HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 301

18 June 1948

SUBJECT: Investigation of Hoarded Supplies

TO : Commanding Officer
Tokai-Hokuriku Military Government Region
APO 710

1. Reference letter, Headquarters, Eighth Army, Office of the Commanding General, Subject: Hoarded Supplies, AG 430 (MG-Ep), dated 18 March 1948, early investigation by the Toyama Military Government Team of illegal activities was reported in Indorsements 3 and 5 to the basic communication. Following is a summary of the completed investigation.

2. a. The Toyama Ship-Chandlers Company, Fushiki Town, at the end of the war received quantities of ship-fitting supplies from military stores for storage and disposition. This company made large profits by selling these supplies at illegal prices, in violation of the Price Control Ordinance.

b. The Fushiki Sea-Land Transportation Company, Fushiki Town, violated the Price Control Ordinance by selling rope and other goods at illegal prices.

c. The Oginuno Warehouse Company, Fushiki Town, made false reports of the amount of oil, steel pipes, and steel rope in their possession, violating the regulations for the inventory of Critical Materials.

d. The Toyama Prefecture District Lumber Control Company, Toyama City, mis-appropriated lumber enterusted to them by the Navy Ministry by illegally selling it.

e. The Nippon Lumber Company, Takaoka City, made false reports of the oil in their possession in the Inventory of Critical Materials.

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f. Ogimuno Ichiro, Takaoka Building Contractor, Takaoka City, made a false report in the Inventory of Critical Materials.

g. The Nada Fishing Association, Himi Town, made a false report in the Inventory of Critical Materials and obtained various supplies illegally.

h. The Morimoto Sakubei Fishery, Himi Town, made a false report in the Inventory of Critical Materials and obtained various supplies illegally.

i. The Urano Fishery, Himi Town, made a false report in the Inventory of Critical Materials.

j. Aoki Ryosei, Kureha Village, sold Urano cotton yarn illegally.

k. Fushiki Jinzo, Himi Town, made a false report in the Inventory of Critical Materials.

3. While a number of small-scale illegal actions have been discovered, the investigation failed to uncover an appreciable amount of the wartime supplies described by the informant. It is believed that if any large-scale misappropriations did take place at the end of the war they have since been submitted by the procurators office to the judges for review prior to setting the dates for trial.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

OVID E. SCOTT
Major, FA
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

12 March 1948

SUBJECT: Special Courts

TO : Commanding Officer
Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region
APO 710
ATTN: Capt Bell

1. The presence of the Public Procurators and Judges at railroad stations during rice raids were for the following purposes.

a. They informed apprehended blackmarketeers of their rights. Small blackmarketeers, carrying small amounts of controlled foodstuffs, were informed they could either sell to the government at official price or, if this was not satisfactory, demand trial, In no case did the accused avail himself of this privelege.

b. The procurator and judges advised the police as to laws violated by apprehended persons and advised as to the constitutionality of police activities.

c. The "on the spot" presence of men of these two offices enable rapid disposition of cases. Arrest of large operators were upon advice of these offices.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/t/ KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 12 Mar 48, Subj: "Special Courts"

1st Ind MSB/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 18 Mar 48

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1. The report submitted in basic communication is one example of means taken to curb the activities of black-marketeers in violation of the Fish and Vegetable Price Control Law.

2. As it is explained in the basic communication, this type of activity cannot be called a court as such since there is no actual judgement passed by the judges on the operators of the blackmarteting activities which came to their attention at the railroad station.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 5 Apr 48,
Subj: "Report on Surveillance of Election for Prefectural Assemblyman for Toyama Shi, Toyama Pref"

1st Ind JHT/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 12 Apr 48

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

For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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BASIC: "Report of Investigation,", Capt Kenneth R. Speas, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dated 4 Mar 48.

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HEADQUARTERS, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, 5 March 1948.

TO : Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710.

1. I concur with the recommendations of the Investigating Officer as stated in basic "Report of Investigation."

2. Charges are being prepared at this station, and subject EM will be tried by Summary Court Martial for violation of the 96th Article of War.

TEMPLE S. RYLAND
Major, FA
Commanding.

Incl n/e

2d Ind MSB/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 15 Mar 48

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301
ATTN: Staff Judge Advocate

Recommend approval of Report of Claims & Investigation Officer on motor vehicle accident which occurred on 29 Feb 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, 8 Mar 48,
Subj: "Control Associations"

1st Ind MSB/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 12 Mar 48

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

Forwarded in compliance with SCAPIN 1860, dtd 16 Feb 1948 and letter AG-080-BA, Hq I Corps, subject: "Control Associations" dtd 21 Feb 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

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8 March 1948

SUBJECT: Control Associations

THRU : Commanding Officer
Tokai-Hokuriku Military Government Region
APO 710

TO : Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343
ATTN: Military Government Section

In compliance with SCAPIN 1860 dated 16 February 1948 and ltr AG-080-BA Hq I Corps, subject: "Control Associations" dated 21 February 1948 the Prefectural Government has reported to this headquarters that all control associations have been dissolved since February 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 2 Mar 48,
Subj: "Bonus Controversy, Toyama Ken"

1st Ind MSB/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 8 Mar 48

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

1. Forwarded for your information.

2. It is believed that this report will be of special interest in view of the fact that it indicates some special action that has been taken on the part of the Prefectural Assembly in Toyama Prefecture to correct a conflict between the existing law and the old custom, viz., that of issuing a bonus without public approval to government officials, upon which no tax has in the past been levied. The action taken of Toyama was that of approval by the Prefectural Assembly of the expenditure for the special bonus and that the vice governor ordered that all persons receiving the bonus would report it on their tax return.

3. It was indicated by the governor that it is highly possible that other prefectures in Japan have violated the existing law because of the old custom of issuing such special bonuses. Therefore, it is quite possible that the action taken in Toyama Prefecture will be of interest to other prefectures in Japan as a legal precedent for such similar actions.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

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2 March 1948

SUBJECT: Bonus Controversy, Toyama Ken

TO : Commanding Officer
Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region
APO 710
(ATTN: Capt Bell)

1. The controversy over the issuance of the "Special Bonus" to government and public officials of Toyama Prefecture has been settled by the approval of said bonus by prefectural assembly.

2. The origin of the dispute was through a news article in the paper "Kitanippon". This column quoted Mr. Nakada, employee of Liaison Section, Ken, and Chief of Youth Organization of Ken Employees Union. Mr. Nakada is not officialy recognized as a Communist but is recognized as leaning very far to the left. His activities and those of the Communist Party are identical. Mr. Nakada denied giving the information to the newspaper.

3. The Vice-governor, Takekuni Takatsuji, called a special session of the Prefectural Assembly on 23 February 1948. The assembly approved the expenditure of the ¥5,010,000.00 bonus.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

4 Incls:
1 Governor's Press Conference Report
1 Governor's Report
6 News Articles

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 4 Feb 48,
Subj: "Impediment of Tax Collection"

012 1st Ind MSB/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 11 Feb 48

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

Report of anti-tax activity on the part of Communist Party, Farmers Union and Japan Agriculture Association is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

4 February 1948

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SUBJECT: Impediment of Tax Collection

THRU : Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTN: Military Government Section

1. In compliance with paragraph 25 D, Inclosure 1 to OD 4, Hq Eighth Army, dated 21 January 1948, reports regarding action of unions or groups impeding the tax collection program is herewith submitted.

2. The Farmers Union, Japan Agriculture Association and the Communist Party of this Prefecture are the main organizations protesting the payment of taxes. Several meetings have been held, including one on 30 January 1948 at the Prefectural Office, by the Japan Agricultural Association, and the Farmers Union, in which they protested against income taxes for farmers. There has also been occasions where members of the Communist party have contacted farmers and small business men, and encouraged them to not pay their taxes.

3. This headquarters has submitted releases to the local newspapers encouraging payment of taxes to counteract propaganda submitted by the above mentioned organizations.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 2 Feb 48,
Subj: "Release of Guns"

414 1st Ind MSB/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 9 Feb 48

TO: CO, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713

1. The authority for Permits for Hunting Guns is included in OD 75 dated 25 Aug 1946 and Inclosure 3 thereto. Any approval that is needed for the release of the hunting guns is included in this Operational Directive.

2. It is recommended that a complete record of the number, make, calibre, serial number and disposition be made as a matter of record in your office.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DUMONT:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

2 February 1948

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SUBJECT: Release of Guns

TO : Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710
ATTN: Captain Bell

1. The following rifles ("Murata System" guns, formerly firing steel balls, now converted into shot-guns) are requested to be released to the Toyama Ken Hunters' Society for control of harmful birds as indicated in attached Japanese application.

General condition of guns: Poor
Average age of pieces: 50 years

2. Application forwarded to your headquarters for approval.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

1 Incl:
Request for Gun Release

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 30 Jan 48, Subj: "Election of Governor"

1st Ind MSB/mk

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 6 Feb 48

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

1. Recommend this be brought to the attention of the Supreme Court so that expeditious action may be taken on the case.

2. The records of trial proceedings on the case mentioned in basic communication were sent from the Nagoya High Court to the Supreme Court on 31 Jan 1948 by the procurators office.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 343

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30 January 1948

SUBJECT: Election of Governor

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTN: Military Government Section

1. A verdict in favor of the defendant (Toyama Prefecture Election Management Committee) was given 20 January 1948 by the Nagoya Higher Court concerning the validity of the election of ex-Governor Ishii, Tetsuji.

2. The plaintiff Nonaka Yoshio has appealed the case to the Supreme Court at Tokyo.

3. It now appears an election cannot be held before July even though the case is given immediate consideration. It is requested that the Supreme Court be encouraged to give this case highest possible priority on its calendar.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

KENNETH R. [illegible]
Captain, [illegible]
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 24 Jan 48, Subject: "Investigation of Unauthorized Japanese Nationals Entering Off Limit Area in Reparation Plant"

1st Ind MSB/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 29 Jan 48

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

Forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 24 Jan 48, Subject: "Investigation of Unauthorized Japanese Nationals Entering Off Limit Area in Reparation Plant"

1st Ind MSB/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 29 Jan 48

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

Forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

24 January 1948

SUBJECT: Investigation of Unauthorized Japanese Nationals Entering Off Limit Area in Reparation Plant

TO: Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Military Government Region, APO 710

1. On 16 January 1948 Giichi Ohtsubo a member of the Young Communist League went to the Reparation Section of Toyama Prefectural Office and demanded information regarding the status of reparation machines and equipment in the Fujikoshi Kozai Kogyo KK, Toyama Plant. He was requested to come to this headquarters and give his reasons for wanting this information. In the ensuing conversation he was told to have the person or persons who gave him orders to obtain this information appear at this headquarters at 0900 hours 17 January 1948.

2. On the morning of 17 January 1948 Gengo Saiki, Matsushima Harushige reported to this headquarters and upon questioning this headquarters was under the impression that these three persons and thirty others had forced their way into the area where reparation machines were stored at the Fujikoshi Kozai Kogyo KK, Toyama Plant. The Japanese Police were called to detain these persons until further investigation was made.

3. The police investigated and found that members of the Communist Party effected their way into Fujikoshi Technical School, and not into the area where reparation machines were stored. Upon receipt of this information this headquarters requested that the police no longer detain Matsushima Harushige, Saiki Gengo, and Ohtsubo Giichi.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 19 Jan 48,
Subj: "Procurators and Judges"

5th Ind MSB/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 16 Feb 48

TO: CO, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713

Attention is invited to preceeding indorsement for your information and further reference to the Japanese authorities.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DUMONT:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 19 Jan 48,
Subj: "Procurators and Judges"

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Hq I Corps, APO 301 Jan 30 1948

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Attention is invited to basic letter and inclosures pertaining to the judiciary in Toyama Prefecture.

a. The situation reported herein is further evidence of the need for special investigation teams working for military government as have been previously requested.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ /t/ WILDER A. JOHNSON
Capt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

2 Incls:
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3rd Ind

Hq Eighth Army, APO 343 6 Feb 1948

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1. Attention is invited to 2nd indorsement, this headquarters, AG 200.3 (Gen) (MC-X), 29 October 1947, to letter Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, 1 October 1947, subject: "Investigation Personnel", and letter Hq I Corps, AG 333.5-PA, 5 November 1947, same subject.

2. The situation with respect to investigation personnel has not improved since that time.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER

/s/ /t/ R. SCHAFER
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

2 Incls:
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4th Ind GLA/lha

Hq I Corps, APO 301

TO: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710 Feb 11 1948

1. Attention is invited to 2nd and 3rd indorsements.

2. Within all the means available, including the fuel resources of the Japanese police, continue such investigation as is possible to remove from office and prosecute fully the persons involved in these and similar cases.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SWING: /s/t/ WILDER A. JOHNSON
Capt, AGD

2 Incls: n/c

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 7h3, dtd 19 Jan 48, Subj: "Procurators and Judges".

1st Ind MSB/mi

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 24 Jan 48

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

Forwarded as one of many such instances of suspected attempts to influence justice in favor of the accused.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

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19 January 1948

SUBJECT: Procurators and Judges

TO : Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710
ATTN: Capt Bell

1. The enclosed two (2) documents are evidences of acquittals, small fines and pressure on Judges and Procurators in cases of "big shot" blackmarketeers or other crimes. It is increasingly evident such malpractice is becoming more frequent. Police are ignoring, or failing to find evidence of guilt in cases they are requested to investigate. In one case police stated materials were twenty years old. This section (which originally produced the evidence) immediately had authorities confirm materials to be of recent manufacture and rationed goods.

2. Unfortunately, personnel of this section are not trained in investigation methods, and therefore, many instances of threat, bribery and official pressure are successful because we cannot produce concrete evidence. An example is the case of a blackmarketeer, (dealing in silk) an ex-Mayor of Johana. This section received unconfirmed information that the accused bribed the acting governor ¥50,000.00 to have the case dropped. Evidence formerly considered cinching was suddenly found worthless by the police. It is only by our insistence that further investigation is being carried on. This section is aware of what is occurring but is unable to prove or do anything about it. A similar case is as exhibited in attached case of Tamotsu. The judge Koyama Hatsuju passed the sentence and resigned the following day in possession of a new home. This office insisted case be carried to higher court.

3. It is the opinion of this office that such events as these discourage the average Japanese from putting trust in their new democracy.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:
1. Petition in Case of Mizukami
2. Court Record (Decision of Koyama Htsuji)

/s//t/ KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 22 Dec 47, Subj: "Election"

1st Ind MSB/mi

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 31 Dec 47

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301
ATTN: Mil Govt Section.

Basic communication is forwarded in compliance with OD 22 Hq 8th Army. This report will explain in part the delay in the election for governorship of Toyama Prefecture which is presently being held by the vice-governor, Takekuni Takatsuji.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

319.1 22 December 1947

SUBJECT: Election

TO : Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

1. The election of a new governor to fill the vacancy made by the purging of former Governor Tachi, is being delayed by a suit brought by Mr. Nozawa, against the Ken Election Managing Committee.

2. Mr. Nozawa contends that inasmuch as Mr. Tachi submitted a false questionnaire that Mr. Tachi was not a qualified candidate and therefore the election of him as governor be voided and that Mr. Kato be installed as governor.

3. Under the provisions of par 3, Article 9 of Imperial Ordinance No. 1, there can be no new election held as long as there is a court suit pending on the last election.

4. This case is presently being held in the Nagoya Higher Court with the court's decision to be read on the 27th of December 1947.

5. This office has been advised by both parties that in the event of a decision unfavorable to them, they will appeal to the Supreme Court.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 22 Dec 47, Subj: "Procurators and Judges."

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Hq I Corps, APC 301, Dec 31 1947

TO: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

1. The situation reported in basic letter represents a condition relatively common throughout Japan, and one which has been the subject of a special report by this headquarters to Headquarters, Eighth Army.

2. The plan of giving favorable publicity to the importance of the functions of judges and procurators in a democratic society is a commendable one.

3. The basic letter makes reference to "big shots" being given only a small fine or being found not guilty. In the event there are any specific instances of this type known, it is requested that a copy of the Japanese court record be obtained and forwarded to this headquarters for translation and and opinion.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

/s/t/ JOHN J. DUGAN
Major, AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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3d Ind

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 6 Jan 48

TO: CO, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713

1. Attention is directed to preceding indorsement.

2. Recommend the matter suggested in Par 3, 2d indorsement be made the matter for special report as soon as practicable.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DUMONT:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 22 Dec 47, Subj: "Procurators and Judges."

1st Ind MSB/mi

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 26 Dec 47

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

1. The situation indicated in basic communication is not peculiar to the Toyama Prefecture alone as it is a general circumstance that exists throughout this Region.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the matter of improving the position of the procurators & judges and removing the temptation to accept favor from an accused is of such importance that it warrants a special effort toward the accomplishment of that end.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER O. WADE
Capt, INF
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

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22 December 1947

SUBJECT: Procurators and Judges

TO : Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710
ATTN: Captain Bell

1. In this prefecture there is a shortage of Procurators and Judges. This results in delay in trial and conviction or acquittal of persons subjected to trial. At present there appears no hope for bettering this situation. Low pay, excessive work and no special social standing are causing many Judges and Procurators to resign in favor of private practice. As is to be expected, this office, is aware both Judges and Procurators are subject to bribes. Their insufficient wages leave them understandably weak in resisting big money bribes or gifts. Results are discouraging to public and police when "big-shots" escape with small fines or scot free after trial.

2. This office is commencing a series of newspaper articles aimed at popularizing these two offices and endeavoring to give them a better standing in this area.

3. It is felt however that the only real help in this matter will be to raise their wages to attract a higher type of personnel and to place them in a position to turn away all offers of bribes.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

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19 November 1947

SUBJECT: Blackmarket Activities

TO : Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710
ATTN: Mr. Scott

Reference Par 9, Miscellaneous Comment for Legal-Government Officers, Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, dated 12 Nov 47. This team has been conducting raids on trains in the Prefecture. Blackmarketeers have systematically used trains to convey illegal goods into, out of, and through this Prefecture. Raids consistently deliver large quantities of black market goods, especially rice. The warning methods of these operators make station checks useless. Those on the trains ride through a checked station, out of the Prefecture if necessary. Those waiting to board a train merely lay over until the police depart or board the train at another station. By frequent raiding of trains, these operators have been picked up in appreciable numbers. Many have shifted their activities to highway transportation where road block checking points are effective in apprehending them. Raids on markets and illegal warehouses further curtail the blackmarket activities. The drive against the blackmarkets in this prefecture has been steadily increasing with evident distress to the operators. However, if the train raids are discontinued, the blackmarketeers will simply haul their booty into some other prefecture and the drive's results will be only to deny the people of this prefecture the opportunity to purchase such foods as fish and grains. The blackmarket is well organized and well operated. It is only by employing the strongest measures that we can suppress them. Request information as to what method may be employed to cover the train situation and still comply with Par 9, of directive referred to above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 19 Nov 47, Subj: "Blackmarket Activities"

1st Ind RFS/mk

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 24 Nov 47

TO: CO, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713

1. The effectiveness of the Toyama campaign against illegal transportation and diversion of rationed foods cannot be denied, and receods in this office indicate that your prefecture is leading the Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region in this campaign. If it were adopted throughout Japan, there would be a great improvement of the control of blackmarket operations. It is also admitted that higher headquarters are placing much emphasis on Mil Govt giving support to the Japanese authorities in enforcing the Economic Control Laws.

2. There are also other directives from higher headquarters which must be considered, and the pertinent ones in this instance are these dealing with the railroad system. Annex 9 to 8th Army Operational Directive #20 (1947) and various 3d MRS Operational Directives relating to the operations of the Japanese Railways give the Commanding General, 3d MRS. rather complete control over the railway system. Par 2a (4), Annex,9, Adm Order 25, Hq I Corps dated 25 Aug 1947, states "Under no circumstances will any element of I Corps deal directly with Japanese railroad officials in matters pertaining to transportation."

3. In carrying out one directive, care should be exercised not to vidate another, and by stopping the trains in waging a strong campaign against blackmarket operators may easily lead to an unfortunate incident. In answer to the question raised in basic letter, it is therefore recommended that whenever the Mil Govt Team desires to participate in a blackmarket raid of the type referred to in basic letter, that permission first be obtained from the 3d MRS representatives for your area in Kyoto, to hold the train for search.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DEVINE:

ROY G. LUMPKINS
1st Lt, INF
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

10 October 1947

SUBJECT: Dissemination of Information to the Press Regarding Searches and Seizures

TO : Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710
ATTENTION: Legal and Government Section

Information in regard to the rights of Japanese citizens under the new Code of Criminal Procedure with special application to searches and seizures, enclosed with letter, your headquarters, dated 23 September 1947, has been released to the daily newspapers, this prefecture, by the CI & E Section, this Team.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Captain, TA
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOKAI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713

on file #6 MG

13 September 1947

SUBJECT: Resignations and Purgees (except teachers)

TO : Commanding Officer, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710
ATTENTION: Legal & Government

1. Enclosed is information on Resignations and Purgees requested at Nagoya Conference.

2. Other information requested will be submitted as soon as received.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Kenneth R. Sleeper

KENNETH R. SLEEPER
Captain, FA
Adjutant

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TOYAMA LIAISON OFFICE

Sep. 11, 1947

REGISTRATIONS AND PURGES (Except Teachers)

(As of 31 Aug. '47)

Governors			Mayors			Assemblymen					
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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama MG Team, APO 713, dtd 11 Sept 47, subj: Request for Police Wireless Communication.

AG 676.3 (MG-L) 13th Ind

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343, 14 Nov 1947

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

Forwarded for compliance with the 12th indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL RYDER:

/s/t/ R. SCHAFER
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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14th Ind GLA/ha

Hq I Corps, APO 301, 22 Nov 1947

TO: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Reg, APO 710

Attention is invited to 12th Indorsement for your information and appropriate action.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

/s/t/ O. H. SCHMIDT
Major, AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen

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15th Ind RFS/mk

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 25 Nov 47

TO: CO, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713

R. G. L.

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 11 Sept 47, Subj: "Request for Police Wireless Communication"

311.23 9th Ind RFS/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 21 Oct 47

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

1. Attention invited to 8th Indorsement.

2. This headquarters has been informed by the Toyama Mil Govt Team that the person referred to in Par 2 of 8th Ind is Mr. W. T. Seccombe of the Domestic Radio Division, CCS, GHQ.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROY G. LUMPKINS
1st Lt, INF
Asst Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 11 Sept 47, Subj: "Request for Police Wireless Communications"

7th Ind RFS/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 13 Oct 47

TO: CO, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713

Attention is invited to 4th Ind for resubmission through channels indicated.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MALCZEWSKI:

FRANK M. WILKINS
Maj, FA
Adjutant

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311.23 8th Ind

Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, 17 Oct 47

TO: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

1. Request for Japanese Police communications was submitted to the Japanese Home Ministry at the same time as this correspondence was originated.

2. This correspondence was originated at the request of Mr. Seccombe Civil Communications Section.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ /t/ KENNETH R. SPEAS
Captain, FA
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, dtd 27 Aug 1947, subj: "Request for Release of Confiscated Arms and Ammunition for Japanese Civil Police"

5th Ind RFS/af

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 3 Oct 47

TO: CO, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713

1. Attention invited to 3rd Ind.

2. In the preparation of the report referred to, your attention is invited to attachment 1 to Incl #1, Annex 10, Adm Order 25 (1947).

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MALCZEWSKI:

FRANK M. WILKINS
Maj, FA
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713, subj: Petition for the Search of a Missing Vessel, dtd 17 July 1947.

AG 560 - BA 8th Ind EML/lha

Hq I Corps, APO 301

TO: CO, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710

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9th Ind JHT/at

Hq Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 8 Dec 47

TO: CO, Toyama Mil Govt Team, APO 713

R. G. L.

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