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		13 Peb	1300	Government Officials		scheduled. The other were held by MITI off not attended by the use as I accompanied Dr.	conference icials and indersigned
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2	Wake-gun, Okayama Pref.	15 Peb	1300			management in Okayama My interpreter accomp Hirashima, hydrologic	panied Mr.
File N	Atetsu-gun, Okayama Pref.	16 Feb	0900			Dr. Park a specialist international author: ore and manganese des who finally arrived morning to make an i	ity on iron posits, on Saturday
						of the Yanahara Pyri	te Mine.

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## CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION ECONOMICS SECTION

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27 February 1951

SUBJECT: Report of Field Trip to Okayama Prefecture, 12 - 16 February 1951

TO :

Chief

Economics Section

PREPARED BY: Mr. Charles F. Barratt, Natural Rescurces Division

#### 1. REFERENCES:

a. Operational Directive Number 15, Civil Affairs Section, GHQ, SCAP, dated 12 April 1950.

- b. Notification of Visitors dated 8 February 1951.
- c. Natural Resources Section Weekly Summary Number 276, 21 27 January 1951.
- 2. PURPOSE:

Surveillance of the mining program.

3. BACKGROUND:

None.

- 4. DISCUSSIONS:
  - a. Conference Okayama City

This was the first of a series of conferences, planned by MITI officials to be held throughout the region to aquaint mine operators and owners with provisions of the new mining law.

## b. Dr. Lowdermilk and Party

We met Dr. Lowdermilk, an internationally known flood control and soil conservation consultant, Japanese government officials and Natural Resources Section personnel at the Uno Station. A conference was first held at the Tamano City Hall, where prefectural and local officials ex-

plained erosion control projects in the Kojima area. Next an inspection trip was made to a reforestation project area. During the afternoon the Kojima Bay Land Reclamation Project was inspected. The undersigned left the party on the morning of 16 February in order to meet Dr. Park and his party, while Dr. Lowdermilk proceeded to the Takashima Forestry Experimental Station and inspected pine bark beetle damage in Seto village, Akaiwa-gun. However, due to the snowstorm which delayed all trains, Dr. Park and his party did not arrive until the morning of 17 February.

#### c. Dr. Park and Party

Dr. Park a specialist and international authority on iron ore and manganese deposits, and Natural Resources Section personnel were accompanied by my interpreter on a technical examination of the Yanahara Pyrite Mine. It was learned that the Down Mining Company is planning to construct a sulphuric acid plant on a section of the reclaimed land in the Kojima Bay Project. In addition to sulphuric acid production, plans call for the treatment of 300,000 tons of pyrite cinder per year for the recovery of copper and the resulting increase in cinder value as iron blast furnace feed.

### d. Mr. Hirashima and Party

Mr. Hirashima hydrologists, NRS SCAP inspected "Sabo" projects on the Yoshii and Asahi Rivers in company with my interpreter and local and national government officials.

5. CONCLUSIONS:

None.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Record

No comment.

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