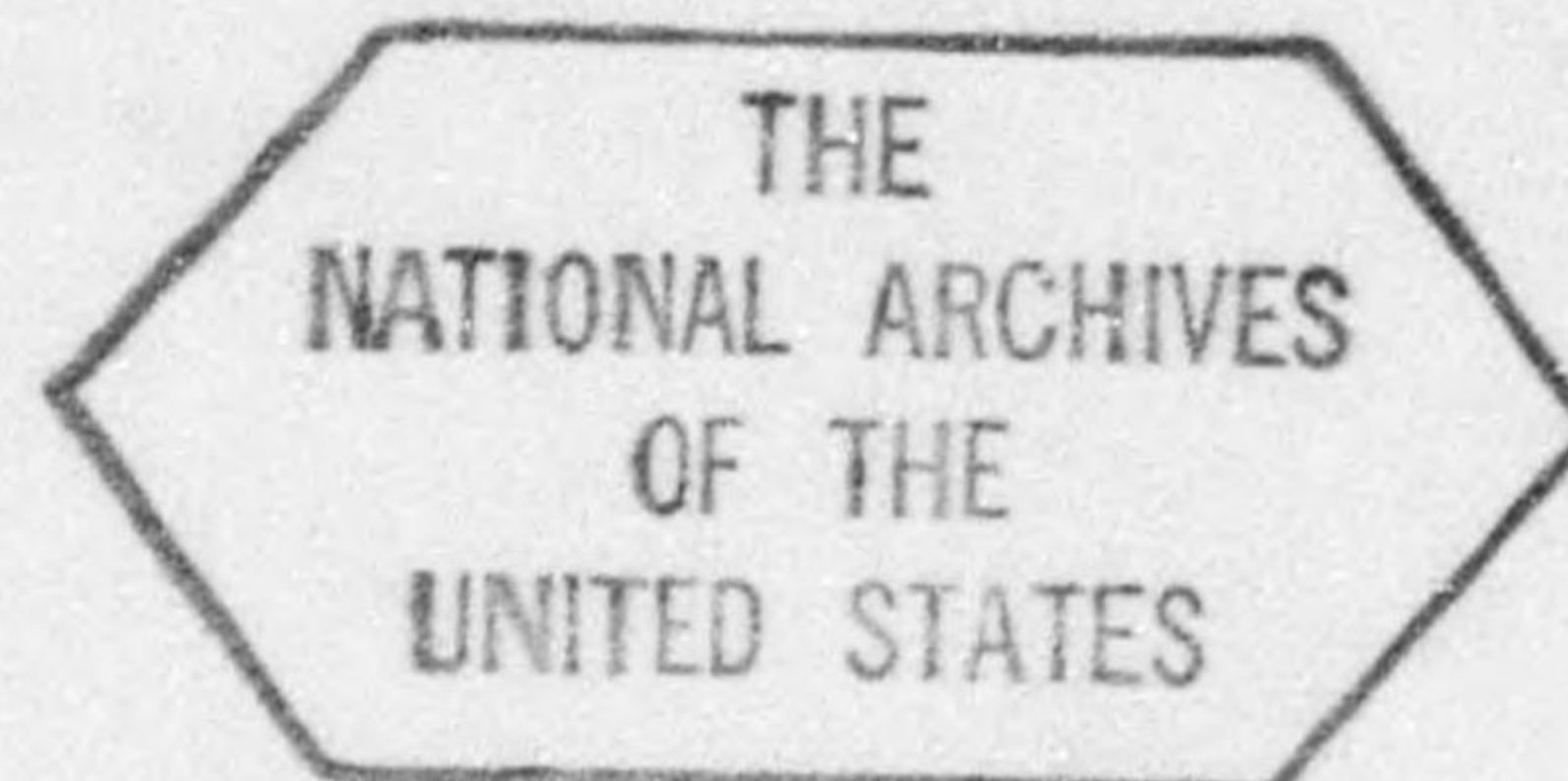


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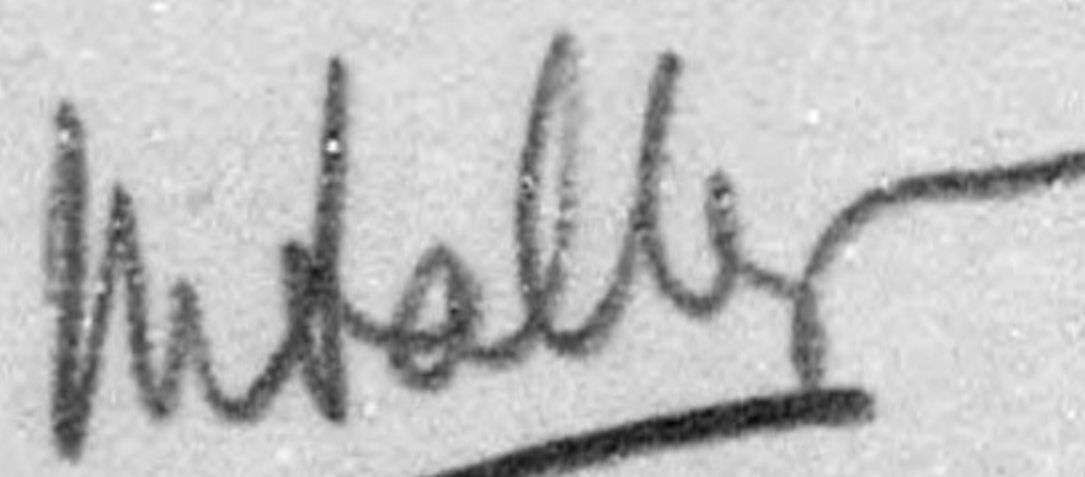
MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Survey on Cost of Living - May 1949

Since the NPA on December 4 submitted its recommendations on the adjustment of the pay level, to the Diet and the Cabinet, no objection was raised at this time to the release by the Bureau of Statistics of statistical information concerning the special area survey. NPA was warned that any actions they recommended which might appear to be inconsistent with the statistics released by the Bureau of Statistics must be properly supported by proper techniques and information.

It is hoped that where their statistics may be at variance now, this will be completely eliminated as a result of the special November survey now being conducted.

Yours sincerely,



MACDONALD SALTER
Chief

Classification & Compensation Branch

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The National Personnel Authority Directive No.

To: Prime Minister

Special Survey of Consumers' Prices in November, 1949

Pursuant to the provision of Article 2, Item 5 of Law Administering the New Pay of Government Employees (Law No. 46 of 1948), and in view of the changed economic conditions, the National Personnel Authority has decided to conduct special survey of consumers' prices in November, 1949 with a view to preparing an appropriate plan of necessary revision with respect to the qualified areas and rates of area allowance, which will be recommended to the Diet and the Cabinet.

The survey under this directive shall be conducted by the Statistics Bureau of the Prime Minister's Office in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Prime Minister.

, 1949

President of National Personnel Authority

ASAI Kiyoshi

Sato

CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

29 September 1949

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Foster B. Roser, Acting Deputy Chief,
Civil Service Division

SUBJECT : Special Survey on Cost of Living

It has been found necessary for NPA to assume full responsibility for the conduct of a special survey on cost of living to be conducted throughout Japan during the month of November. Original plans at the time that the 1949-50 budgets were developed anticipated this program as an expense of the Bureau of Statistics. Retrenchment programs and the diversion of certain of their funds for special use by the Cabinet makes it financially impossible for the Bureau of Statistics to carry out the second half of this project. Since the National Personnel Authority is vitally interested in completing the project in order to establish a sound 100 percent base bench mark on cost of living calculations, it is proposed to transfer funds as indicated below from special projects in NPA to finance the completion of this project. No transfer of funds from NPA to the Bureau of Statistics is involved. The major portion of the expenditures to be made by NPA will cover bills for printing of forms, special allowances to be paid to families for recording the data, to prefectural government statistical sections for services rendered, and for travel expenses. NPA will publically assume the direction of the project but will be assisted by the staff of the Bureau of Statistics in the matter of final compilation. The expenditure of these funds will be made directly by NPA.

This special project has the approval of Director General, Sato, and the Commissioners. The transfer of funds has been cleared by the respective bureau chiefs within NPA, who have agreed that such transfers will not affect their programs between now and the end of the fiscal year.

Transfer of funds will be made from the following accounts:

<u>Total Project Cost</u>		¥ <u>14,502,643.80</u>
Bureau of Compensation		¥ 7,502,643.80
Travelling Expense (Class. Sec.)	¥ 771,988.00	
Printing & Binding (Class. Sec.)	1,549,600.00	
Transportation of Goods (Class. Sec.)	381,055.90	
Translation (Class. Sec.)	1,800,000.00	
Printing & Binding (S&W Sec.)	1,679,348.15	

MEMO TO: Mr. Roser

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29 September 1949

Bureau of Compensation (Cont'd)		
Communication (S&W Sec.)	¥ 14,271.85	
Transportation of Goods (S&W Sec.)	131,380.00	
Calculation Expense (S&W Sec.)	895,000.00	
Calculation on working hours(S&W)	280,000.00	
Recruitment Bureau		¥ 3,300,000.00
Examinations	3,300,000.00	
Bureau of Public Information		1,800,000.00
Advising facilities	1,800,000.00	
Efficiency Bureau		1,900,000.00
Allowance for trainees	1,900,000.00	

MacDonald Salter

MacDONALD SALTER
Chief, Classification & Compensation
Branch

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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

12 August 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Additional Funds Needed by the Bureau of Statistics

Conferences were held during the current week with representatives of the Prime Minister's Secretariat and the Bureau of Statistics, which resulted in tentative approval by the Ministry of Finance of the transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,892,320 from the retirement and allowance fund under the Prime Minister's Office to the Bureau of Statistics for the purpose of completing the compilation of data secured in the CPS for the month of May.

This is presently being cleared by the Ministry of Finance with the Finance Division of ESS. Mr. Mossler of that office has been contacted in regard to the matter and assured the writer that prompt approval would be given.

JESSE B. BETTIS
Compensation Specialist

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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

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12 August 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Consumer Price Survey - November

Several conferences have been held during the current week with representatives of the Prime Minister's Secretariat, the Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Mossler of the Finance Division, ESS, in regard to the procurement of additional funds by the Bureau of Statistics in order that the CPS for the month of November might be conducted as is desired.

To conduct this survey will require an increase in the budget of the Bureau of Statistics in the amount of ¥28,216,000. In addition to this amount they are also in need of ¥3,600,000 in order to compile the statistics from the compensation survey to be conducted in the near future covering government employees. This money is available and commitment has been made by the Compensation Bureau, NPA, to transfer these funds to the Bureau of Statistics.

It appears at the present time that there are no sources within the Japanese government from which the ¥28,216,000 can be secured except from the NPA. Due to the importance of this survey and the fact that this survey, coupled with the CPS for the month of May would provide bench marks that would be of inestimable value in future cost of living and wage studies, it is believed that these funds should be provided by the NPA and transferred to the Bureau of Statistics for the purpose of conducting this survey.

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Jesse B. Bettis
JESSE B. BETTIS
Compensation Specialist

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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

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2 August 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Consumer Price Survey

Conference was held on 2 August 1949 with the following personnel present: Mr. Mossler, Finance Division, ESS; Mr. Levine, Research and Programs Division, ESS; Messrs. Morita and Kato of the Bureau of Statistics, Prime Minister's Office; Mr. Saito, Chief of the Accounting Section, Prime Minister's Office; Mr. Nakanishi of the Budget Bureau, Ministry of Finance; Mr. Matsukawa, Liaison Officer, Ministry of Finance; and Messrs. Bettis and Hayashi of this office.

The object of this conference was to secure additional funds needed by the Bureau of Statistics in order to complete the compilation of statistical data of the CPS for the month of May. Due to the administrative adjustment program, as stated in Memorandum for the Record dated 28 July 1949, it is necessary for the Bureau of Statistics to reduce their personnel by 100 employees. This would result in the regular staff of the Bureau of Statistics having to compile the information which could not be completed before 1 November. It is desired that the work be completed not later than 1 October in order that NPA may have reliable data on which to base its recommendations to the Cabinet and Diet regarding compensation and allowances for government employees.

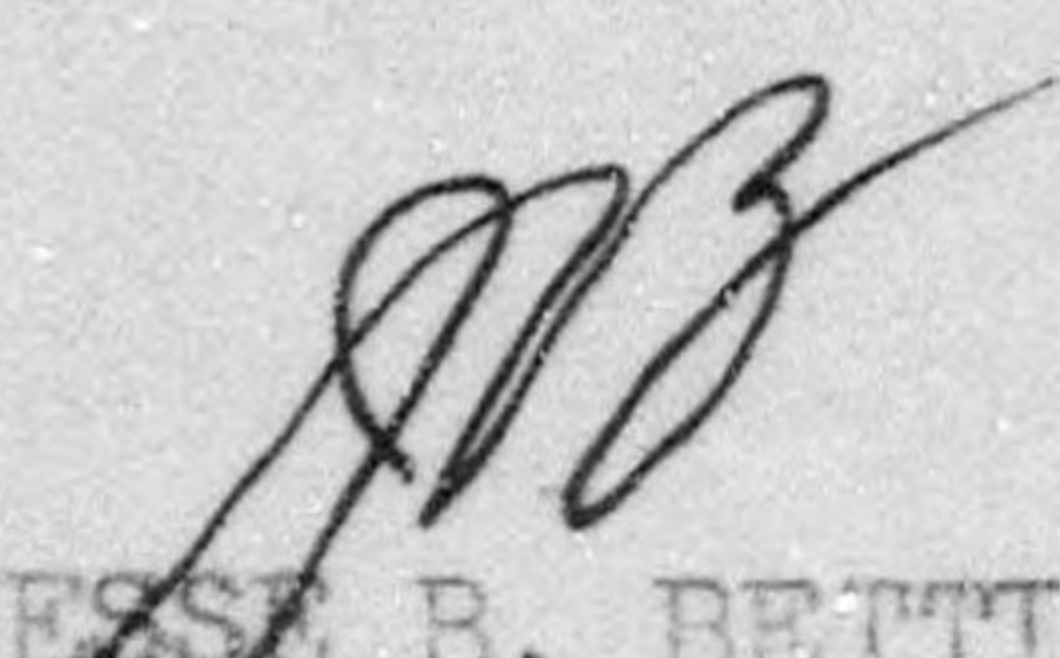
It developed that the Bureau of Statistics presently has funds within its budget to pay the extra 100 people. However, it is the desire of the Prime Minister's Secretariat that these funds in the amount of one million yen should be turned back into the general budget for the purpose of meeting deficits of other agencies under the jurisdiction of the Prime Minister. Mr. Saito stated that some of the agencies would not have sufficient funds to meet their obligations of pay and separation allowances under the administrative adjustment program. It was therefore necessary that they utilize any surplus funds under the jurisdiction of the Prime Minister's Office in order to meet these obligations. Upon questioning by Mr. Mossler, Mr. Saito stated that the cold climate allowance and coal allowance were not being considered among these obligations. However it later developed in the conference that these items were properly being considered along with others. Mr. Mossler pointed out the fact that obligations that had been made under the provisions of the original budget should be met but that consideration should not be given to such items that had not been included in the original budget, among these being the coal allowance and the cold area allowance.

Inasmuch as Mr. Morita had not made a careful estimate of funds to be needed in the compilation of statistics from the compensation survey of

2 August 1949

government employees and the CPS to be conducted for the month of November, he was requested to make a brief summary of the funds required and any additional funds needed to complete these two surveys. Mr. Morita pointed out the fact that the NPA had available for use in the compensation survey a sum of three and one-half million yen. The question then arose as to whether or not these funds could be legally transferred. Mr. Mossler was somewhat doubtful in regard to this; however the representative of the Budget Bureau, Ministry of Finance stated that it could be legally accomplished.

Mr. Saito was requested to furnish this office by Friday of this week, if possible, the results of their computations in regard to funds needed for other purposes computed on the basis of not including the cold climate and coal allowances and also computed on the basis of including these two allowances. He agreed to furnish this information not later than Saturday and to furnish it by Friday if at all possible. He was also requested to convey to this office the attitude of the Secretariat of the Prime Minister in regard to the use of the one million yen by the Bureau of Statistics. It appears that no further action can be taken in regard to the matter until this information is received from the Prime Minister's Secretariat.


JESSE B. BETTIS
Compensation Specialist

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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

File Cost of Living
7-29-49

28 July 1949


MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Additional Funds Needed by the Bureau
of Statistics

A conference was held on 28 July, 1949, with Mr. Levine of the Research and Programs Division, ESS, regarding additional funds needed by the Bureau of Statistics for the early completion of consumer price survey, for the compilation of survey of government personnel, and for CPS survey to be conducted for the month of November.

Mr. Levine stated that he was thoroughly in agreement with the efforts to secure additional funds for the Bureau of Statistics and additional work to be done by the Bureau of Statistics in compiling data as a result of the compensation survey of government employees. He was also anxious that the comprehensive CPS survey be conducted for the month of November. It was agreed that a conference would be arranged between the Accounting Section of the Cabinet Secretariat, The Bureau of the Budget, Ministry of Finance, Mr. Mossler of the Finance Division, ESS, and personnel of this office. It is anticipated that this conference will be arranged for Monday or Tuesday of the coming week.

In regard to the release of statistical data covering the CPS for the prefectural cities, Mr. Levine stated that their practice had been to insist that the Bureau of Statistics release data as readily as it could be compiled. However, after explaining the position of NPA ~~and~~ this office with respect to this data, Mr. Levine was in complete agreement that the information would not be released until all the data had been compiled for all cities surveyed. He stated that he ~~would~~ so advised by Mr. Morita of the Bureau of Statistics. Mr. Morita is to be advised by this office to this effect and at the same time will be requested to call on Mr. Levine to secure his confirmation.


JESSE BETTIS
Compensation Specialist

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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

26 July 1949

1) Satterthwaite
2) McCaughey
3) Bettis

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Additional Funds Needed by the Bureau of Statistics

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As outlined in Memorandum for the Record dated 25 July 1949, the Bureau of Statistics has been hard hit by the administrative readjustment and it will be necessary that they reduce their force by 100 people on 31 July.

This office is at the present compiling statistics covering the data secured in the Consumer Price Survey for the month of May. This survey was more or less conducted at the request of NPA with the support of this office. It is very desirable that this report be completed not later than 1 October so that appropriate recommendations may be made by the NPA concerning compensation of government employees to the coming session of the Diet. Additional funds are also needed for compiling the statistics of the compensation survey of government employees and for another Consumer Price Survey which it is hoped can be conducted for the month of November.

Mr. Mossler, of the Finance Division, ESS, was contacted by telephone to determine if he could give any information as to the availability of funds for these purposes. Mr. Mossler stated that the budget of the Bureau of Statistics was under the administrative supervision of the Prime Minister's Office and that if there were other available funds within that Office it might be arranged to transfer funds provided concurrence of that Office and the Bureau of the Budget of the Ministry of Finance could be secured. Mr. Mossler also stated that he would conduct some research to see if there are other funds that might be available for this purpose.

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Conferences are to be held with the Secretariat of the Prime Minister's Office and responsible officials of the Bureau of the Budget to see if something can be worked out in this respect. It is estimated that funds in the amount of ¥11,600,000 will be required by the Bureau of Statistics to complete the surveys in question.


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25 July 1949

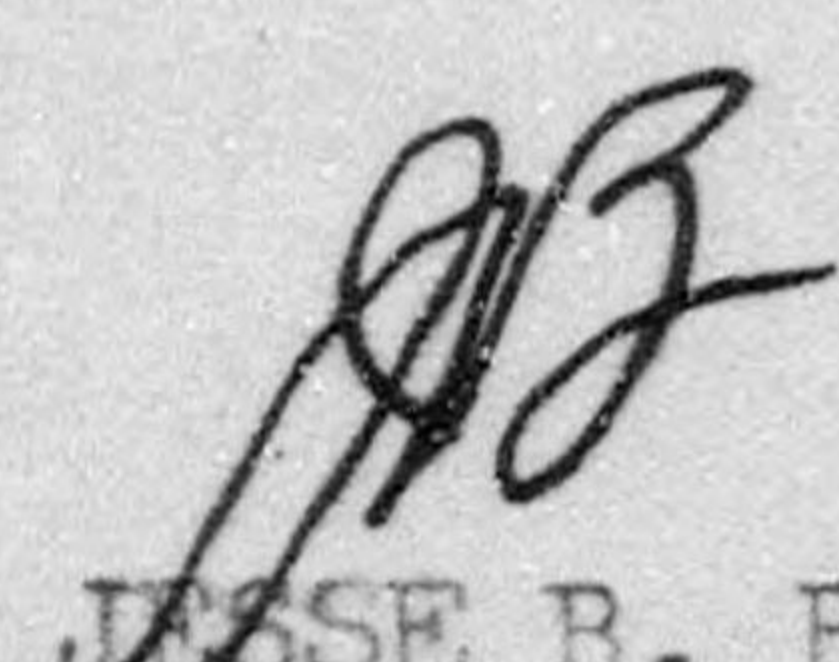
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Revision of Consumer Price Index of the
Statistics Bureau

Mr. Takimoto, Compensation Bureau, NPA, called at this office on 25 July and presented a draft in regard to the revision of the Consumer Price Index.

It was indicated that this change had been requested by the Research and Programs Division, ESS. This had been previously discussed by Mr. Takimoto and Mr. Salter of this office. The provision is a change in the formulas to be used.

A copy of the proposal is attached hereto.


JESSE B. BETTIS
Compensation Specialist

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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

21 July 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Cost of Living Statistics

In a conference this afternoon with Mr. Takimoto he informed me, among other things, that the Bureau of Statistics was definitely interested in converting its statistical compilation of CPS to the market basket basis. This would mean that their statistical work would be strictly in accord with the statistics developed last year by this office in the determination of salaries and wages. This is an exceedingly interesting development and will be extremely useful in the future work of NPA.

A detailed report on this will be submitted in writing by Mr. Takimoto.

MacDONALD SALTER
Chief, Classification
& Compensation Branch

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cc: Mr. Shirven
Mr. Bettis

In the request of G.H.Q. (E.S.S. and R.P.D.) about the revision of Consumers Price Index of the Statistics Bureau, Prime Minister's Office, the Statistics Committee mediates and has discussing with agencies, having relations of drawing up and using it. Now we want you to present your views for the next questions, to arrange the Japanese plans to be answered for G.H.Q.

I. Of the underwritten plans for the method of calculating the price index, linked to the prewar, and the after-war price index, mark number for what is recognized as proper, and explain the reason on theory, technics and utilization, and yet the conditions to be added to it.

(1) To use the Fisher's formula for the linked index, and yet use it for the after-war index.

(2) To use the Fisher's formula for the linked index, and to use the Laspayres' formula, taking the after-war period as its based one, for the after-war index.

(3) To link a price index to the pre-war by the Parshe's formula, and use the Laspayres' formula, taking the linked period as the base one, for the after-war index.

(4) To use any intermediate weights (f.e. the Edgeworth' formula) for the linked index.

(5) To use the Laspayres' formula for the linked index.

(6) To make the after-war index monthly, linking to the pre-war base period by Fisher's formula.

(7) To make the after-war index monthly, linking to the pre-war base period by Parshe's formula.

II. Which do you prefer among the next items, when you take I (1) or (2)? and explain the reason.

(1) Index, based on^N the pre-war, should be shown only of the linked time (the base period for the after-war index).

(3) To publish also the index, multiplied by the magnification,

that is, the index, based on the prewar, in the base period for the after-war index.

(3) Only to publish the index multiplied by the magnification.

III. In the case of taking I (1) (2) or (3), if we use the weighted arithmetic mean for calculating average prices in the base period, the simple arithmetic mean does not reach 100.

Then tell us whether we should take the simple arithmetic mean (G.H.Q. plan) or the weighted mean to get the effective price exactly, and explain the reason.

IV. Tell us whether you recognize the next items as the premise for taking I (1) (2).

(1) To fix the linked period on such a one as coincides with a base period for the after-war index, and yet should be the latest and more stable one in the economic conditions as much as possible.

(2) To do linking not of the whole country average index, but of Tokyo, abound in materials.

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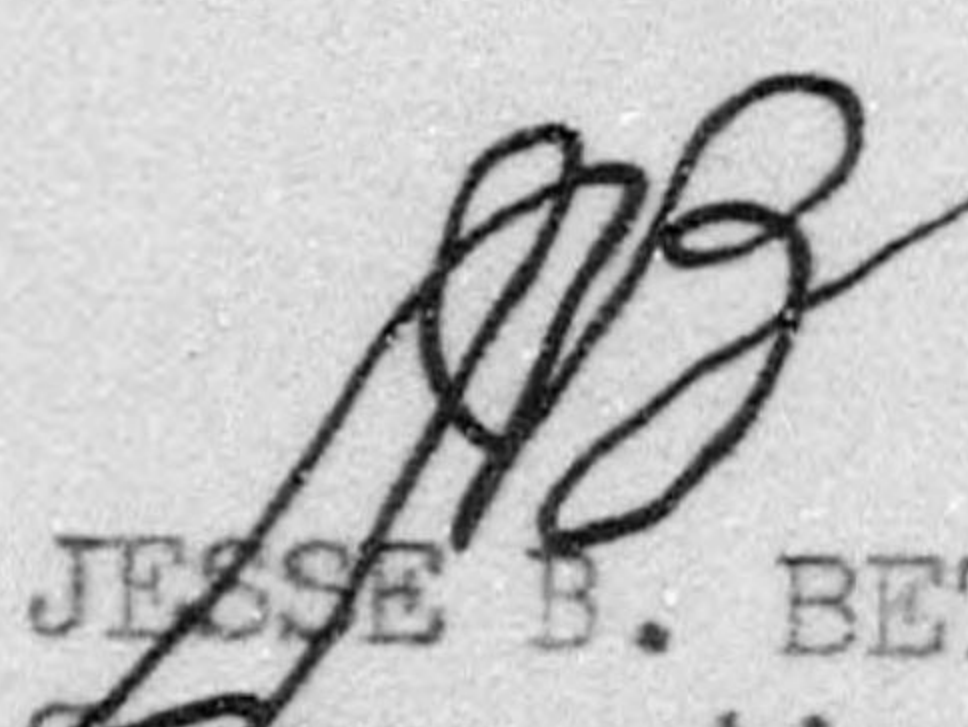
25 July 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed Change in Market Basket for the
1950 U. S. Fiscal Year

Messrs. Takimoto and Hasumi of the Bureau of Compensation, NPA, called at this office on 25 July and presented draft and data covering a proposed market basket for the fiscal year 1950. A change in the market basket had previously been discussed with Mr. Shirven of this office who had requested that ESB and the Welfare Ministry be contacted and their assistance secured in the composition of a new market basket.

After study by responsible personnel of this office, appropriate recommendations will be made to NPA regarding the change.


JESSE B. BETTIS
Compensation Specialist

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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

25 July 1949

~~1) Mr. McGeary~~
2) Bettis
3) File

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Results of Consumer Price Survey

Mr. Morita, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Office of the Prime Minister, called at this office on 25 July 1949 in regard to the completion of the compilation of data covering the CPS for the month of May. Mr. Morita has delivered the individual statistics on seven of the prefectural cities and the compiled indexes on 32 of the prefectural cities, leaving 14 of these cities yet to be reported, which it is anticipated will be in this office by Thursday of this week.

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Mr. Morita requested that the Bureau of Statistics be permitted to publish the results of the survey covering the 46 key prefectural cities during the current week. Upon questioning he indicated that there was considerable pressure from various sources to have this information released. Inasmuch as the survey covered 381 cities and there would remain 335 cities to be reported, it is believed by the writer, and concurred in by Messrs. Takimoto and Hasumi of the Salary and Wage Section of NPA, that the release of this information might cause serious repercussions in that it would probably be accepted by the unions and government employees in general as indicating the trend of the results of the survey. This might or might not be true. Mr. Morita was advised that this office would get in touch with him some time Tuesday, the 26th, in regard to the matter.

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Mr. Morita also requested the assistance of this office in securing additional funds so that the compilations of data could be completed by 1 October. This would require funds in the amount of ¥800,000 to cover salaries of 100 people for 60 days. He stated because of the administrative readjustment their schedule as set up at the beginning of the survey could not be followed. This adjustment provides for their release of 100 people on 31 July. If the additional funds are not secured the compilation can not be completed before 30 November with their regular staff of employees. This, of course, would be too late for the NPA to make recommendations to the coming session of the Diet regarding compensation matters.

Mr. Morita also advised that the NPA was desirous of having another survey of this kind conducted for the month of November in contrast to the month of May, as the month of May, due to seasonal fluctuations, would not be representative of the entire year. He stated that to

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Give all assistance possible.
WRM

25 July 1949

conduct this survey would require a budget increase for the Bureau of Statistics in the amount of ¥10,000,000, that the Bureau of Statistics was desirous of conducting the survey provided funds could be secured, and that the matter had been discussed with the Research and Programs Division, ESS and that they entertained no objection to the survey being conducted provided funds could be secured. Mr. Takimoto was present at the meeting and stated that it was his desire and the desire of the Commissioners that the survey be conducted in November and that it be carried out on a semi-annual basis in the future. The assistance of this office was requested in securing funds for this survey.

Messrs. Takimoto and Morita were advised that any attempt to disturb the current budget of the Japanese government would be frowned upon but that this office would give due consideration to the matter and discuss it further with them in the near future. If the survey is to be conducted for the month of November it will require that immediate plans be made.

It is interesting to note that the results of the survey covering the 34 key prefectural cities indicate, as had been anticipated by the writer, that the margin difference of cost of living between the various cities is narrowing, that the greatest difference between cities is 20 per cent, and that the average difference between Tokyo, as the key city, and other cities reported is approximately 10 per cent. Final results may therefore indicate that there is no further basis for an area allowance.


JESSE B. BETTIS
Compensation Specialist

JBB:jd

Resume of Results of the C.P.S. and Special C.P.S.
in May 1949 (Preliminary)

1/ City	Cash Expenditure per Household		Cash Expenditure per Capita		Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices 2/	
	Actual Figures (¥)	% to Tokyo	Actual Figures (¥)	% to Tokyo		
*Sapporo	13,571	95.1	2,703	88.6	93.4	(88.2)3/
*Aomori	11,188	78.4	2,226	73.0	79.5	(71.0)
Morioka	12,628	88.5	2,414	79.1	82.4	(74.0)
*Sendai	10,924	76.5	2,142	70.2	84.9	(80.4)
Akita						
Yamagata	13,182	92.3	2,530	83.0	84.3	(77.1)
Fukushima	10,656	74.6	2,140	70.2	82.1	(78.0)
Mito	12,611	88.3	2,747	90.1	88.7	(85.2)
Utsunomiya						
Maebashi	14,327	100.4	2,745	90.0	89.1	(84.4)
Urawa	15,804	110.7	3,167	103.8	94.6	(91.6)
*Chiba	10,625	74.4	2,036	66.8	91.8	(88.5)
*Tokyo	14,276	100.0	3,050	100.0	100.0	(100.0)
*Yokohama	13,311	93.2	2,874	94.2	96.7	(94.4)
Niigata	13,236	92.7	2,605	85.4	81.8	(77.0)
*Toyama	11,801	82.7	2,496	81.8	88.1	(84.2)
Kanazawa						
Fukui						
*Kofu	12,137	85.0	2,277	74.7	86.0	(83.7)
Nagano						
Gifu						
*Shizuoka	14,230	99.7	2,723	89.3	93.7	(89.3)
Nagoya	11,935	83.6	2,578	84.5	93.4	(91.1)
Tsu	9,328		2,115		85.8	(82.9)
*Otsu	13,057	91.5	2,670	87.5	93.2	(88.5)
*Kyoto	12,095	84.7	2,557	83.8	97.5	(95.6)
*Osaka	12,331	86.4	2,790	91.5	101.7	(98.3)
*Kobe	13,653	95.6	3,001	98.4	96.8	(95.0)
*Nara	12,760	89.4	2,732	89.6	96.2	(94.2)
Wakayama						
*Tottori	9,838	68.9	2,071	67.9	78.8	(74.7)
Matsue	12,176	85.3	2,624	86.0	79.8	(74.9)
Okayama						
*Hiroshima	10,095	70.7	2,234	74.9	93.0	(86.0)

	Cash Expenditure per Household		Cash Expenditure per Capita		Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices ^{2/}	
	Actual Figures	% to Tokyo	Actual Figures	% to Tokyo		
Yamaguchi	15,423	108.0	3,458	113.4	90.6	(84.4)
*Tokushima	9,084	63.6	2,037	66.8	84.0	(79.6)
Takamatsu						
*Matsuyama	9,769	68.4	2,171	71.2	85.7	(82.1)
Kochi						
Fukuoka						
Saga	11,563	81.0	2,186	71.7	84.9	(79.5)
Nagasaki						
Kumamoto	10,490		2,209		88.8	(85.1)
Oita						
Miyazaki	11,720	82.1	2,421	79.4	89.2	(80.8)
Kagoshima						

1/ * indicates cities surveyed in the present C.P.S.

2/ The base city of this index is Tokyo.

3/ This index is calculated by the Fisher's formula. The figure in the () of this column is that calculated with each city weight.

CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

21 July 1949

1) ~~Mr. Hoover~~ ✓
2) ~~Mr. Anselby~~
3) Files
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Cost of living

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Cost of Living Statistics

In a conference this afternoon with Mr. Takimoto he informed me, among other things, that the Bureau of Statistics was definitely interested in converting its statistical compilation of CPS to the market basket basis. This would mean that their statistical work would be strictly in accord with the statistics developed last year by this office in the determination of salaries and wages. This is an exceedingly interesting development and will be extremely useful in the future work of NPA.

A detailed report on this will be submitted in writing by Mr. Takimoto.

Macdonald Salter

MacDONALD SALTER
Chief, Classification
& Compensation Branch

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cc: Mr. Shirven
Mr. Bettis

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Resume of Results of the C.P.S. and Special C.P.S.
in May 1949 (Preliminary)

1/	Cash Expenditure per Household		Cash Expenditure per Capita		Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices 2/	
	Actual Figures	% to Tokyo	Actual Figures	% to Tokyo		
	(¥)		(¥)			
*Sapporo	13,571	95.1	2,703	88.6	93.4	(88.2) ^{3/}
*Aomori	11,188	78.4	2,226	73.0	79.5	(71.0)
Merioka	12,628	88.5	2,414	79.1	82.4	(74.0)
*Sendai	10,924	76.5	2,142	70.2	84.9	(80.4)
Akita						
Yamagata	13,182	92.3	2,530	83.0	84.3	(77.1)
Fukushima	10,656	74.6	2,140	70.2	82.1	(78.0)
Mito	12,611	88.3	2,747	90.1	88.7	(85.2)
Utsunomiya						
Maebashi	14,327	100.4	2,745	90.0	89.1	(84.4)
Urawa	15,804	110.7	3,167	103.8	94.6	(91.6)
*Chiba	10,625	74.4	2,036	66.8	91.8	(88.5)
*Tokyo	14,276	100.0	3,050	100.0	100.0	(100.0)
*Yokohama	13,311	93.2	2,874	94.2	96.7	(94.4)
Niigata	13,236	92.7	2,605	85.4	81.8	(77.0)
*Toyama	11,801	82.7	2,496	81.8	88.1	(84.2)
Kanazawa						
Fukui						
*Kofu	12,137	85.0	2,277	74.7	86.0	(83.7)
Nagano						
Gifu						
*Shizuoka	14,230	99.7	2,723	89.3	93.7	(89.3)
Nagoya	11,935	83.6	2,578	84.5	93.4	(91.1)
Tsu	9,328		2,115		85.8	(82.9)
*Otsu	13,057	91.5	2,670	87.5	93.2	(88.5)
*Kyoto	12,095	84.7	2,557	83.8	97.5	(95.6)
*Osaka	12,331	86.4	2,790	91.5	101.7	(98.3)
*Kobe	13,653	95.6	3,001	98.4	96.8	(95.0)
*Nara	12,760	89.4	2,732	89.6	96.2	(94.2)
Wakayama						
*Tottori	9,838	68.9	2,071	67.9	78.8	(74.7)
Matsue	12,178	85.3	2,624	86.0	79.8	(74.9)
Okayama						
*Hiroshima	10,095	70.7	2,284	74.9	93.0	(86.0)

	Cash Expenditure per Household		Cash Expenditure per Capita		Regional Difference, Index of Consumer Prices ^{2/}	
	Actual Figures	% to Tokyo	Actual Figures	% to Tokyo		
Yamaguchi	15,423	108.0	3,458	113.4	90.6	(84.4)
*Tokushima	9,084	63.6	2,037	66.8	84.0	(79.6)
Takamatsu						
*Matsuyama	9,769	68.4	2,171	71.2	85.7	(82.1)
Kochi						
Fukuoka						
Saga	11,563	81.0	2,186	71.7	84.9	(79.5)
Nagasaki						
Kumamoto	10,490		2,209		88.8	(85.1)
Oita						
Miyazaki	11,720	83.1	2,421	79.4	89.2	(80.8)
Kagoshima						

1/ * indicates cities surveyed in the present C.P.S.

2/ The base city of this index is Tokyo.

3/ This index is calculated by the Fisher's formula. The figure in the () of this column is that calculated with each city weight.

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16 March 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR : Mr. Blaine Hoover
Chief, Civil Service Division

SUBJECT : Recommendations of Administrative Reorganization
Committee.

On 16 March, Mr. Kenneth D. Morrow, Acting Chief, Research and Programs Division of Economic & Scientific Section called to advise that Mr. Honda, head of the Administrative Reorganization Committee had recommended the abolition of the Research & Statistics Bureau and the Statistics Division of the Ministry of Labor. Mr. Morrow pointed out that the Research & Statistics Bureau was established in compliance with a directive from SCAP and that both of these agencies were ones which GHQ, SCAP depended upon to secure its detailed statistical information concerning the operation of the Japanese Government.

Mr. Morrow was calling to inquire as to whether Mr. Honda was receiving his direction and advice from the Civil Service Division. I assured him that this was not true and that we had depended heavily on facts, figures and information supplied us by both of the agencies indicated. I also stated that we had already gone on record recommending the strengthening of both of these agencies from an organization standpoint and budget-wise and I assured Mr. Morrow that we would stand shoulder to shoulder with him and his organization in attempting to combat any ideas the Japanese Government might have of abolishing these agencies.

I talked this over
with MacCoy
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cc: Mr. M. Salter ✓

W. PIERCE MacCOY
Deputy Chief
Civil Service Division

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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

15 March 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Blaine Hoover, Chief, Civil Service Division
SUBJECT : Cost of Living in January

Final data has been received on cost of living in January. These data indicate an increase of 6% in the cost of living over the base period. It is my opinion that no action is warranted on the basis of this finding in view of the fact that January is a somewhat abnormal month and that sampling errors for any one month may well account for an increase of 1 or 2%. I am inclined to think that no recommendation for a change in base pay should be made on the basis of figures for a shorter period than one quarter.

Maynard N. Shirven
MAYNARD N. SHIRVEN,
Chief, Examination Branch.

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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

9 March 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Blaine Hoover, Chief, Civil Service Division

SUBJECT : Cost of Living

1. The following table shows changes in cost of living of a single individual in the period July, 1948, to December, 1948. In addition, cost of food for January, 1949, is shown. All these figures have been computed on the basis used in our cost of living study made in connection with the revision of government pay.

Date	Non-Food Expenditures	Food Costs (Market Basket)	Total
July, 1948	¥ 1112	¥ 1128	2240
August "	1232	928	2160
September, 1948	1077	1324	2400
October "	1246	815	2060
November "	1265	903	2167
December "	1721	989	2710
January, 1949		1009	

2. Cost of living for the last quarter of 1948, including the highly abnormal month of December, increased approximately 3.2% over the cost of living in July, which was the base period on which the government salary structure was erected. On this basis it will not be necessary at the present time to recommend any readjustment of the pay structure. Food cost figures for January also indicate tentatively that no change will be necessary. When final figures are available for January, a definite conclusion will be reported.

3. If December figures alone were used, a substantial increase in base pay would be required. However, it is my opinion that the December figures reflect to a large extent year-end payments made by most private enterprises rather than any real change in the cost of living. This view is supported by the fact that food cost alone in December showed no increase over food cost in July. It is probable that January figures will continue to reflect the year-end payments and the attendant holiday celebrations and consequently should not be made the basis for any permanent adjustment. In order to avoid biasing our conclusions unduly by use of abnormal periods as a base, it is probably desirable to base conclusions on quarterly averages.

Maynard N. Shirven

MAYNARD N. SHIRVEN,
Chief, Examination Branch.

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1 February 1949

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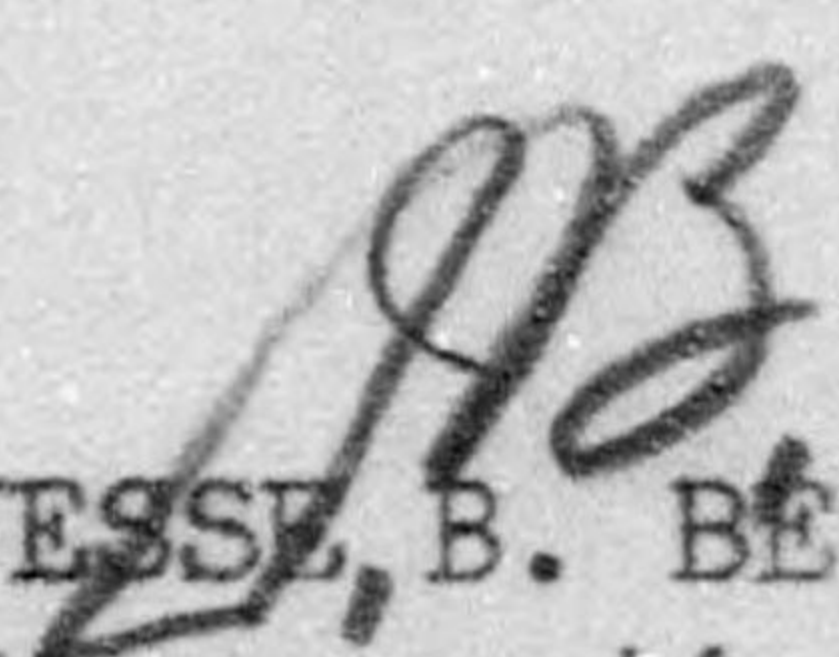
SUBJECT: Expansion of Consumers Price Survey

Conference was held on 1 February 1949 with Mr. M. Levine, Chief of the Price and Distribution Branch, Research & Programs Division, ESS, in regard to the possible expansion of the Consumers Price Survey to meet the needs of the NPA.

After discussing the possibilities of extending CPS to cover a greater number of cities, towns and villages in Japan, the possibility of a one-time comprehensive survey was suggested. Mr. Levine stated that that Division would be greatly interested and would cooperate fully in a survey of this kind. Upon questioning Mr. Levine stated that three to four months would be the least possible time in which they could complete the survey. In a discussion of the possible use of the prefectural governments in making the survey Mr. Levine stated that under the present arrangement all field work was done by statistical branches of the prefectural governments. Prior to the effective date of the Local Autonomy Law the statistical branches were units of the national government. He further stated that it was very important that control be maintained by the Bureau of Statistics.

The understanding was that after the overall one-time survey had been completed plans could be made for recurring surveys, possibly by quarters or, if necessary, by months. It was believed that the overall survey would permit the establishment of so-called "bench marks" that would provide a basis for future comparisons and establishment of *reliable* Consumer Price Indexes.

Mr. Levine was advised that this office would contact the chief of the Bureau of Statistics and request that some plan be worked out in regard to the overall survey after which time it would be submitted to Research & Programs Division of ESS for concurrence. It was the understanding that this office, through the NPA, would prepare material in justification of the survey for budgetary purposes and consideration by the legislative bodies; also that Research & Programs Division should actively participate in the management of the survey after it had been authorized.


JESSE, B. BETTIS
Compensation Specialist

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24 January 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Cost of Living Studies in regard to Area Allowances

Meeting was held with Messrs. Hasumi and Morita of the Salary and Wage Section, NPA, on 21 January in regard to methods to be used in the collection of cost of living data.

Draft of a proposed resolution to be passed by the directors of NPA was presented by Mr. Hasumi. This resolution deals in particular with the expansion of CPS by the Bureau of Statistics to cover approximately 70 cities, as compared with 28 cities being covered at the present time.

Also attached is draft of a plan by Mr. Z. Yamada of the Bureau of Statistics which has been concurred in by the Research & Programs Division of ESS covering the proposed expansion of CPS. There is also attached a map showing the distribution of cities by prefectures.

This plan to extend the coverage of CPS is of necessity the first step to be taken by NPA in securing correct and complete information in regard to the cost of living in Japan and in keeping in close touch with the constant changes. After the coverage of CPS has been extended it is planned, through the regional offices of NPA with the assistance of the local labor offices and other local offices representing the national government, to extend the coverage of surveys to the smaller towns and villages throughout the various prefectures. Steps are being taken to immediately set up procedures to extend the coverage following the expansion in CPS.

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Compensation Specialist

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Discussed *with* Mr. Bettis

Jan. 18, 1949

Second Draft Prepared by the Salary and Wage Section

January 16, 1949

The Resolution of the Meeting of the Authority Concerning the Survey of Area Allowances.

As it is most urgent in view of the existing economic situations "to make continuous, scientific studies and investigations of the cost of living in areas throughout the country" as provided in Article 2, Item 5 of the Law Administering the New Pay of Government Employees, the National Personnel Authority makes a following resolution in order to establish a process of these studies and investigations.

1. Classification of areas and decisions of the issuing rates of allowances already ^dmade by the Minister of Finance through the resolution of the Area Allowance Committee shall temporarily remain unchanged.
2. The National Personnel Authority shall prepare for the appropriate recommendation concerning the areas to which the area allowances are to be paid and the rates thereof as soon as possible and, for this purpose, shall ^{make} ~~issue~~ ^{requests to} ~~necessary directives~~ to the Statistics Bureau of the Prime Minister's office, the Ministry of Labor, the Ministry of Welfare and other governmental agencies, ^{for} ~~requesting~~ all-out cooperation in preparing and presenting necessary data and drafting the revision plan.

3. The National Personnel Authority shall make overall adjustments of the areas which are given area allowances and the rates thereof throughout the country in order to realize fairness and equality. For the purpose of achieving this purpose the National Personnel Authority shall support and aid vigorously ~~to increase the cities covered~~ under Consumers' Price Survey now conducted by Statistics Bureau of the Prime Minister's Office.

*to cover the following
cities*

*extend the C.P.S.
to include*

A Table on Cities Covered by the enlarged
plan of the Consumers' Price Survey

Proposed by Mr. Yamada, Bureau of Statistics

	Present Cities	New Cities Covered by C.P.S.	
		Seat of pref. Gov'ts	non-seats of pref. Gov'ts
Hokkaido	Sapporo, Yubari		Hakodate Muroran
Aomori	Aomori		Hirotsuki
Iwate		Morioka	
Iiyugi	Sendai		Ishinomaki
Adita		Akita	
Yamagata		Yamagata	
Fukushima		Fukushima	
Ibaragi		Mito	Taira
Tochigi		Utsunomiya	
Guma	Tokasaki		Kiryu
Saitama		Urawa	
Chiba	Chiba		Choshi
Tokyo	Tokyo		Hachioji
Banagawa	Yokohama, Fujisawa		Odawara
Niigata		Niigata	Takaoka
Toyama	Toyama		
Ishikawa		Kanagawa	
Fukui		Fukui	
Yamanashi	Kofu		
Nagano	Matsumoto	Nagano	

Gifu		Gifu	
Shizuoka		Shizuoka	
Aichi	Nagoya, Toyohashi		Okazaki
Wie		Tsu	
Shiga	Otsu		Nagahama
Kyoto	Kyoto, Maizuru		
Osaka	Osaka		Faizuka
Hyoogo	Kobe		akashi (Himeji)
Nara	NHra		
Wakayama		Wakayama	
Tottori	Tottori		
Shimane		Watsue	Yonago
Okayama		Okayama	Onomichi
Hiroshima	Hiroshima		
Yamaguchi	Shimonoseki	Yamaguchi	Ube
Kagawa		Takamatsu	
Shime	Watsuyama		Wihama
Kochi		Kochi	
Fukuoka	Yawata	Fukuoka	Fokura
Naga		Naga	
Nagasaki	Omura	Nagasaki	
Fumanoto		Kumamoto	
Oita		Oita	
Miyazaki	Miyakonojo	Miyazaki	
Kagoshima		Kagoshima	

Mr. Bettis

Mr. Levine
Mr. Hajima
Miss Murray

15. December '48

Z. Yamada

About the enlarging plan

I have heard that our director has gotten your approval for the enlarging of C.F.S. So I want to present you its detail in below.

I) The increase of surveyed cities & surveyed families.
According to our plan the number of surveyed families will be doubled to the present total, that is, will be increased to about 10,000 families. About 5,000 increased families is to be select from newly selected cities. A principle of the city selection does not depend upon the old sampling method, but lies in that one city must be increased to one prefecture. At that time cities, which has the prefecture office and is not surveyed, are selected prior to other cities, and in the prefecture, in which the city which has the prefecture office is already selected, another city is to be selected. Then at present I want to rotate these cities one year after. The reason, why I choose this plan, lies in that I wonder the representativeness of present surveyed cities, also can't find the good criterion for the stratification at present, and so I seek the relation of the unsurveyed cities with the present surveyed by the increasing and rotation.

The cities to be increased are as below by my present plan.

Cities, which has the prefectural office, Morioka (Iwate),
Akita (^Aakita), Yamagata (Yamagata), Fukushima, (Fukushima),
Mito (Ibaraki), Utsunomiya (Tochigi), Urawa (Saitama),
Niigata (Niigata), Kanazawa (Ishikawa), Fukui (Fukui),
Nagano (Nagano), Gifu (Gifu), Shizuoka (Shizuoka),
Tsu (Mie), Wakayama (Wakayama), Matsue (Matsue),
Okayama (Okayama), Yamaguchi (Yamaguchi), Takamatsu (Kagawa),
Kochi (Kochi), Fukuoka (Fukuoka), Saga (Saga),
Nagasaki (Nagasaki), Kumamoto (Kumamoto), Oita (Oita),
Miyazaki (Miyazaki), Kagoshima (Kagoshima),
Mining Cities; Bibai (Hokkaido), Taira (Fukushima),
Ube (Yamaguchi), ^NNiihama (Ehime), Izuka (Fukuoka),
Fishing Cities; Hakedate (Hokkaido), Ishinomaki (Miyagi),
Choshi (Chiba),
Other Cities; Muroran (Hokkaido), Hirosaki (Aomori),
Kiryu (Gunma), Hachioji (Tokyo), Odahara (Kanagawa),
Takazuka (Toyama), Okazaki (Aichi), Nagahama (Shiga),
Kaizuka (Osaka), Himeji (Hyogo), Yonago (Tottori),
Onomichi (Hiroshima), Kokura (Fukuoka).

The sampling ratio in each city is about $\frac{1}{250}$
 ($\frac{5,000 \text{ (the number of families to be increased)}}{\text{Total number of families at cities to be increased at the ration-population census last year}}$),

but at the city, in which the number of families to be surveyed are under 70, it will be increased to 70 families.

For the sampling we want to use the grouping of 5 or 10 enumeration districts or 500 families at the ration-population census last year as our sampling unit, which substitute for the old Chenaikai. The sampling ratio in this unit will be the same as before, that is $\frac{1}{30}$. The last sampling method will be taken to the present surveyed cities as the revised method. But the removing to the new district will be done every rotation. For this the ledger at the last census will serve greatly.

II) The establishment of the travelling-salesman system.

After your suggestion we have established the travelling-salesman system, and ^sreceived Mr. Maruyama and Mr. Mizukami.

In connection with the above enlarging we want to ^sestablish the travelling-salesmen system, more fundamentally.

For that purpose the all Japan will be divided to 5 blocks, as following.

- (1) Hokkaido, Tohoku districts.
- (2) Kanto, Toosan, Shinetsu, Tokai districts.
- (3) Hokuriku, Kinki districts.
- (4) Chugoku, Shikoku districts.
- (5) Kyushu districts.

At last I want to say my opinion for the apply of the sampling method in L.F.S. to our survey. In the L.F.S. different from the old sampling, the population, total employment ratio, and the employment ratio by industry principally the industrialization ratio and agriculturalization ratio were taken as the criterion for the stratification in new sampling. And then the geographical position was abandoned as the criterion. Though of course, I suppose, the above 3 criterions may be useful for the stratification at our survey, and it is very adequate to abandon the shifting ratio of the population in the present condition, it is not adequate in our case to neglect the geographical position, so I think. Also, I think, we must consider the occupational structure of each city as the criterion in our case. But as at present I have no self-reliance about those things, so I would rather want to compare the not yet surveyed with the surveyed by the above enlarging plan & the rotation of cities. And I want to find the adequate criterion and do the stratification after the various analysis of the survey, and that will be useful, I think, for many present labour problems. If enlarged, I can revised the all city index or all figures about all cities when needed. The above enlarging plan may be too enlarged for our present talent and I may commit the ~~blabber~~^{blunder} at my understanding, but the above is at present the detail, which I conceive about the enlarging plan, when our director talked with you.

Would you please check the above and advise us?

One travelling-salesmen for one district will be appointed.

In relation with the above establishment we want to establish the special checking system for such a special checking as the survey of ration condition of the staple food.

III) The making of new index.

Adding to the present C.P.I. and R.D.I. of consumer prices, we want to make two more new index. The one is ration and non-ration C.P.I. and the other is the Workers Price Index.

The reason for these lies in that the latter is very much requested, while C.P.I. with the characteristics of the cost of living index shows ~~shows~~ the change of purchasing power or price level not for workers, but only for all consumers, and the former is necessary for the estimate of the change of index in future, as I suppose now the present C.P.I. is inadequate to do so. The tabulation for these works will be inserted into the ordinary procedure with the making of R.D.I. by the increase of girls.

I want to add that the tabulation for the increased part at the enlarging plan will be delegated to each prefecture.

IV) Moreover we have wanted to do the pilot test for the change of the sampling method, but the budget for that was not admitted at our constant unit and I suppose that it does not occur the great change, if we take the above sampling and rotation.

Comparison Table of the Sampled City
at MLPS with our enlarging plan

No. of Strata	No. of PSU	Selected City in MLPS	Selected City in new plan
S1		Tokyo	# Tokyo
S2		Osaka	# Osaka
S3		Kyoto	# Kyoto
S4		Nagoya	# Nagoya
S5		Yokohama	# Yokohama
S6		Kobe	# Kobe
S7		Fukuoka	Fukuoka
S8	5	Kanazawa	Kanazawa # Sapporo, # Hiroshima Shizuoka, Niigata
S9	1	Sendai	# Sendai
S10	3	Yahata	# Yahata
S11	3	Toyohashi	# Toyohashi, # Toyama Kochi
S12	7	Morioka	Morioka # Kofu # Matsuyama # Chiba
S13	5	Hanamatsu	Takaoka Himeji Gifu
S14	6	Urawa	Okayama, Akita Urawa
S15	3	Nagasaki	Wakayama # Tokushima Nagasaki
S16	2	Kagoshima	Kagoshima Kumamoto

S17	6	Nara	# Nara Okazaki # Otsu
S18	8	Shimizu	Hachioji # Matsumoto
S19	8	Ashikaga	Kiryu Utsunomiya Murooran Fukui
S20	8	Takasaki	# Takasaki Yamagata
S21	9	Sano	# Miyakonojo Yamaguchi # Omura
S22	11	Tsuyama	Saga Onomichi Hirosaki Mito Matsue # Aomori
S23	8	Tsu	Fukushima Tsu # Maizuru Yonago Oita Miyazaki
S24	8	Uwaxima ^J	# Tottori Odawara # Fujisawa Nagano
S25	16	Hikone	Kaizuka Nagahama
S26	15	Iwamizawa	-
S27	12	Mishima	-
S28	12	Marugame	-
S29	8	Hiratsuka	-
S30	2	Hitachi	Niihama
S31	4	Yubari	# Yubari Ube

S32	6	Kushiro	Izuka
S33	1	Hakodate	Hakodate
S34	1	Shimonoseki	# Shimonoseki
S35	10	Ishinomaki	Ishinomaki Choshi
S36	9	Maheki	-

Remark # shows the present surveyed city

CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
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*Give Cost of Living
Mr Hoover
for your info.
November 29, 1948 ✓ WBR*

November 29, 1948

11/29/48

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. W. Pierce *Mac* Coy, Deputy Chief, Civil Service Division

SUBJECT : Copies of Cost of Living Survey

1. About October 20th, copies of the final report together with the cost-of-living supplement of the proposed Wage Adjustment for government workers were loaned to Mr. Mazzo, Labor Division, ESS and to Mr. Reed, Public Finance Division, ESS. These copies were left with these persons after informal discussions with them concerning the report. This was part of the informal review by interested SCAP Sections of the findings of the National Personnel Authority. Mr. Reed stated that he would present his copy to the Program and Research Division, ESS for their review. It was understood that the copies of these reports would be returned to this office within a few days.

2. Mr. Mazzo returned his copy early in November. Mr. Reed was requested to return his copy at the same time but did not do so. A second call was made on the 23rd of November and this office was informed that Mr. Reed's copy had been given by the Program and Research Division to Mr. Cohen, Special Assistant to the Director of ESS. Mr. Cohen requested that the copy of the report remain in his hands for further study.

Macdonald Salter

MACDONALD SALTER

Chief, Classification and Compensation Branch

Reported to Gen. Whitney

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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION
Government Section

10 January 1948

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Classification of Areas and Area Allowance Rates

Conference was held with Messrs. Hasumi and Morito of the Salary and Wage Section, NPA, on 7 January 1949 in regard to the above subject.

In line with suggestions by this office, Mr. Hasumi had met with personnel of the Allowance Bureau, Ministry of Finance, to discuss procedures that had been followed in the collection of statistical data concerning the classification of areas and the assignment of issuing rates of area allowances.

As a result of this conference Mr. Hasumi has developed some ideas in regard to plans to be followed and was advised to put them into writing so that a better understanding could be had and to present them to this office at a further conference to be held on Monday, 10 January.

JESSE B. BETTIS
Compensation Specialist

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