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000.5
 War Criminals

HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

AG 000.5 C-2/mhk

10 July 1946

SUBJECT: Investigation of Possible War Criminal

TO: Commanding General
 I Corps
 APO 301

1. The enclosed letter in Japanese and its translation are forwarded for your information.

2. Investigation conducted by this headquarters reveals the following facts:

a. The alleged war criminal, ANJO, Hiroshi, lives at #745 Kenmochi, ISHIMISAKI-mura, Awa-gun, CHIBA-ken. The other persons named in the letter, Major General NAGATOMO and Lieutenant Colonel FUJIOKA, are both in Sugamo Prison.

b. The only person with Kempei Tai affiliations who could be found in the OSAKA area was TATENO, Byoichi, formerly a sergeant major in the OSAKA Kempei. TATENO knew of ANJO, but did not know he handled prisoners of war or worked for the Demobilization Office.

c. Further information might be obtained from HIGUCHI, Ikona, former major in the OSAKA Kempei in charge of foreign affairs. HIGUCHI is now living at #1665 Hishi, MASUTORI-mura, Kitakana-gun, YAMANASHI-ken.

3. In view of the fact that the alleged war criminal resides outside the 25th Division Z/R, no further action is contemplated by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
 Japanese ltr w/translation

/s/ William R. Wolfe, Jr.
 /t/ WILLIAM R. WOLFE, JR.
 2d Lt, PA
 Actg Asst Adj Gen

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 16 JUL 1946

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

Forwarded as information concerning possible war crime.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:

Japanese ltr w/translation (trip)

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HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
170TH LANGUAGE DETACHMENT
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

11 June 1946

SUBJECT: Translation of Letter dated 27 May 1946

TO : U.S. Occupation Forces

Dear Sir:

Former Lieutenant Colonel of the Japanese Army, Hiroshi ANJO of the Osaka Military Police is the leader of the those who ill-treated American prisoners. Outwardly, they said, he was the Chief of the General Affairs Section of the Osaka Military Police, and Lieutenant Colonel FUJIOKA, the Chief of Special Police Affairs Section, took charge of the general police business. However, Lt Col ANJO managed the charge of the police cell, sending and bringing offenders and prisoners.

His senior officer was Major General NAGATOMO, and they worked together not only during their stay in Manchuria but also in the Tokyo Military Police School. Their relations continued till the time they were transferred to the Headquarters of the Army Central Defense Forces of Osaka. ANJO was the individual who mistreated the American prisoners. Good-natured Lt Col FUJIOKA was asked by ANJO and NAGATOMO to keep himself out of sight, and he was also notified that they (ANJO and NAGATOMO) could handle the affairs without his presence. Then FUJIOKA disappeared from the scene. Lt Col ANJO should bear all the responsibility for the mistreatment of American prisoners, and furthermore, he was once working in the Demobilization Center of Osaka cheating the U.S. Occupation Forces. He recently returned home in Chiba. If you would like to receive his history in detail, please address to some former member in charge of the Foreign Affairs in the Osaka Military Police Force. I have heard that he seems to have something in view in connection with his comrades. That's all.

(Examiner's note: This letter seemed to have been written with the left hand to conceal the identification of the author. And a sentence shows that this letter was most probably by a Korean.)

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HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

AG 091.4 - G-3/gef

1 June 1946

SUBJECT: Commander 38th Japanese Division
(Lt Gen Sadaaki Kagasa)

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters I Corps
APO 301

1. Subject Japanese, a suspected war criminal, arrived Nagoya Repatriation Center 25 May 1946 from Rabaul and entered hospital. 179

2. In response to telegram from Tokyo to Demobilization Bureau at Repatriation Center, he left 27 May 1946 for Sugamo Prison Hospital accompanied by an official of the Tokai Demobilization Bureau.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

G. W. BLAUVELT
Lt Col, AGD
Adjutant General

AG 000.5 - BA

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 3 JUN 1946

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343.

Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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 To COM. GEN., 8TH ARMY, APO 343

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

AG 000.5 (10 Apr 46) LS
(SCAFIN - 873)

APO 500
10 April 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.
THROUGH : Central Liaison Office, Tokyo.
SUBJECT : Apprehension of Suspected War Criminal.,

The following named Japanese will be apprehended as a Suspected War Criminal and delivered to the Commanding General, EIGHTH Army, at Sugamo Prison (Tokyo Detention Camp), at the earliest possible date.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK OR TITLE</u>	<u>DATE, CAMP, ADDRESS OR ASSIGNMENT</u>
MOTOKAWA, Sada	1st Lt.	Former member of the Tokyo Kempei Tai Unit. Registered domicile: Shiga-Ken, Acchi-Gun, Acchi-Kawa-Machi. Probable address: Gifu-Ken, Fuba, Tamamura.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

J. W. Mann
for B. M. FITCH,
Brigadier General, AGD,
Adjutant General.