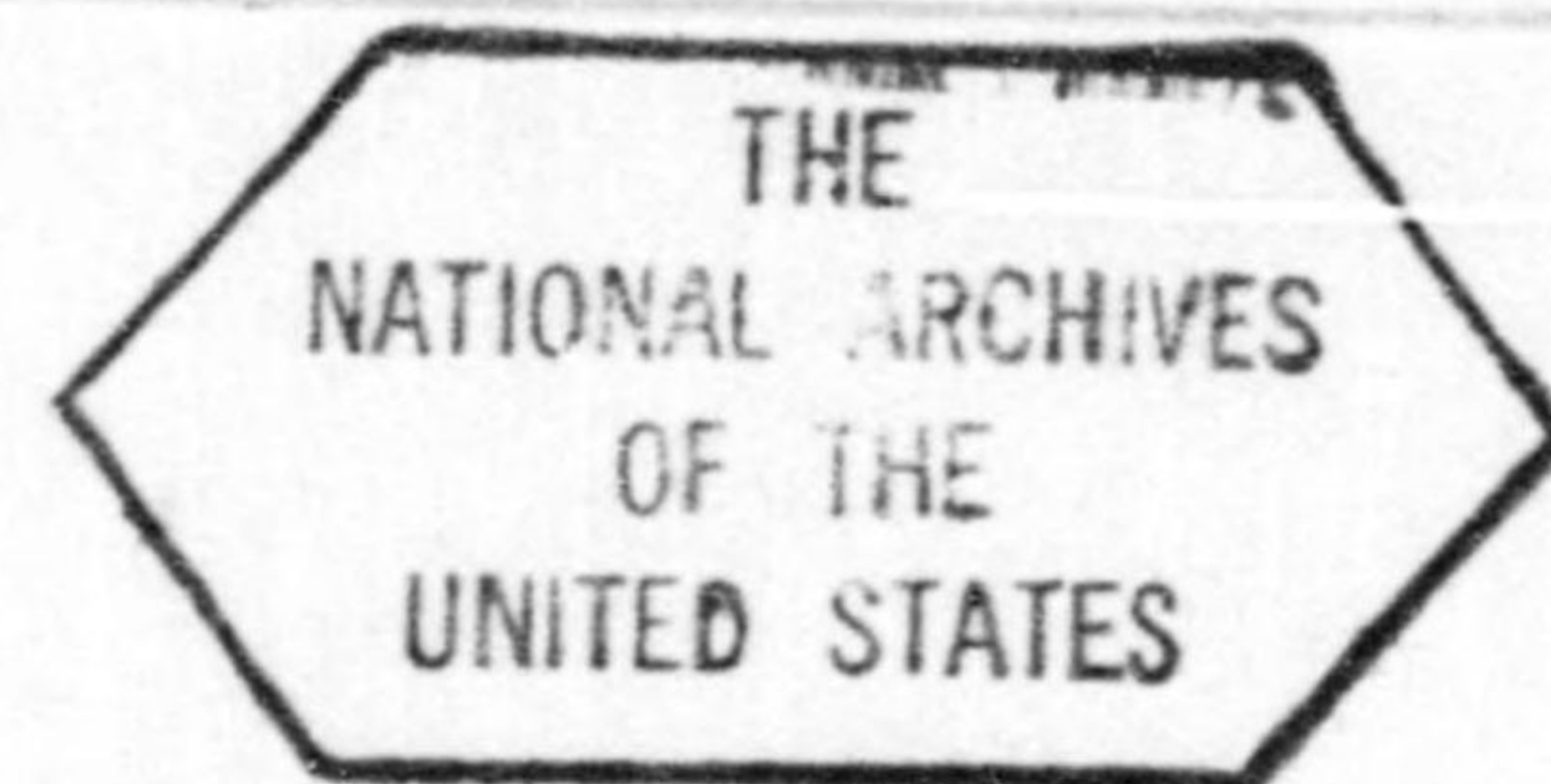


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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION  
Government Section

7 February 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Foster Roser, Examination Specialist

SUBJECT : Office Services Section, Dormitory Project

1. Mr. Kanatsugu, Chief, Office Services Section of NPA, reports that the problem of housing NPA employees is very critical; hundreds of them now living outside of Tokyo and commuting daily. For example, forty live in Kamakura. The most recent of Kanatsugu's plans to provide dormitory space involves the acquisition of the building from Chiba Prefecture, floating it to Tokyo, placing it on a piece of property which was a former military installation (Setagaya, Shimoda Imachi-32, a former army veterinarian school).

2. On 27 January Kanatsugu reported that a Mr. Buchko of Natural Resources Section, Tokyo Military Government, was responsible for the sudden "cancellation" of authorization to proceed with construction. Mr. Kanatsugu immediately appealed to the Civil Service Division for aid.

3. On 28 January I telephoned Mr. Buchko to furnish information regarding the project and its stoppage. He reported that the property is under the jurisdiction of Military Government, that all former military properties require the approval of Military Government and that no request had been filed for NPA use of this particular property. He added that the last time a request for use of property had been received it was denied by Military Government.

4. Mr. Stradley is responsible within Military Government for the handling of applications for use of former military property. In practice subordinates within the Reparations Section handle the matters. Other units within Military Government express their opinions with reference to applications. Mr. Buchko of Natural Resources Section wants the particular property NPA has in mind to be used for a public housing project sponsored by Tokyo-To. He reported that OD #25 places agriculture first in priority for use of military property and places in second priority public housing and "public service such as schools". It is Mr. Buchko's opinion that the property is well suited for public housing and poorly suited for NPA dormitory use because

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of rubble which would have to be cleared away, (Kanatsugu denies this) and that more suitable available property exists across the street.

5. Upon investigation Kanatsugu found that he had been somewhat misled by Tokyo Financial Affairs Bureau which had reported to him verbally that NPA's request for use of the property was approved. Based on such understanding NPA had spent 50,000 yen for survey. A field inspection and estimates from an engineer of the Construction Ministry results in Kanatsugu's conclusion, contrary to the opinion of Mr. Buchko, that the cost to NPA of construction on the site Buchko suggested would far exceed the cost for construction on the original site. A statement of detailed estimates has been furnished by Kanatsugu.

6. It is recommended that you visit Mr. Spradley at an early date to explain the NPA's need and the additional cost which would be required if the property suggested by Mr. Buchko were to be used (prohibitive for NPA at the present time) and to see whether or not it is possible to secure approval for the dormitory on the original site.



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CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION  
GOVERNMENT SECTION

9 August 1948

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

SUBJECT : Budgetary and Staffing Problems

1. At your convenience I would like to discuss the following matters with you but the statements below may facilitate your consideration of these items:

(a) Mr. Funiyama of the State Property Board reported that his agency has found no suitable available residences for the commissioners or Mr. Sato. I asked the Commission staff to prepare an estimate of funds required for the purpose of acquiring residences. The estimate, amounting to 11,646,000 yen, is attached. If you concur, the Commission will be instructed to present their request to the Ministry of Finance and I will then make representations to the Finance Division of ESS as needed.

(b) You recall that the Cabinet early in July, formulated a policy for the reduction of personnel, mainly through the abolition of unfilled positions. Since this matter was first reported in the papers, I asked the Commission to inform us immediately of any move to reduce the NPA staff. I have just been presented a translation of a document presented to the Commission by the Ministry of Finance. It proposes a reduction of positions for the Commission from 989 to 778, a net loss of 211 positions. I instructed the Commission to take this matter up with the Ministry of Finance immediately and I expect a report thereon today, August 9. It seems to me that this is a type of thing which the President of the Commission or the commissioners as a body should discuss with the Minister of Finance if their respective staff members cannot resolve the problem. If you concur, I propose to request the commissioners themselves (if they have not done so) to take the matter up with the Minister of Finance. If this action does not result in precision of the Finance proposal, I will then propose to request the Vice-Minister to come to this office for some "education" from Mr. MacCoy and myself, although I shall be happy to conduct the discussion alone. The Finance proposal is attached.

(c) GHQ has not made a decision regarding the disposal of the Nakano properties which we were investigating for dormitory purposes. A number of other properties have been investigated and the most feasible appears to be what they call the Yoga property now partially held by the Civil Property Custodian. Since the area belongs to the Japanese Government, it seems more feasible to attempt a reconstruction rather than to attempt to purchase outside property or construct buildings at a much greater cost. Estimates prepared by the Construction Ministry

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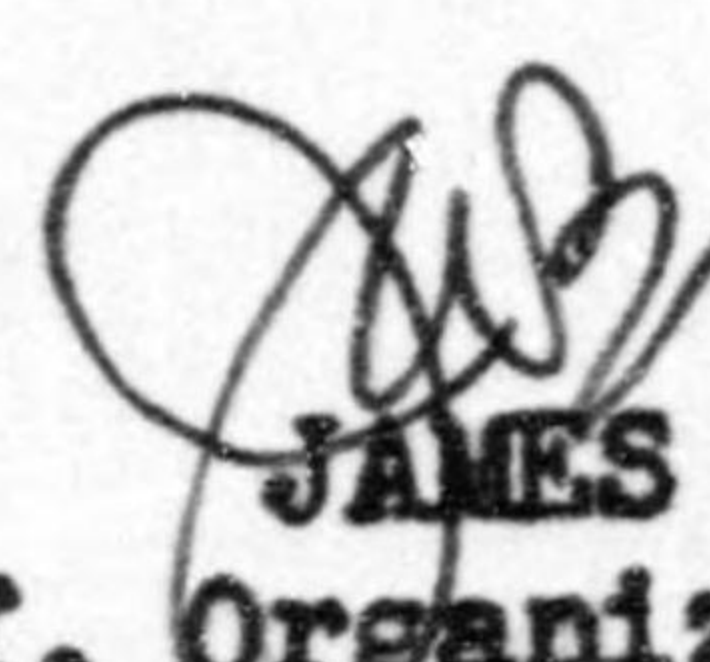
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indicate that a maximum of 400 people can be housed in the seven vacant buildings in this area. The approximate cost is given as 7,100,000 yen. We believe that 300 people could be housed here. I believe that rental charges should liquidate the repair cost within a few years at most and although this concept seems to be a little strange to the Japanese (that is, of charging rent), I think we should proceed on that basis. If you concur, we shall follow through in an attempt to complete negotiations for the property with the Ministry of Finance and initiation of fund procurement and construction with the appropriate Japanese and GHQ agencies.

d. As a part of the single management of the NPC building and maintenance, an agreement has been reached for the improvement of telephone service by consolidation of the switch boards on one floor and the provision for 800 lines with telephone service and personnel under the immediate direction of NPC. Two million yen are available for this purpose from the NPC building construction funds, I am told. An additional 1,600,000 yen is needed to complete this work. If you concur, the Commission will be instructed to go ahead with the request for additional funds as a service to all of the agencies in that building. We may want to "time" this request a little later in view of the requests contemplated in the foregoing items.

2. Incidentally, the Chief of the Budget and Finance Section advises me that in spite of the increase in transportation costs and the increase in the official prices of many of the items which the Commission procures, the Ministry of Finance is currently only allowing to the government agencies, additional funds over and above their budgets which are required to meet the new salary scale. This policy is incomprehensible, and I mention it to elicit your present reaction to the possibility of a supplementary budget request at a later time.

  
JAMES R. BELL  
Chief, Organization Branch

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5 June 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT : Dormitory Facilities for NPC Personnel.

1. Friday, 4 June, 1948, the writer, accompanied by Justine Narumi and Mr. H. Kanatsugu, Assistant Chief, Office Services Section, TNPC, visited the vacant area formerly occupied by the 720th MP Battalion, U. S. Army. The compound is located in the Nakano District near the Shinjuku Station. It contains barracks, recreation halls, mess halls, a gymnasium, a heating plant and all other facilities necessary for TNPC occupancy. It is probably by far the best equipped and located of any property which might be developed for personnel occupancy since it has heating, lighting, good sanitation, messing facilities, good transportation, fire and police protection. Our survey was of a general nature but it appears that in excess of 1,000 people might be adequately quartered by Japanese standards.

2. This compound is presently under consideration for disposal by G-4, GHQ. It was our understanding from Colonel Moore of G-4 that it seemed likely that the occupation forces would release the property to the Japanese government. Mr. Keisel in the Reparations Section of the Tokyo-To Military Government team has an interest in this property to the extent that the Military Government team will be interested in, and undoubtedly have some say in its use, if returned to the Japanese. On Saturday, 5 June, 1948, the writer visited Mr. Keisel in his office and discussed the matter. The following information was developed:

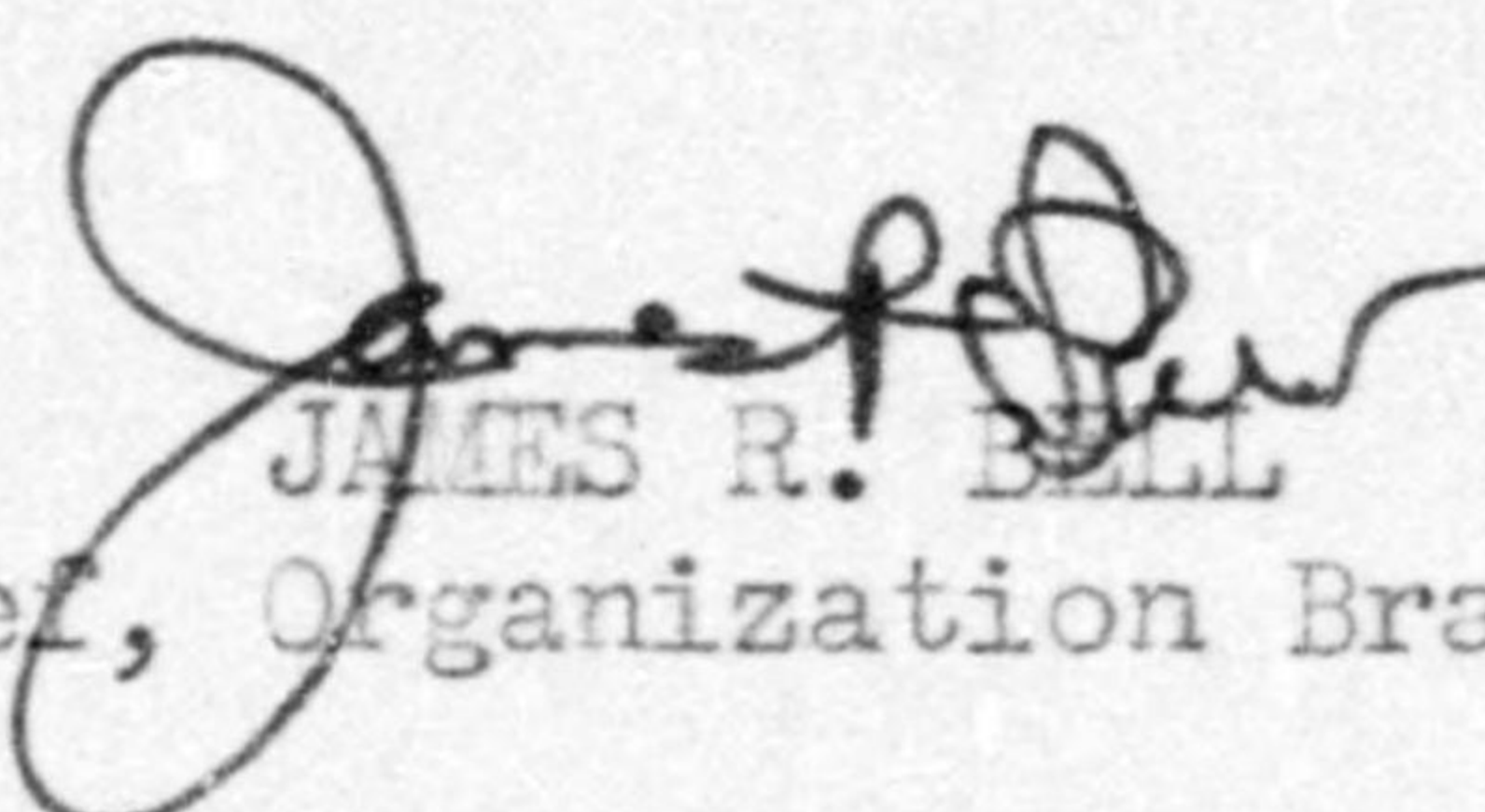
(a) It is not certain, according to Mr. Keisel, that the property will be returned to the Japanese. It seems that ~~in~~ any event such return would be a matter of several months since the interests of all occupation groups are determined before property is released.

(b) There are many Japanese agencies that are interested in acquiring this property. For example the National Rural Police desire it for a training school. Many educational institutions have expressed their interest and one religious group would like to have it. Perhaps without expressing the official opinion of the M G, Mr. Keisel stated that their preference would be for release to an educational institution on the basis that occupation interests would be best furthered thereby and the property would receive better care and treatment under such circumstances. Nevertheless, we added the name of NPC to the various groups who would like to have this property. We spoke in terms of use of a part of the facilities for the housing of as many as 500 persons. The urgency of the NPC mission in terms of occupation goals was stressed.

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3. The exact course of action to be followed remains somewhat indefinite. For one thing we shall recommend to the NPC that they file with the Construction Board of the Japanese Government an official request for use of a part of the property in the event that it is returned. Secondly, we should consider the advisability of filing an official letter of interest with the Military Government Team merely as a confirmation if nothing else.

4. In discussing our problem we pointed out to Mr. Keisel that although our requirements are for housing for as many as 500 persons, we can utilize individual billets or dormitories for varying numbers of persons resulting in perhaps several locations with a few hundred persons quartered in each. Mr. Keisel agreed to put the Reparations Section of Tokyo-To to work immediately on the problem under these revised specifications. It may be that they will locate some reparations property that could be secured for our purposes. I am to call him on Thursday, 10 June to see what they have been able to accomplish. Another course of action which will be followed is to get the NPC officials to work with the National Government Reparations Board along the same lines. We will likewise continue our dealings with Mr. Funiyama of the Construction Board and the property section of the Finance Division of Tokyo-To.

  
JAMES R. BELL  
Chief, Organization Branch.

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