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SEP 5 1947

SUBJECT: Opinion About Compulsory Contribution To Shinto Shrine  
and Militaristic Priests

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyoto Military Government Team,  
APO 713

Attached translation forwarded for your investigation and report  
to this headquarters.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DEVINE:

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CCD Report  
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*William H. Giltner*  
WILLIAM H. GILTNER  
Captain, CAC  
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Hq Kyoto Mil Govt Team, APO 713, 12 September 1947


TO: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301  
ATT: Legal & Govt Division.

1. The C.C.D. letter mailed on 22 July 47 was anonymous, and there is no Kami Kawaramachi to be located. Nevertheless interrogations were made of families in the areas close to this fictitious address. No one who would admit giving contributions to any Shinto organization or representative could be found.

2. The Chief of the Shrine and Temple section of the Kyoto Prefectural Government was called into this office. He stated that he was familiar with the directives on Shinto contributions, and that they had stopped asking for these contributions.

3. This office recommends this case be closed.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

  
THOMAS R. HARBIN,  
1st Lt, Inf.  
Adjutant.

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Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

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*W.H.G.*  
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3rd Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301

SEP 16 1947

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

Attached CCD translation which was left at this headquarters by Commander Hussey of the Government Section, SCAP, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*Wilder A. Johnson*  
WILDER A. JOHNSON  
Capt, A. G. D.  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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<b>FROM:</b> ATOME Kazuhito Kami-kawara-machi, Nishi-Shichi-jo, Shimokyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, (Japan)	<b>TO:</b> The Chief of the Shrine and Temple Section, c/o The Social Education Department, Kyoto Prefectural Office, Kyoto-shi, (Japan)
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**COMMENT**

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