECT: Field Trip to Kiso River & Tributaries, Gifu Prefecture.

TO: Chief, ESS

THRU: Chief, Industry Division

1. Mission of Visit:

Field Survey of RIVER FLOOD PREVENTION Construction along Kisu River. The Kisu is one of five main rivers of Japan now under active planning & consignment of materials.

2. I reported to the following local military officials:

<u>Upon Arrival</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Organization</u>
	Ebank C. Seitz, C.O.	Lt. Col.	Gifu Mil Govt Team

Upon Departure
 Same officer.

3. Variations from approved itinerary:

None.

4. Personnel interviewed:

<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Mr. Muto	Governor	Gifu Prefecture
Mr. K. Tanaka	Vice Governor	"
Mr. I. Ogawa	Liaison	"

5. BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESULTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS TRIP:

Areas of the Kiso River were visited, where recent floods raised the river level 16 feet above the present river surface and threatened to sweep over the lowlands into the city of Nagoya.

Present walls are built of earth with rocks imbedded in the surface, but without cement mortar to hold them in place. Planning will consign cement for mortar use, to strengthen these banks.

Upper tributaries of the Kiso were visited where small dams are planned to reduce flood danger. Rivers surveyed were the Shirayama and Takehara Gawa. Sand and rocks will be held back by the proposed dams, and thus not be carried into the main river, during floods.

A large irrigation project, slowly progressing for ten years is now ready to open its immense sluice gate in the area of Kiso River due east of Gifu. This was visited for cement requirements to complete mortar work on irrigation canal banks, in small area still incompleated. The section of this canal which parallels the Kiso River has special banks to protect the canal from flood stages of the Kiso.

Torrential improvement plans were spot checked at a tributary of the Kiso River, where an untimbered wall of the Takatera Mountain became subject to landslides from recent heavy rains. The temporary timber piling had proven ineffective in preventing the sand and rock from tumbling down into the river. This is to be replaced with horizontal walls, made from mountain stone and cement. The area was Kanayama, along Takayama RR line, north of Gifu.

Just north of Kanayama a spot check was made on the road which was torn out by landslides from recent rains. A temporary structure made of timbers now carries traffic but must be replaced with more permanent structures, as masonry walls and embankments.

Emphasis is now placed on flood prevention works along the Kiso River, due to its importance within Japan as one of the five main rivers, which are scheduled for early completion. of the construction projects.

1 Incl
 Copy of Orders, # 281-9

SIGNATURE: Robert Hantz
 GRADE: LT

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SENIOR MEMBER OF PARTY MAKING A FIELD TRIP.

1. Prior to departure verify Military Government clearance by checking with the ESS Administrative Officer.
2. Upon arrival in the field the senior member of the party will report promptly to the local Military Government commander, state the purpose of the visit, exhibit a copy of his orders, and arrange to obtain information required to complete the mission. Full advantage will be taken of the information available at the Military Government Team Headquarters and the activities of the party will be coordinated with the activities of the local Military Government Team.
3. If the trip involves coordinated action with tactical troops, the senior member will also report to the senior tactical commander in the local area.
4. At the conclusion of the visit, the commander of the local Military headquarters will again be contacted and informed of the completion of the mission and advised of the contents of report to be made as a result of this visit. Any further details of value to the Occupation effort will be left with the head of the area or local Military Government.
5. Upon return, a brief report of the trip will be submitted. This report is in addition to any technical reports required. Two typewritten copies will be forwarded to Chief, Administration Division, ESS. After record has been made of the trip copies will be forwarded by Chief, Administration Division, to Chief of Section and Commanding General, Eighth Army, Military Government.

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Eighth Army, APO 343, dtd 29 Nov 48, Subj: "Report of Inspection"

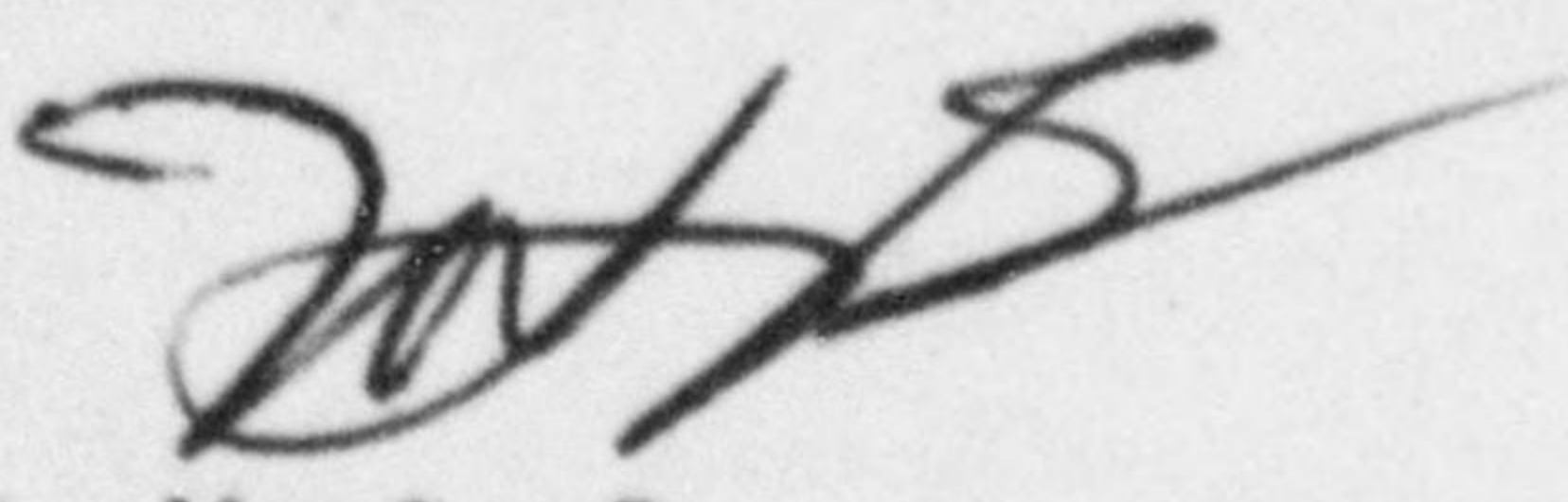
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Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 3 Dec 48

TO: Commanding Officer, Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25



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1 Incl:
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BASIC: Ltr, Hq I Corps, APO 301, dtd 22 Nov 47, Subj: "Criminal Investgation Report (Ky-65-235)"

7th Ind

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Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 24 Jan 48

TO: CO, Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25

Forwarded for action as indicated in par 3, 4th Ind and upon completion thereof, return to this headquarters with the least practicable delay.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DUMONT:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

2 Incls:
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8th Ind

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Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25, Unit 2, 4 March 1948

TO: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

1. Par. 3, 4th Ind. complied with.
2. Gifu Procurator's Office indicted Hayashi, Shinjire under Ordinance 165 on 3 March 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

SIDNEY T. MIXON
Major, Infantry
Adjutant

2 Incls:
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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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AG 333.5 - BA

5 November 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation Personnel

TO : See Distribution

1. A recent recommendation to a higher headquarters for the provision of additional personnel to act as investigators to assist understaffed Military Government Teams in performing the large variety of assigned surveillance missions was returned to this headquarters disapproved with the following comments:

2. "This headquarters is constantly aware of the tremendous amount of work being placed upon military government teams and that in many cases their coverage is quite thin. Despite this, indications are that in general they are doing a highly creditable job. While the need for a very small team of specially trained investigators consisting perhaps of an officer and two other American persons supplemented by an equal number of specially qualified and to-be-trusted type of Japanese at each regional headquarters has been appreciated for some time, the shortage of personnel has precluded furnishing even this limited additional number.

"It is believed that to provide the organizations indicated herein will definitely place military government personnel in the criminal investigation business. This is highly undesirable from many points of view. It is believed, too, that military government units have too great a tendency to devote their energies to the investigation of many minor black market activities, which are the responsibility of the Japanese. It is realized that some of these investigations are required by this and higher headquarters, but efforts are made here to reduce them to the minimum.

"The absence of means to increase the personnel in military government work despite the constantly increasing amount of that work, presents a challenge to the ability and ingenuity of all senior personnel engaged in it to make the maximum practical use of available personnel by directing their energies into the most fruitful and important fields of activity."

3. The above stated policy will be followed by all units of this command, particular attention being invited to the last

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq I Corps, APO 301, subj: "Investigation Personnel", dated 5 November 1947.

paragraph quoted. In the near future a directive will be issued by this headquarters to implement the quoted policy.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:



C C CARTER
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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2-CG 8th Army, APO 343
Attn: Mil Govt Sec.

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GIFU
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25, Unit 2 (Gifu, Honshu)

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Suspense Date: 4 October 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Illegal Possession of sword Date: 17 September 1947

THRU: Gifu Liaison Committee

TO: Chief of Police, Gifu Prefecture

1. Enclosed is a letter from Niwata Atsushi

_____ alleging that a Japanese sword is in the possession of the accused.

Name of accused and address is Kotochi Dosei, Higashimachi, Funatsu, Gifu Prefecture

2. It is desired that an investigation be conducted and a report of any findings be reported to this office by 4 October 1947.

C. E. GEISER
Major, IC
Commanding

Ltr dtd 19 Sept rec'd

4 Oct. 47

5 September 1947

TO the Officer in Charge
Toyama Mil Govt Team

Dear Sir:

In spring 1944 Saito Yoshiharu (No.31 Ishiura-machi, Kamiichi, Nakaniikawa) purchased a Japanese sword (2.1 ft long) for 1,200 yen from an illicit broker named Takahashi Isamu, and gave it to his son, Toshio, who joined the army as a volunteer.

His son brought it home when the war was terminated. Soon afterward, however, an Imperial Ordinance was issued prohibiting the secret possession of sword, and he asked one of his relatives, Hassaku Kentaro (c/o Kotochi Dosei, Higashimachi, Funatsu, Gifu Prefecture), to conceal it, and Hassaku now keeps the sword. There is no doubt about it, for we actually saw him to take it from Saito.

I ask you to examine this Saito at once, for he is an obvious offender of the law. Only ask him what he has done with the sword which he bought from Takahashi, and he shall not be able to answer.

By the way, Takahashi is a distant relative of his wife, and Hassaku is the husband of his 2nd daughter.

Yours truly,

Niwata Atsushi
Kamiichi-machi, Nakaniikawa

(Translated by Mizuma)

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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SUBJECT: Investigation of Prefectural Public Health Administration

TO: See Distribution

1. In addition to regular military government public health activities, a special investigation of public health administration in each prefecture will be carried out during the month of September.

2. Annex B-1 of the monthly activities report (RCS OPH-01) for September will contain in Section XI, labelled public health administration, a summary of the findings of this investigation which will include at least the following:

a. A statement as to the position the public health department occupies in relation to other sections of the prefectural government. Is the public health department independent and directly under the Governor?

b. A chart or outline showing the breakdown of the prefectural health department into its component sections. The duties and composition of each section will be described, including number of personnel employed in each.

c. An outline or description showing the agencies whereby prefectural and national health programs are carried to the people and how health laws are enforced.

d. A discussion of present means and adequacy of local health administration. Are there district public health officers? If so, are they adequate? Do health centers act as district health offices? If so, are they equipped with an adequate administrative staff to fulfill such duties? Who is responsible for health administration and enforcement in towns and villages?

e. A statement of the number of full time doctors employed in the prefectural health department and paid by the prefecture.

f. An indication of how many different jobs each doctor indicated in c above is responsible for.

Ltr, Hq I Corps, AG 333.5 - BA, subject: "Investigation of Prefectural Public Health Administration," dtd 26 Aug 47, contd.

3. This investigation will provide a basis for understanding the public health administration in each prefecture. It will reveal faults whose correction would materially aid the development of the health program. Without good organization, there is little means of carrying out the ambitious health program planned for Japan. In order to implement the occupation program every effort must be exerted to develop a modern health department.

4. Every effort will be made by military government to see that the public health section in each prefecture is established as an independent section of the government and directly under the governor. Public health administration will be reorganized according to SCAPIN 945. A suggested guide for prefectural health department organization is inclosed herewith. This guide is merely indicative of what activities a prefectural health department should carry on and is not necessarily a plan of organization.

5. Monthly activities reports in the future will describe the progress made and action taken to improve public health administration.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

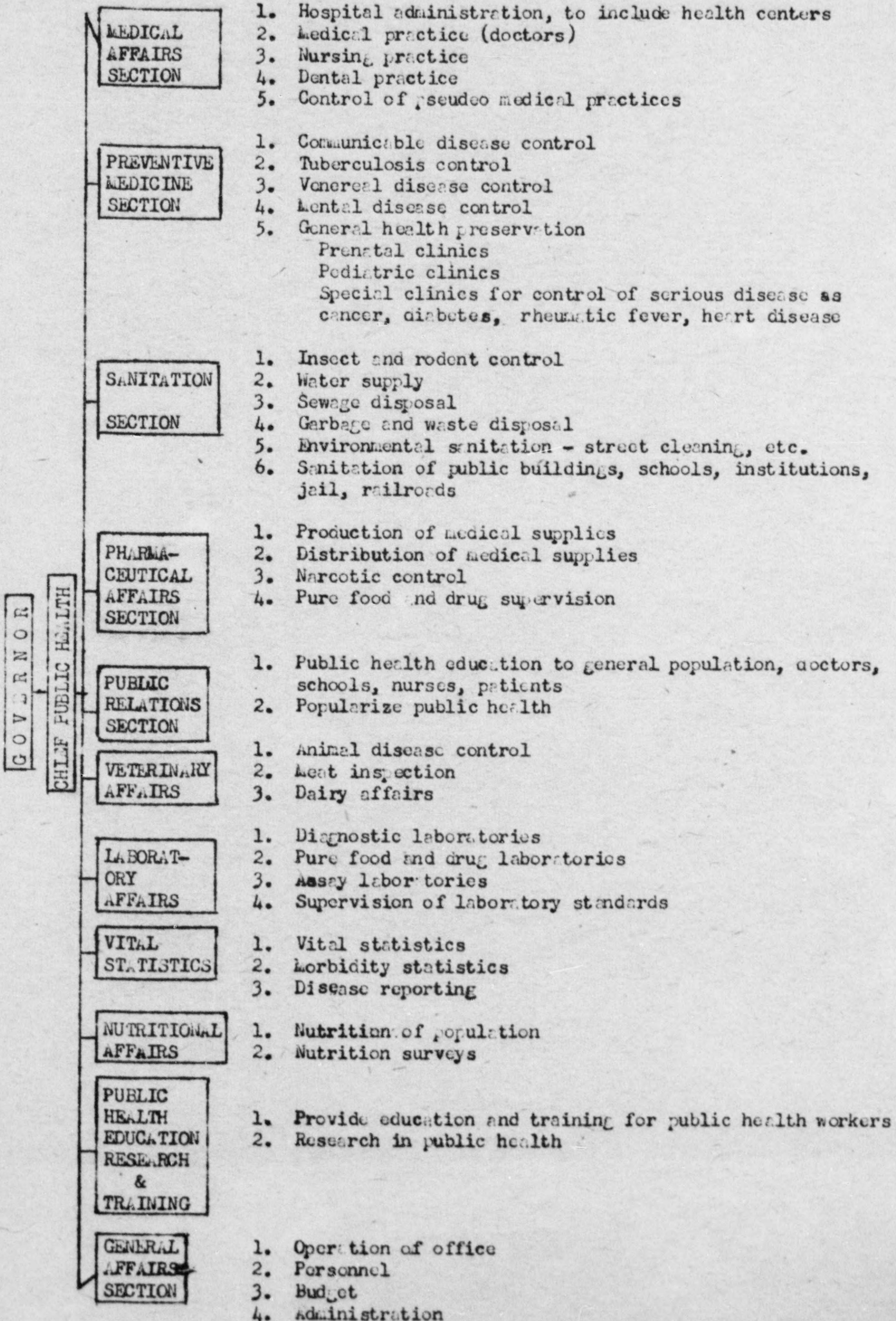
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Col, AGD
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SUGGESTED ORGANIZATION FOR PREFECTURAL PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION



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GIFU
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25, Unit 2 (Gifu, Honshu)

Suspense Date: _____

SUBJECT: Investigation of Economic Date: 18 August 1947
Offences

THRU: Gifu Liaison Committee

TO: Chief of Police, Gifu Prefecture

1. Enclosed is a letter from Kazuo Shiroyama

_____ alleging that Sao Ito
committed several offences.

Name of accused and address is Sao Ito, Shimo Toki Mura,
Yoro Gun, Gifu Prefecture.

2. It is desired that an investigation be conducted and a
~~report of any findings be reported to this office by~~ _____

1 Incl:
Ltr, Kazuo Shiroyama

EDWARD L. LITTLETON
Lt. Col., CE
Commanding

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GIFU
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25 (Gifu, Honshu)

16 July 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Law Violations
THRU: Liaison Committee, Gifu
TO: Chief of Criminal Section, Gifu

Inclosed is a letter received from The Kindred Spirits' Club, Takayama, containing charges of violations of several Japanese laws. This letter is forwarded for your investigation of these charges.

EDWARD L. LITTLETON
Lt. Col., CE
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GIFU
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25 (Gifu, Honshu)

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23 May 1947

SUBJECT: Result of Japanese Police Investigation

TO: Commanding Officer, Office of the Provost Marshal,
Nagoya Area, APO 710

1. Reference: Telephone conversation between Legal Section, Gifu Military Government Team and Investigation Section your headquarters, 1100, 23 May 47, on Japanese Police Investigation.

2. This headquarters has received the following information from the Gifu Liaison Committee:

a. The home of Kazuo Tsuchimoto, 401 Oroshicho, Toki-gun, Gifu Prefecture, was searched for U.S. goods by the Japanese police as requested by your headquarters.

b. Two empty American beer bottles were the sole U.S. goods found.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

FINIS B. JEFFERY
Major, TC
Executive Officer

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GIFU
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25 (Gifu, Honshu)

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15 May 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Jeep Accident

TO: C.I.D., Gifu

1. Reference:

a. Letter, Hqs I Corps, AG 014-BA, Subject, "Personal Injury to Japanese", dated 5 Nov. 1946.

b. O.D. No. 172, dated 8 June 1946.

2. Inclosed is a letter from a Japanese National requesting identification of the driver of jeep involved in accident on 30 April 1947. If the driver is identified, this case should be further investigated by the driver's unit commander in accordance with above-mentioned directives.

Incl:
Letter from Namiko Sakai

EDWARD L. LITTLETON
Lt. Col., CE
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A JEEP ACCIDENT

When I was riding on a bicycle near Sumiyoshi Shrine this side of bridge over the Tokaido railroad, on my way home at Kano from Gifu City around 3.30 p.m., on April 30, I tried to get off my bicycle, seeing a jeep running from ahead, but it was too late and the jeep passed by. I was then getting out of the way of the jeep on the left side. A child, 3 years old, named Sanae, fell down in front of my bicycle and I stood by it. The child struck her head upon the ground and bled at the nose. Then the jeep stopped and the rider took her to Sato Hospital, 8 chome Kanda-machi, to receive a medical treatment. In the evening of the day of the accident, the rider came to the hospital to inquire after her condition. She died at 3 o'clock on the morning of May 2.

I asked men of CID to ascertain the kind driver and they are making efforts for me. I have no deposits, being a poor salaried man, and am suffering very much from lack of money for medical treatment.

So I ask your kind assistance.

Namiko Sakai,

10, 1chome, Kano Shinonmachi,
Gifu City.

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

7 May 1947

SUBJECT: Statements of Japanese Witnesses

TO : See Distribution

1. Attached are suggested specimen forms which may be used by investigating officers and claims officers in taking statements of Japanese.
2. If desired, forms may be reproduced locally.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

- 2 Incls:
- 1- Japanese Statement
 - 2- Oath of Witness

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I, _____, a Japanese national residing at _____

having been advised of my rights under the 24th Article of War, make the following statement voluntarily, without any threats against me or promises of reward having been made.

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn according to the Japanese custom and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 19_____.

(Official title of officer administering oath, as Summary Court, Investigating Officer, etc.)

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PERSONALLY appeared before me _____,
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(Signature of Interpreter)

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(Official Title)

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Witness should read or repeat oath aloud, sign it and affix his seal.

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(English translation: "I vow that I will make a full disclosure of all facts known to me, obeying the dictates of my conscience, telling the truth and adding nothing to the truth.")

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MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25 (Gifu, Honshu)

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7 May 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Fishing Gear Production and Distribution

THRU: Japanese Liaison Office, Gifu

TO: Japanese Fisheries Section

1. It has been brought to the attention of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers that it has become hard to procure adequate supplies of fish nets and ropes at legal prices because substantial amounts are being sold on the black market and that a constant replacement of the equipment is necessary due to the deliberate loose spinning of cotton yarns. It has also been discovered that large quantities of rope is being withheld from sale for speculative reasons.

2. SCAP pointed out that such practices encourage dealing in the black market, curtail fish production and result in maldistribution of this significant part of the Japanese diet.

3. This problem is brought to the attention of the Japanese Fisheries Section to inform them that all possible measures must be taken to eliminate these practices.

EDWARD L. LITTLETON
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GIFU
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25, Unit 2 (Gifu, Honshu)

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16 December 1947

SUBJECT: Inspection of Mitake Prison

THRU: Gifu Liaison Office

TO: Gifu Prison

1. An inspection was made by the Public Welfare Section of this headquarters of the Mitake Prison on 12 December 1947 and the following deficiencies noted:

- a. Bath room was dirty.
- b. No windows in bath room.
- c. No door in bath room.

2. It is recommended that the bath room is cleaned.

3. It is further recommended that the bath room be restored to its original condition.

FRANK C. SEITZ
Lt. Col., Inf.
Commanding

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GIFU
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25, Unit 2 (Gifu, Honshu)

22 September 1947

SUBJECT: SCAP Inspection of Reparations Facilities

TO: Commanding Officer
Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region
APO 710
(ATTN: Economics Section)

1. In compliance with telephone instructions, your headquarters 18 and 19 September 1947, the following report is hereby submitted.

2. Summation of Inspection:

a. Individuals concerned

Lt. Col. Rupert F. Anderson, 0903975, GAC, GHQ FEO, and Mr. Gordon Yamada, Linguist - Technician, Field Operations Division, Reparations Section, arrived in Gifu 23:21, 17 September 1947 to inspect Arsenal and dispersals.

b. Reparations facility inspected

Yanaizu Branch of Nagoya Army Arsenal (09-15)

c. The following is a list of the questions asked at this inspection:

- (1) Is plant complying with O/D 5/10
- (2) Cost of Reparation Program thus far in plant, cost per machine
- (3) Number of employees, number of mechanics
- (4) Source of lumber to be used for crating, amount needed, amount of lumber stocked piled within the Arsenal premises
- (5) Could wood-working machinery be obtained to construct such crates, source of machinery, proximity
- (6) Accessories and hand tools for use with Reparations machines
 - (a) where are they now
 - (b) when were they released
 - (c) what quantity still remains

d. Inspectors recommended, that three (3) lathes with grinding and cutting facilities capable of 10,000th of an inch precision work, together with variable power source, be inventoried as a unit.

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22 Sept 1947

Subject: SCAP Inspection of Reparations Facilities

3. At 10:15 the inspection trip was completed. Inspectors remarked that the machine's maintenance and custody were generally excellent and that the condition of this Arsenal was probably foremost of those thus far inspected. Inspectors left Gifu at 11:21 for return to Nagoya.

C. R. GRIFFIN
Major, TC
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GIFU
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25 (Gifu, Honshu)

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6 May 1947

SUBJECT: Field Inspections of Reparations Facilities by Allied
Reparations and Restitution Delegations.

TO: Japanese Liaison Office, Gifu

1. In the near future Allied nations Reparations and Restitution Delegations will go into the field to inspect plants now held in custody. The purpose of the visits is to secure necessary information regarding these plants which will serve as a basis for reparations claims.
2. Military Government will be given prior notice of the itineraries including names of persons in the groups in order to alert the Liaison Office and the Reparations Plants concerned.
3. The delegations may require from plant management various data in addition to the information supplied on the plant data sheets. In order to expedite the preparation and coordination of data and avoid duplication of effort, all information that cannot be obtained orally during the inspection, will be prepared in English by the plants concerned, to be submitted upon request from an officer representing the Gifu Military Government Team. Trade secrets and end product manufacturing specifications are not considered a part of the reparations program.
4. It is desirable that reports of any untoward incidents involving Allied Delegations be prepared for, and submitted to this headquarters immediately.

EDWARD L. LITTLETON
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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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21 January 1947

SUBJECT: Inspection of Japanese Penal Institutions

TO: See Distribution

1. Attention is invited to attached copy of Eighth Army, Operational Directive No. 3, dated 6 January 1947, subject: "Inspection of Japanese Penal Institutions", for your information and compliance.

2. Your attention is particularly directed to paragraphs 4 a and 5 of subject Operational Directive, which list the points to be covered in your monthly inspections and direct that the names of the institutions inspected, together with a brief resume of existing conditions and corrective action taken be included in the Military Government semi-monthly activities report.

3. It is desired that this monthly inspection be co-ordinated with the monthly inspection of Japanese prisons or other places of confinement referred to in paragraph 2 b (5) of I Corps Memorandum No. 80, dated 20 July 1946, subject: "Military Occupation Courts Procedure".

4. Action required by this letter and Operational Directive No. 3 will be co-ordinated by the Public Welfare and Legal and Government sections of each Military Government unit.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

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As Indicated

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Lawrence E. Nobles
LAWRENCE E. NOBLES
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
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OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE)
 NUMBER 3)

6 January 1947

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INSPECTION OF JAPANESE PENAL INSTITUTIONS

1. References:

- a. SCAP Memorandum (SCAPIN 93), 4 October 1945, subject: "Removal of Restrictions on Political, Civil and Religious Liberties"
- b. AFPAC Regulations, No. 80-20, GHQ, AFPAC, APD 500, 2 May 1946, subject: "Confinement of Prisoners".
- c. Operational Directive 69, this headquarters, 22 July 1946, subject: "Homeless Persons".

2. a. Paragraph 1 g of reference 1 a directs the Imperial Japanese Government to:

"Prohibit the physical punishment and mistreatment of all persons detained, imprisoned, or under protection and surveillance under any and all Japanese enactments, laws, decrees, orders, ordinances and regulations. All such persons will receive at all times ample sustenance."

b. Paragraph 2 c of reference 1 b provides that:

"Japanese subjects who are sentenced to confinement by Allied Military Tribunals or Provost Courts may be confined in Japanese jails under guard of Japanese civil police provided that such jails are supervised by local commanders of occupying forces."

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 c. Paragraph 3 f of reference 1 c directs that surveillance be maintained to:

"Insure that detained persons are segregated by sex, age group, and type, and particularly that children are not detained in the same places where criminals, delinquents or the aged are kept. In cases of juvenile delinquency insure that children are placed in detention homes for juveniles and not in jails for older offenders!"

Operational Directive # 3, Eighth Army, 6 January 1947, contd.

3. The commanding general of each corps and the commanding officers of the Tokyo-Kanagawa Military Government District, and the Chugoku and Shikoku Military Government Regions will take appropriate action to determine that reasonable standards are being maintained in Japanese operated penal institutions such as jails, prisons, detention homes, reform schools and asylums.

4. a. Inspections will be made each month and will include the following points:

- (1) Comparison of capacity of institution with total number of inmates.
- (2) Segregation of female and juvenile prisoners.
- (3) Quantity and quality of food provided.
- (4) Cleanliness, condition and warmth of clothing of inmates.
- (5) Nature of work required of inmates.
- (6) General physical condition of inmates and provisions for exercise.
- (7) Evidences of physical punishment or mistreatment.
- (8) Medical attention.
- (9) Sanitary conditions, including bathing facilities.
- (10) Parole system.

b. The number of inspections made each month will vary for each prefecture and will depend on such factors as the number of penal institutions, their size, conditions encountered and accessibility.

5. The names of the institutions inspected, a brief resumé of conditions found and statement of any corrective action taken will be included in the Military Government Semi-Monthly Activities Report.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

OFFICIAL:

CLOVIS E. BYERS
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

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MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25, Unit 2 (Gifu, Honshu)

18 November 1947

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SUBJECT: Special Report on the Kamioka Mine

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1. An inspection of the Kamioka zinc-lead mine and smelter by personnel of the Gifu Military Government Team, 6 November 1947 to 10 November 1947, revealed that the geology, minerology, mining methods, and metallurgy of this installation has been covered by NRS personnel of SCAP. As to present conditions at the mine, they are now virtually recovered from the effect of a fire earlier in the year except for housing and hospital facilities. The Mitsui strike, of national proportions, has been concluded and the terms of the contract appear to be acceptable to all.
2. A list of union officials are appended (Incl. no. 1). These men are mostly plant foremen. There is no evidence of communism in the union except for one man, Mr. Shigeru Nakamo. The community has been visited by a Mr. Shunji EMA believed to be a communist. His influence appears to have been slight.
3. The company operates various commissaries whereby they insure the men getting staple goods at official prices. The supplementary rations are available.
4. A small amount of custom refining of zinc, lead, and silver is done for local mines. This could be increased with additions to the smelter whereby they could handle the different type ore found in the other mines. The cost of this is estimated at ¥1,065,000 and the company officials believe it could be operated at a profit.
5. The officials at the mine are under the apprehension that they will be liable for anti-trust action if they make full recovery of by-product metals, such as cadmium from their ore.
6. It is believed that the zinc plant may be making some basic chemicals, or at least experimenting in their production, as a small car of crystals which the writer believes to be zinc sulphate, was noted. The refinery manager said that he did not know what the crystals were.
7. Drainage from the lead tailings is polluting a stream to such an extent that it is killing the fish therein.

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18 Nov 1947

Subject: Special Report on the Kamioka Mine

8. One boy was found working who had only completed the 6th Grade and was perhaps only 13 or 14 years of age, although he claimed he was 15, Japanese style. A few others, very young, were seen working at outside work. The mine manager did not exactly deny hiring under age personnel but said they asked for work at the mine as members of their family also worked there.

9. Recommendations: that the mine be encouraged to:

- a. Recover all metals, such as cadmium, copper, cobalt and possibly manganese.
- b. Manufacture the required zinc dust from their own zinc instead of importing it from Miike, a mine in north Kyushu.
- c. Increase the amount of custom refining for local mines and that adequate financing be authorized for this purpose.
- d. Process such basic chemicals as would be needed in the national economy and complimentary to their present process. Such chemicals might be zinc oxide, bismuth compounds, cadmium yellow, and zinc sulphate.
- e. Stop employing children.
- f. Stop the pollution of the local stream.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Roster of the Staff
Member of the Labour
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Robert W. Hutcheson
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Captain, CMF
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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25, dtd 18 Nov 47,
Subj: "Special Report on the Kamioka Mine"

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Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 21 Nov 47

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301
ATTN: Mil Govt Section

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For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Ray G. Lumpkins
RAY G. LUMPKINS
1st Lt, Inf
Asst Adjutant

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

It is suggested that the recommendations contained in basic communication be brought to the attention of the Mining Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500
(Attn: Mining and Geology Division, NRS)

1. Forwarded for your information in accordance with telephone conversation with Mr. Grant on 15 December 1947.
2. The recommendations contained in paragraph 9 of the basic communication are approved.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Robert S. Landis
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 Lt Col, AGD
 Asst AGD Gen

AG 004.03 (18 Nov 47)NR/MG

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS, APO 500,
6 January 1948

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference recommendations contained in basic letter.
2. General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, supports any project at a metallurgical plant designed to recover economically, as by-products, metallic elements, salts of these elements, and such other chemicals or chemical alloys that are present in basic ores and concentrates.

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BASIC: Ltr, Gifu Mil Govt Team, subj, "Special Report on the Kamioka Mine," 18 Nov 1947

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3. Regarding the production of zinc dust at the Kamioka Mine from its own zinc, rather than from zinc produced at Miike, another Mitsui Mining Co metallurgical plant, it is believed that matters pertaining to inter-plant operation and exchange of materials, should be left to the discretion of the owners.

4. There are no objections to the encouragement of increased custom refining capacity, if the need exists.

5. The Japanese Labor Standards Act of 1947 forbids employment of minors under 18 as underground miners, except in special circumstances. Surface workers must be at least 14, unless certain minimum educational requirements have been satisfied.

6. Japanese mining laws have adequate provisions for the control of pollution of local streams.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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5th Ind

15 JAN 1948

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1. Your attention is invited to the preceding indorsement.

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of the preceding indorsement, the agency responsible for enforcing the quoted law is the Labor Standards Office in each prefecture, which operates under the Labor Standards Bureau of the Labor Ministry, Central Government.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

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BASIC: Ltr, Gifu Mil Govt Team, subj: "Special Report on the Kamioka Mine", dtd 18 Nov 47.

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

TO: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

Attention is directed to 4th and 5th Indorsements.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

Wilder A. Johnson
WILDER A. JOHNSON
Capt, A. G. D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl:
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Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 22 Jan 48

TO: CO, Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25

Your attention is directed to the 4th and 5th indorsements.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DUMONT:

Walter O. Wade
WALTER O. WADE
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTY SEVENTH INFANTRY
Japanese Materiels Section

A.P.O. # 25.
1 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Kamioka Mines

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, 25th.
Infantry Division, A.P.O. 25.

ATTENTION: Capt Christberg.
Japanese Materiels Section.

1. The Kamioka Mines, Funatsu, (Gifu, Japan) before the war was originally owned by the Mitsui Mining Co., Ltd. During the war the Japanese Army took it over and made it into two camps, the Kamioka sub-camp (1194.0-1229.0) and Funatsu sub-camp (1195.0-1226.0) as Prisoner of War Camps.

2. The Mitsui Mining Co., Ltd. has brought a petition to this office to use these camps for Homes and Dormitories for there laborers.

3. Request information as to whether these installations should be seized as a target or left to be returned to their original owners.

/s/t/ LEONARD N. BERDAN,
Capt. 27th. Infantry,
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HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 25, 2 July 1946

TO: Commanding Officer, 27th Infantry, APO 25

1. Reference is made to paragraph 3a, Annex 6 to Administrative Order 6, this Headquarters, dated 10 February 1946.

2. The two installations will be processed as a target and if they are not desired by the 27th Infantry for operational use, they may be returned to the Japanese Home Ministry representative.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MULLINS:

WILLIAM R. WOLFE JR.
2D LT, FA
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Memorandum for Record (Inspection of Research and Development Work at Kamioka Mine, Mitsui Mining Company)

TO : Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301

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1. Attached as inclosure 1 is a Memorandum for Record, NR 631 (12 Dec 47) MG, GHQ, SCAP, subject: "Inspection of Research and Development Work at Kamioka Mine, Mitsui Mining Company," prepared by Mr. Joseph M. Okada, research specialist, Mining and Geology Division.
2. Subject Memorandum for Record will be forwarded to the Gifu Military Government Team.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

R. Schaffer
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 Lt Col, AGP
 Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl:
Memo for Record
(12 Dec 1947)

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TO: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

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Research and Development Work at Kamioka Mine, Mitsui Mining
Company)"

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Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 7 Jan 48

TO: CO, Gifu Mil Govt Team, APO 25

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
 SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
 Natural Resources Section

NR 631 (12 Dec 47)MG

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 12 December 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Record

SUBJECT: Inspection of Research and Development Work at Kamioka
 Mine, Mitsui Mining Co

1. Authorization: CP Order 182-10, 25 Nov 47
2. Mission: Inspection of research and development work at Kamioka mine, Mitsui Mining Co.
3. Personnel: Joseph M. Okada, research specialist, Mining and Geology Division; Kenji Kaneko, metallurgist, Mitsui Mining Co.
4. Itinerary:

30 Nov - 1940	Lv Tokyo
1 Dec - 0316	Ar Gifu
1 Dec 0507	Lv Gifu
1 Dec 1007	Ar Hida-Furukawa station and proceed to Kamioka mine by car
2 Dec - 1325	Lv Hida-Furukawa station
2 Dec 1758	Ar Gifu
2 Dec 2324	Lv Gifu
3 Dec - 0748	Ar Tokyo
5. Personnel interviewed:
 - a. The Gifu Military Government Team was notified by telephone of the visit to Kamioka mine.
 - b. Kamioka mine personnel:
 - Mazatoshi Koguchi, General Manager
 - Toshimi Takabayashi, Chief Engineer
 - Masao Kaneko, Chief, Mining Section
 - Hideo Takai, Chief, Milling Section
 - Toshio Nishimura, Chief, Smelting and Refining Section
 - c. Summary of Results:
 - a. Research and development work in zinc and lead metallurgical technique were discussed with the above engineers, and facilities for experimentation inspected.
 - b. T. Nishimura is a highly capable metallurgist experienced in zinc and lead smelter and refinery practice at the Kamioka mine. Developments in lead metallurgy include recovery of lead from blast furnace slag, recovery

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of arsenic and antimony by the Harris process prior to Betts electrolysis, control of the arsenic, bismuth, and antimony content in the lead anode for producing 99.99 percent electrolytic lead by Betts method, and recovery of various metals from blast furnace flue dust.

c. Kamioka mine owns several hydraulic power plants supplying 70 percent of the demand. A modified Girod-type electric arc furnace is used to supplement the shortage of coal and coke in many cases. These include lead blast furnace slag recovery, smelting of bismuth concentrate, reduction of bismuth litharge from lead anode slime, smelting of low-grade cobalt ores, recovery of metals from lead smelter flue dust, treatment of low-grade Pb-Zn ore and recovery of Ag, Pb, Zn, and ferrosilicon from zinc leaching residue, recovery of Cu, Co, and Zn-Cd dust from the first purification residue after leaching of roasted zinc concentrate, and production of zinc oxide from zinc dross.

d. The milling section has a small laboratory room for testing flotation reagents now on the market. ~~Nikko~~ frothing oil No 107 and Takasago frothing oil No 50, together with pine-root oil, were found suitable. One of the two sets of milling apparatus at Shikama is to be reconditioned into an ore dressing pilot plant, to undertake research on complex ores in the nearby districts.

e. All chemical analysis is undertaken in a single section, except for spectroscopic analysis, which is entrusted to the Meguro Research Institute of the Mitsui Chemical Industry KK.

f. An exhaustive study of the effect of impurities in the anode on the electrolytic lead by Betts process has been completed by T. Nishimura and the method adopted to a certain extent at other zinc smelters and refineries of the Mitsui Mining Co. The quantitative results are purely empirical, but would be of interest in electrochemistry, if theorized.

g. No special development in research on mining technique was observed.

7. Details:

a. Flow sheets, floor plans, and mine layout, organization, and personnel chart of the mine organization were received. A summary of results on lead electrolysis was prepared by T. Nishimura.

b. The effect of such impurities as Cu, Zn, As, Bi, Sb, Fe, and Ag in the lead anode in the Betts electrolytic process was studied in two-component to four-component systems. It was found that As, Bi, and Sb retarded the inclusion of Cu and Zn in the electrolytic lead. Results were:

(1) Two-component system:

(a) As and Bi content of 1.4 percent each, gave best result; Ag was allowable to 4000 g/t.

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(b) Sb content of 0.8 percent gave best results; Ag was allowable to 4000 g/t.

(2) Three-component system (Pb containing two of the following three elements.) Best results were obtained with As 1.07 percent, Bi 0.6 percent, and Sb 0.8 percent; Ag allowable to 4000 g/t.

(3) Four-component system (Pb containing the three elements As, Bi, and Sb.) Best results were obtained with As less than 1.0 percent, Bi less than 0.6 percent, Sb less than 0.5 percent. However, none of the three elements should be less than 0.2-0.3 percent simultaneously. Replacement of any of the three by Cu seriously reduces the quality of the produced electrolytic lead.

c. Control of impurities in the lead anode is possible in practice by controlling the charge of mixed ores, the blast furnace slag, and the impurities between the Harris process and the lead slab melting stage.

d. The above method, according to the mine officials, has proved to be successful with crude lead from Saganoseki, Odera, Hosokura, Kosaka, and Takehara. Use of high-quality lead anode does not always guarantee a 99.99 percent pure lead product. The general practice of shortening the electrolysis time seems impracticable, unless the slime is constantly removed. The effect of the impurities of Ca, Mg, Si, and Ta still remain to be studied.

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21 November 1947

SUBJECT: Coal Mining Machinery Survey

TO: Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710
(Attn: Resources, Commerce and Industry Section)

1. The following report is submitted in compliance with Letter AG 412.3-BA, I Corps, subj: same as above, dated 12 November 1947.
2. In reference to inclosure entitled Questionnaire for Designated Plants, said inclosure is negative due to the fact that Gifu Prefecture contains no plants manufacturing mining machinery.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
Questionnaire for
Mining CompaniesROBERT W. HUTCHINSON
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QUESTIONNAIRES FOR MINING COMPANIES

Name of Company **Tatara Coal Mine**
Tatara, Nakanoho-mura, Mugi-gun

1. Are the mining companies aware of the mining machinery program?

Yes X : No. _____

If yes, have the mines benefitted from the program? **No**

If no, has the catalogue of mining machinery manufacturers and their products been made available to them?

2. Have they placed any orders with any of the mining machinery manufacturers since August?

Yes _____ : No X _____

3. Have they received delivery of any of this machinery?

Yes _____ : No X _____

4. Has the machinery been installed and is it in operation?

Yes _____ : No X _____

5. Do they plan to continue to place orders for machinery at the same rate as during the last six months?

Yes _____ : No X _____

6. Do they intend to place more orders during the next six months than they have placed during the last six months?

Yes _____ : No X _____

7. Do they think that the lack of mining machinery is preventing an increase in the production of coal? **Yes**

Remarks:

Incl. 2

QUESTIONNAIRES FOR MINING COMPANIES

Name of Company **Sobukawa Coal Mine**
Tominoho-mura, Mugi-gun

1. Are the mining companies aware of the mining machinery program?
 Yes **X** : No.
 If yes, have the mines benefitted from the program? **No**
 If no, has the catalogue of mining machinery manufacturers and their products been made available to them?
2. Have they placed any orders with any of the mining machinery manufacturers since August?
 Yes : No **X**
3. Have they received delivery of any of this machinery?
 Yes : No **X**
4. Has the machinery been installed and is it in operation?
 Yes : No **X**
5. Do they plan to continue to place orders for machinery at the same rate as during the last six months?
 Yes : No **X**
6. Do they intend to place more orders during the next six months than they have placed during the last six months?
 Yes : No **X**
7. Do they think that the lack of mining machinery is preventing an increase in the production of coal? **Yes**

Remarks:

Incl. 2

QUESTIONNAIRES FOR MINING COMPANIES

Name of Company **Yatomi Coal Mine**
Yatomi-mura, Gujo-gun

1. Are the mining companies aware of the mining machinery program?

Yes X : No.

If yes, have the mines benefitted from the program? **No**

If no, has the catalogue of mining machinery manufacturers and their products been made available to them?

2. Have they placed any orders with any of the mining machinery manufacturers since August?

Yes : No X

3. Have they received delivery of any of this machinery?

Yes : No X

4. Has the machinery been installed and is it in operation?

Yes : No X

5. Do they plan to continue to place orders for machinery at the same rate as during the last six months?

Yes : No X

6. Do they intend to place more orders during the next six months than they have placed during the last six months?

Yes : No X

7. Do they think that the lack of mining machinery is preventing an increase in the production of coal? **Yes**

Remarks:

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QUESTIONNAIRES FOR MINING COMPANIES

Name of Company **Naru Coal Mine**
Naru, Ushimichi-mura, Gujo-gun

1. Are the mining companies aware of the mining machinery program?

Yes : No. _____

If yes, have the mines benefitted from the program? **No**

If no, has the catalogue of mining machinery manufacturers and their products been made available to them?

2. Have they placed any orders with any of the mining machinery manufacturers since August?

Yes _____ : No

3. Have they received delivery of any of this machinery?

Yes _____ : No

4. Has the machinery been installed and is it in operation?

Yes _____ : No

5. Do they plan to continue to place orders for machinery at the same rate as during the last six months?

Yes _____ : No

6. Do they intend to place more orders during the next six months than they have placed during the last six months?

Yes _____ : No

7. Do they think that the lack of mining machinery is preventing an increase in the production of coal? **Yes**

Remarks:

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