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HEADQUARTERS  
KOBE BASE  
APO 317AG 601

Dec 20 1948

SUBJECT: Use of Basement of Chamber of Commerce Bldg, Kobe, Honshu, Japan.

TO: Commanding Officer  
Hyogo Military Government Team  
APO 317

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, subject: "Assignment of Real Estate", dated 5 November 1948, in which you were assigned the entire Kobe Chamber of Commerce Building and the surrounding land area.
2. As the basement of this building, exclusive of the central heating installation and other permanent utility installations, is not being utilized by your Command it is proposed to utilize this space as a dressing and locker room, and for office space for the ~~QM~~ Sales Commissary.
3. At present no dressing room facilities other than hallways in the commissary are available. This prohibits the sixty (60) female employees from changing into uniforms provided them and does not offer adequate locker space for the male employees.
4. Due to the close proximity of the Chamber of Commerce Building to the Commissary and the fact that the basement can be converted into locker facilities at an estimated cost of \$350.00, it is not felt that the construction of a new installation at an estimated cost of \$5,206.18 is justified.
5. In view of the fact that by using the north basement door, no Japanese personnel would enter that part of the building utilized by Military Government, there will in no way be any interference with the operations of your Command.
6. Concurrence in this matter is requested.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ John Mocnik, Jr  
/t/ JOHN MOCNIK, JR  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Kobe Base, APO 317, Subject: "Use of Basement of Chamber of Commerce Bldg, Kobe, Honshu, Japan," dtd 20 Dec 48.

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Hyogo Military Government Team, APO 317, 21 December 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301

1. It is not contemplated that Military Government will have any use for the unoccupied space now available in the basement of the Hyogo Military Government Team headquarters building.

2. In view of that fact, and since denial of the request will apparently result in an expenditure of over \$5000 of Corps funds, it is recommended that the request contained in basic letter be approved with the understanding that Commissory personnel will be restricted to the basement of the building and will use the ground level entrance on the North side of the building only.

/s/ George L. Atwood  
/t/ GEORGE L. ATWOOD  
Lt. Col., UAC  
Commanding

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Kobe Base, AG 601, subj: "Use of Basement of Chamber of Commerce Bldg, Kobe, Honshu, Japan", dtd 20 December 1948.

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2nd Ind

28 DEC 1948

Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301,

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

Additional and/or emergency missions with varied office space requirements are frequently assigned to military government units. Permanent or semi-permanent utilization by agencies other than military government of space presently allocated to military government is not recommended.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

J. E. ENGLEHARDT  
Capt., AGD  
Adjutant

AG 601 - BA

3rd Ind

31 DEC 1948

Hq I Corps, APO 301,

TO: CO, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301

In view of possible exigencies in connection with military government activities and subsequent office space requirements, the request of Kobe Base for use of the basement of the Hyogo Military Government Headquarters building is not favorably considered.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SWING:

Walter Hamsey  
C. W. O. H. S. A.  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Kobe Base, AG 601, subj: "Use of Basement of Chamber of Commerce Bldg, Kobe, Honshu, Japan", dtd 20 December 1948.

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4th Ind

Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301,

7 3 JAN 1949

TO: CO, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, APO 317

Attention is invited to the preceding indorsement.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BURNS:

J. E. ENGLEHARDT  
Capt., AGD  
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS  
 KYOTO MIL GOVT TEAM  
 APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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601

19 October 1948

SUBJECT: Procurement of Real Estate

THRU: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301

TO: Commanding General  
 Eighth Army,  
 APO 343

1. Request procurement of 437 square feet of office space in Kyoto Prefecture Government Building.
2. Location: Shimodachiuri Shin-machi, Nishi-iru, Kamikyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto-fu.
3. Present Use: Office space for Kyoto Prefecture Government
4. No rehabilitation requested.
5. Space now occupied by Kyoto Military Government Team 5337 square feet office and latrine facilities, under procurement demand JPNR 1380, two copies attached as inclosure No. 1.
6. Justification
  - a. Additional office space for Kyoto Military Government Team headquarters.
  - b. Assigned officers and officer type civilians: 16  
 Authorized office space ..... 1600 sq. ft.
  - c. Assigned Non Commissioned Officers and Non Commissioned Officer type civilians: 31  
 Authorized office space ..... 2480 sq. ft.
  - d. Assigned Enlisted Men, Foreign Nationals and Japanese... 85  
 Authorized office space ..... 4250 sq. ft.

TOTAL presently procured ..... 5337 sq. ft.  
 TOTAL authorized ..... 8330 sq. ft.
7. The procurement of this space will not interfere with the Japanese economy or the operation of the Prefectural Government due to the movement of the Japanese Police Department to another building.

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BASIC: Ltr Kyoto Mil Govt Team, subj: Procurement of Real Estate,  
dtd 19 October 1948

8. Draft of proposed procurement plot, see inclosure No. 2, five (5)  
copies.

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- 2 Incls
- 1. PD JPMR 1380  
2 copies
- 2. Proposed Proc. Plot  
5 copies

FRANK KOWALSKI JR  
Colonel, Inf  
Commanding

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1st Ind

JFL/hk

Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301.

25 OCT 1948

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

Recommend approval.

2 Incls:  
n/c

J. J. BURNS  
Colonel, FA  
Commanding

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APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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AG 601 - H

13 August 1948

SUBJECT: Real Property of Non-Japanese and Non-German Nationals.

TO : Commanding Officer, Kinki Military Government Region, APO 301

1. Attached hereto as I closure No. 1 is letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AGLE 601, dated 2 August 1948, subject as above.

2. Request your Headquarters furnish information requested in paragraph 2 of attached letter as soon as practicable.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SWING:

1 Incl -  
a/s, w/1 Incl  
thereto (Hyogo Pref)/s/ William A. Franks  
WILLIAM A. FRANKS  
Capt, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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1st Ind

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Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301, 17-AUG 1948

TO: CO, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, APO 317

For compliance with request contained in basic communication.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BURNS:

1 Incl:  
n/cJ.E. ENGLEHARDT  
Captain, AGD  
AdjutantM.G.  
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BASIC: Ltr, I Corps, APO 301, file AG 601 - H, Subj: "Real Property of Non-Japanese and Non-German Nationals," 13 Aug 48

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2d Ind.

Hyogo Military Government Team, APO 317, 23 August 1948

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301  
ATTN: Mil Govt Section

1. Property listed on Inclosure 1 is under procurement by Headquarters Kobe Base as a part of the troop billet area known as East Camp.

2. CE-31-PD-140-2-46 is under P.D. HYGE 2848 and CE-31-PD-138-2-46 is under P.D. HYGE 2846.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

LOUIS G. HUTTON  
Major, Cavalry  
Executive Officer

1 Incl. n/c

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3rd Ind

JFL/tn

Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301, 26 AUG 1948

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

J. E. ENGLEHARDT  
Capt., AGD  
Adjutant

1 Incl:  
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS  
KINKI MIL GOVT REGION  
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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10 AUG 1948

SUBJECT: Purchase of Forest Lands

TO : Commanding Officer, Fukui Military Government Team, APO 301  
Commanding Officer, Hyogo Military Government Team, APO 317  
Commanding Officer, Kyoto Military Government Team, APO 301  
Commanding Officer, Nara Military Government Team, APO 25  
Commanding Officer, Osaka Military Government Team, APO 25  
Commanding Officer, Shiga Military Government Team, APO 25  
Commanding Officer, Wakayama Military Government Team, APO 25

1. Several Military Government teams have reported that forest owners cannot reconcile the fact that there will not be a forest land reform with the fact that forest land is being purchased for reclamation purposes under the provisions of the Land Reform Law. The purpose of this letter is to clarify the confusion on this subject.

2. A criteria has been established for the purchase of forest lands for reclamation purposes which must be considered adequate in view of widely diversified conditions between prefectures. This criteria stipulates that the following type of forest land will not be purchased:

- a. Lands needed for conservation (protective) purposes.  
(Reference: NRS Weekly Summary # 129).
- b. Lands which are developed as forest/tree nurseries.  
(Reference: NRS Weekly Summary # 122).
- c. Lands required for firewood, charcoal, grass or pasture.  
(Reference: NRS Weekly Summary #139).

3. All prefectures have received a reclamation quota for the fiscal year 1948, which in turn has been sub-allocated to guns and to villages in accordance with the amount of forest land in the area. In respect to areas less than 10 cho, the Local Agricultural Land Commission selects the sites, and submits the purchase plan to the Prefectural Agricultural Land Commission for approval. The Local Land Commission may, but is not required to, seek the advice of the local forestry association.

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Ltr, Hq Kiaki Mil Govt Region, 601, subj: "Purchase of Forest Lands",  
 dtd cont'd.

10 AUG 1948

4. In respect to areas of more than 10 cho, the Prefectural Reclamation Committee is consulted by the Prefecture Reclamation Section for technical advice, prior to approval by the Prefectural Agricultural Land Commission. The designation of lands more than 10 cho required for firewood, charcoal, grass or pasture is a responsibility of the Local Forestry Commission, subject to the approval of the Prefectural Agricultural Land Commission.

5. Forest landowners should not confuse a land reform program (with its limitations on size of land and type of owner) with the vitally necessary reclamation program. Forest landowners can be reassured that absentee ownership and the size of their holdings are of no consideration in determining land to be acquired for reclamation. They must, however face the fact that a small portion of forest land (a national average of about 5%), not included in the exemptions listed in paragraph 2 above, will be acquired by the prefectures for reclamation purposes during the fiscal year 1948.

6. In the event that further interpretation of the established criteria is desired by prefectural authorities, the matter should be referred by them to the Regional Land Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BUNNIS:

J. E. SKELEHART  
 Capt., AGD  
 Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS  
KINKI MIL GOVT REGION  
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

EHN/tn

20 MAR 1948

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SUBJECT: Site for Bombing and Gunnery Range

TO : Central Liaison Office

1. This letter confirms the conversation held between Mr. Hintz of this headquarters and Mr. Yoshioka of your office on 9 March 1948,

2. It is requested that your office make necessary arrangements with appropriate Japanese authorities to select two or three possible sites for an air to ground bombing and gunnery range for use of the Itami Air Force Base.

3. The selected sites should be in an area within 80 miles of the Itami Base. The range will have a danger area with a radius of 2 miles and extending for five miles in at least one direction. The target may be of any type (wrecked ship, island, flat land, etc.) and should be readily accessible to permit accurate scoring.

4. It is suggested that the sites be located in an area which will not interfere or constitute a danger to commercial shipping or which will seriously interfere with Japanese fishing or other marine enterprises. It is intended that the range will be used only intermittently, and a system of advance warning will be set up.

5. It is suggested that you contact Lt-Col Johnson, Director of Training and Operations, at the Itami Air Force Base for further details in connection with this request. When one or more sites have been selected which are satisfactory to the authorities at Itami, all pertinent information including coordinates will be presented to this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROBERT A. SMITH  
1st Lt. FA  
Acting Adjutant

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