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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

No. 191

Kobe, 2nd February 1948.

Subject: Coal Supply for Foreign Nationals

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We confirm the receipt of your letters of 9th and 19th December, both on the 20th January, and our telephonic conversation of that day. From the latter we learned that in the meantime a directive has been issued by SCAP, covering a maximum of 1500 tons for the whole of Japan.

Kobe area covers some 470 households that would probably be interested, it depending in some cases on the price fixed. To this would have to be added Kyoto and Osaka, where we are not quite familiar with conditions. Corresponding enquiries are being made. The total will be in the neighbourhood of 600 households, so that a respectable quantity of the coal available should be taken up legitimately.

In view of the delay in the receipt of your communications, it has been arranged to await your Mr. Moss' arrival for further discussion of the subject.

It would certainly also be highly welcomed if a more satisfactory supply of charcoal and fire-wood could be arranged at prices which are not as exorbitant as what is asked in the black or grey markets. With lack of gas and electricity, the cooking possibilities are decidedly below the minimum standard.

Thanking you for your efforts,

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
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No. 190

Kobe, 2nd February 1948.

Subject: Release of Frozen Accounts

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

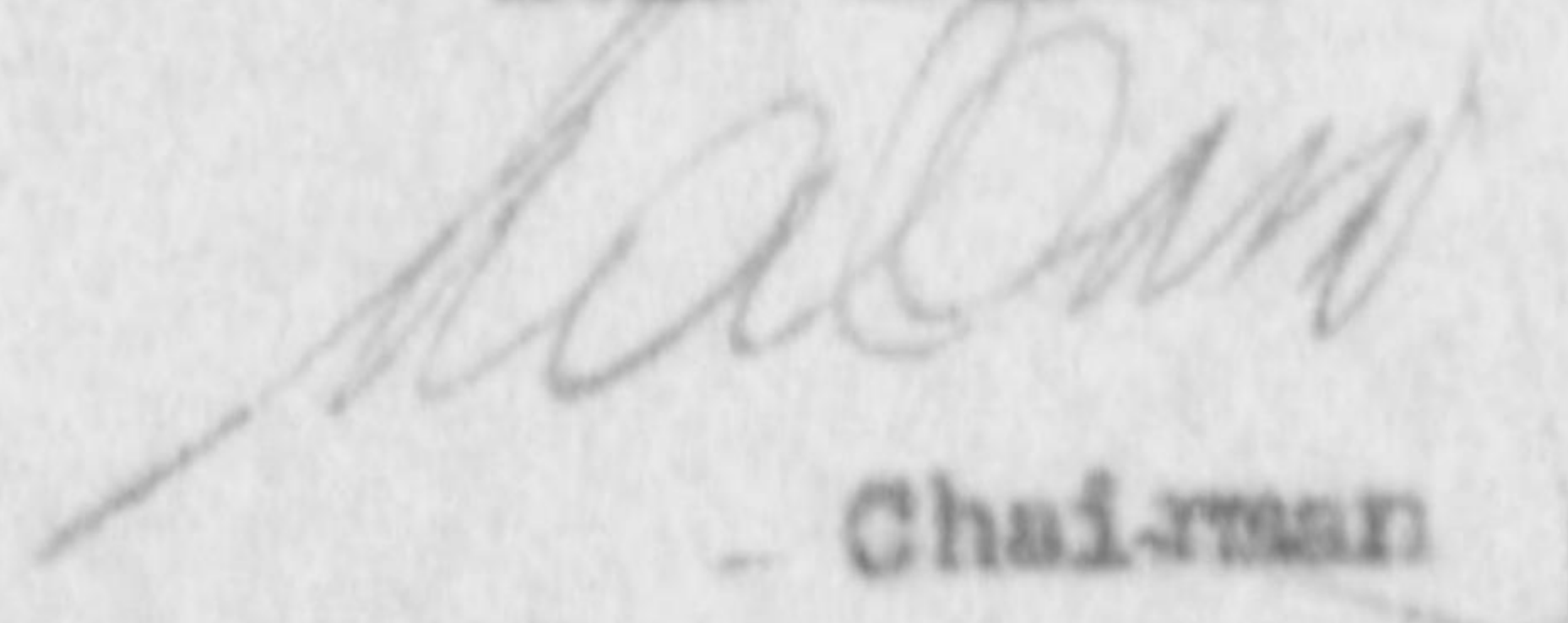
Your letter of the 17th January reached us on the 20th, and we thank you for having transmitted the Japanese Order from the Ministry of Finance relating to unfreezing of certain accounts belonging to foreigners.

The English version appeared in the papers the following morning, and we have no doubt that the affected parties took the necessary steps.

It may interest you to know that the writer found the local Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank's attitude highly unsatisfactory. It was only after enlisting the help of a high employee of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation that some explanations were obtained, which in the end led to the Bank of Japan.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th December, returning 4 registrations, for which we thank you.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
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No.189.

Kobe, 2nd February 1948.

Subject: Registration

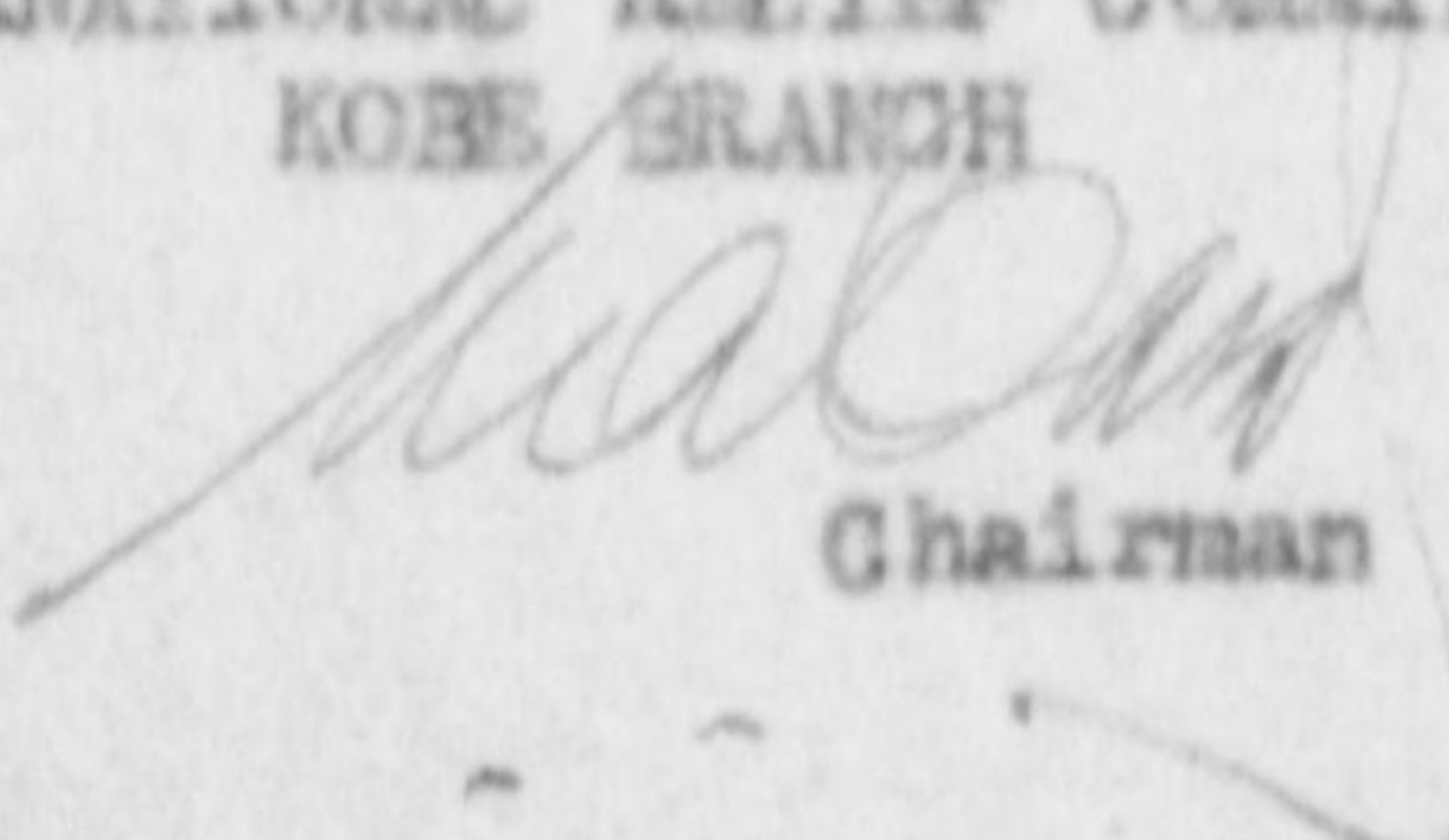
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Enclosed please find copies of Registrations of

MIZUTANI	Elena	F.	Roumanian by birth
JOHANSSON	J.A.J.	M.	Swedish
	Kitsu	F.	"
CARLSON	Rishi	F.	"
EGUCHI	Iraida	F.	White Russian by birth
REIFF	Kiyoshi	M.	German (by adoption/naturalization)

For the present these registrations will be kept in abeyance.

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No. 138.

Kobe, 30 January 1948.

SUBJECT: Registration

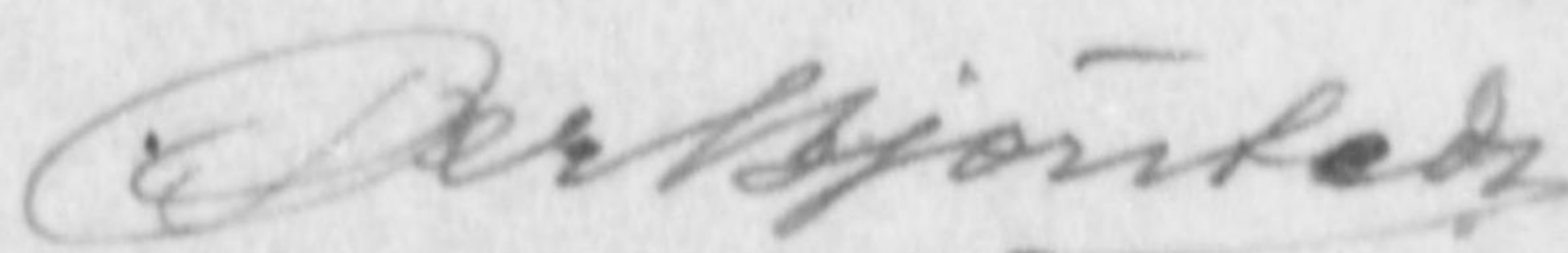
TO: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Please be advised that the registration of the following persons, who have moved to Tokyo, has been cancelled here:

Amy	Ackerman	Female	Born	1/3 1917
Judy	"	"	"	1/5 1942
Robert H.	"	Male	"	11/10 1944

They were registered here as Bonin Islanders on 31/10 1946 together with the other five members of the family Ackerman, who will still remain registered here.

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Per Bjarstedt
Vice Chairman

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
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No. 186

Kobe, 23th January 1948.

Subject: Termination of International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch,
as an Army Agency

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Reference is made to your letter of the 1st December 1947, which only reached us on the 20th January, 1948.

In view of the delay, and in view, also, of the expected visit of your Chairman, Mr. Moss, to Kobe, the M.G. Welfare Section agreed to a reasonable postponement in our winding up. We expect to discuss particulars with your Mr. Moss, but in the meantime may advise that:

An "International Committee of Kobe" was formed at a General Meeting of foreign residents on December 17th last, this Committee to take care of all matters pertaining to (Occidental) residents in Kobe and district. A more detailed advice will be sent to you in due course.

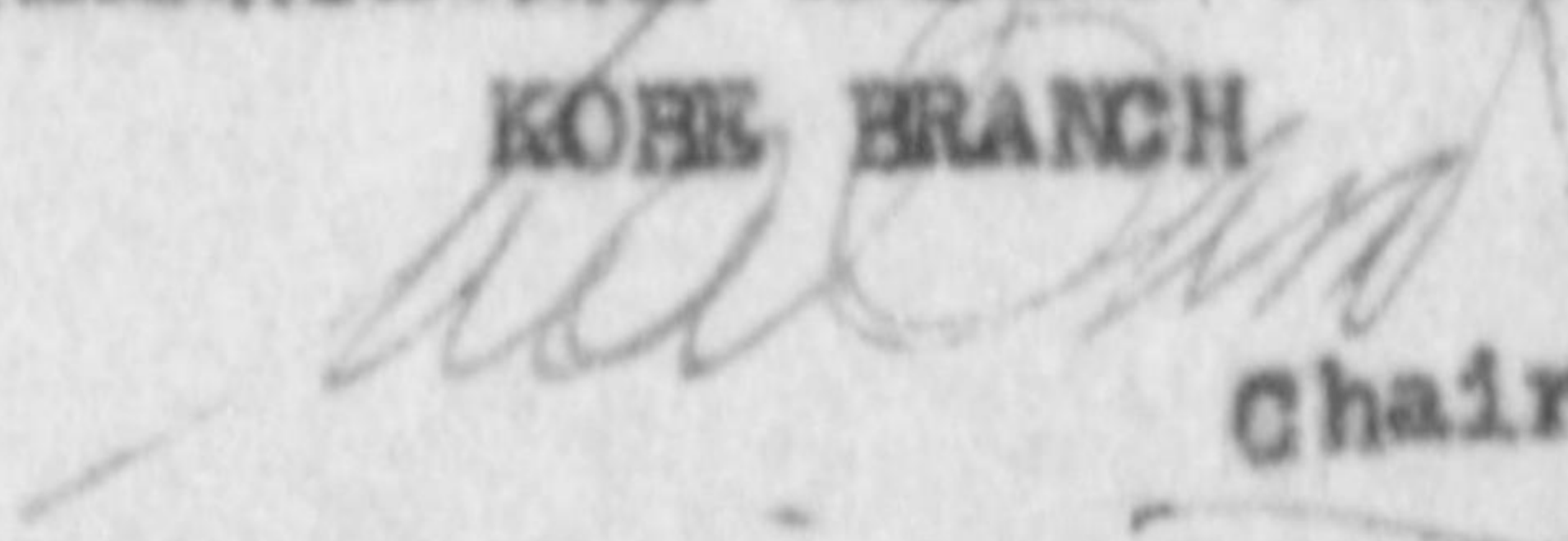
In principle, this International Committee of Kobe will take over all matters of charity, relief and so forth. As some members of the I.R.C. will no doubt be elected to serve on the new Committee, a suggestion will be made that they form a sub-committee dealing with such matters, apart from the general Committee's more general purport.

For certain reasons which came up at the last Meeting, it was decided to hold over the election of the Committee Members for a second General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, the 4th February.

Any further supplies which you will be able to send us or our successors will of course be much appreciated. We feel confident that the new Committee will be satisfactorily organized, and also be able to raise what funds may be needed. However, further communication in this regard will be made in due course, with what recommendations we may believe of interest to your Committee or the 8th Army H.Q.-- We sincerely hope that whatever future enterprises of a benevolent nature the International Committee may sponsor will receive the best support in both quarters.

Statements of accounts, inventory, will both be made for the date to be specified. As regards a classified list of registered persons; we regret it will take some time. Our distribution lists eliminate certain persons, and do not give nationality. They will have to be completely recast in accordance with details demanded, and we have no staff to do it, so that the work will devolve on one of the Committee Members in his spare time.

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No. 185

Kobe, 28th January 1943.

Subject: Relief to Axis Nationals

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Your letters of 1st and 9th December concerning Italian and Axis Nationals were both received on the 20th January.

During November last we were approached by a spokesman of the Italian colony who demanded to know why we were still withholding their participation in relief supplies, since Italians were now officially admitted. We naturally replied that we had no instructions to that effect, although we had sent in lists and demanded a ruling long ago. Our earlier and only instructions were to admit Non-Fascists. We were not in a position to make the differentiation. If any one of them could bring us a clearance paper from the C.I.C., his case would be considered.

On the 20th November, Mr. Gamba (who acted "on behalf of all the Italians") brought a telegram he had received from Mr. Revedin, Head of the Italian Mission, stating that Italians were eligible for our relief.

Mr. Borish, of the M.G. Welfare Section, was good enough to enquire at I Corps, Kyoto, for verification and possible clarification. As at that time we all expected to close down this Branch at an early date, and as a distribution to our former participants was due shortly, we had to know where we stood, so as to make the needed reserves, if required.

The reply from Welfare Section I Corps to Mr. Borish was that distributions were to include Axis Nationals on the same basis as others. The allotment to others was therefore somewhat reduced (but still plentiful), and a second distribution made to Axis nationals (and a few additional ones of other nationalities) on the 27th and 29th December last.

We freely admit that it was an oversight not to telephone to you; but in those days we were busy with work at the "warehouse", and in view of the positive information received from two quarters, expected your confirmation within days.

We regret if the misinformation has caused you difficulties. We may add that after consultation with Welfare certain persons were excluded from participation because of their well-known war-activities.

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No. 176.

Kobe, 10th December, 1947.

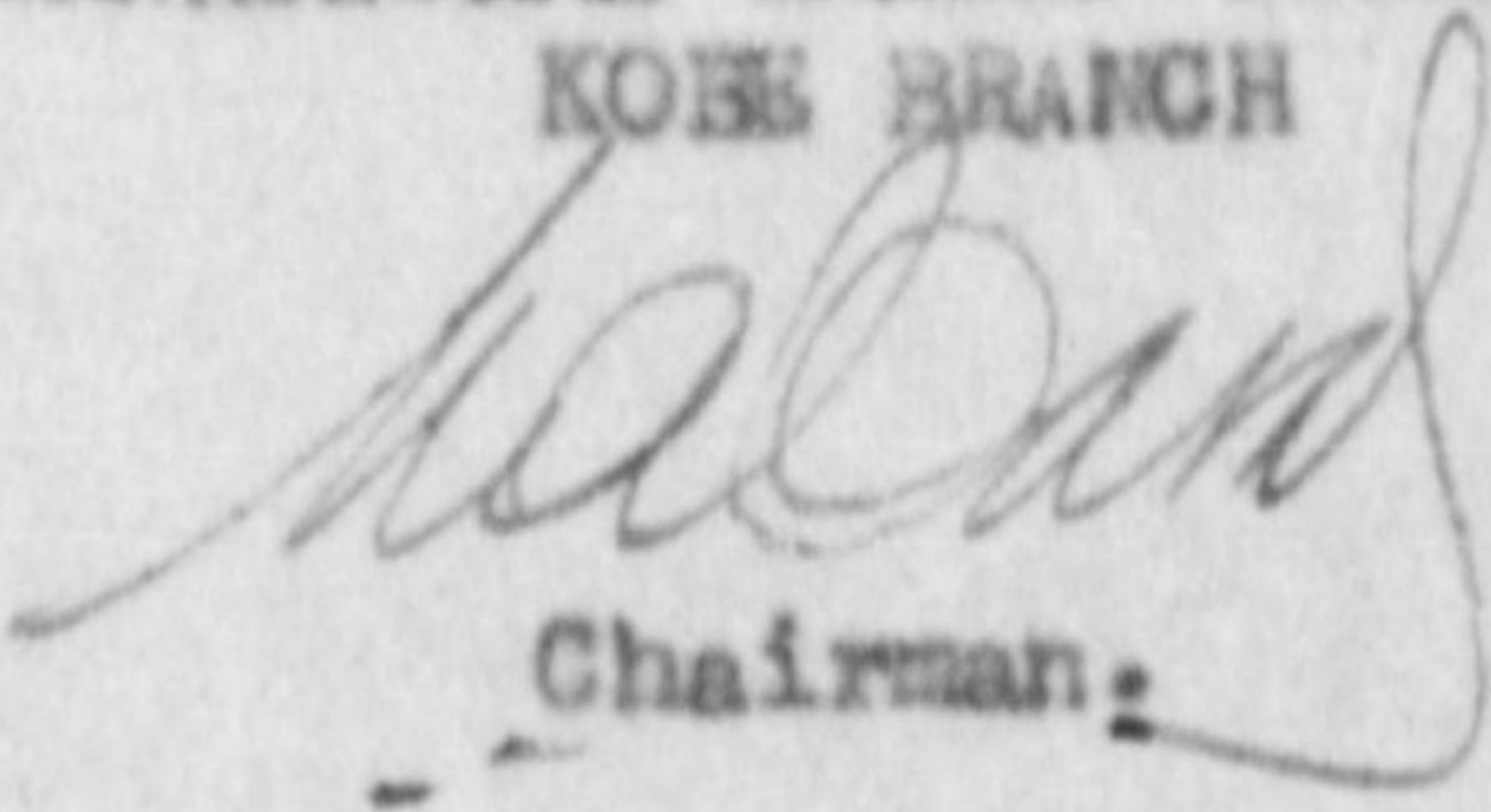
Subject: Registration

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We enclose the following new applications:-

Abdel Mageed M.I. Elbeh,	Kobe
Eva Canavan	"
Marie M. Van Kerckhoven	"
Helen Speer	"
Rosalie Eoth	"
Roman Garrion	Kyoto
Luong Dinh Cua	"
Alexandra Diekcherova	"
Arpad J. Friedrich	"
Erwin Jahn	"
Kathe Kojima	"
Heinz Krause	"
Rose Lesser	"
Anna Miura	"
Lizzi Rix-Ka Ueno	"
Elvira Zanutto-Rubini	"
Puspo Harsono	"
X Sastrosukarto Kusnaeny	"
Adnan Kusuma	"
Raden Poespoharsono	"
Mohamad Saruji	"
Raden Chuchu Sudardy	"
Raden Mohamad Sujiman	"
Sudio	"
San Suhaedy	"
X Kusnaeni Sastrosukarto	"
Trasno	"

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No. 177.

Kobe, 17th December, 1947.

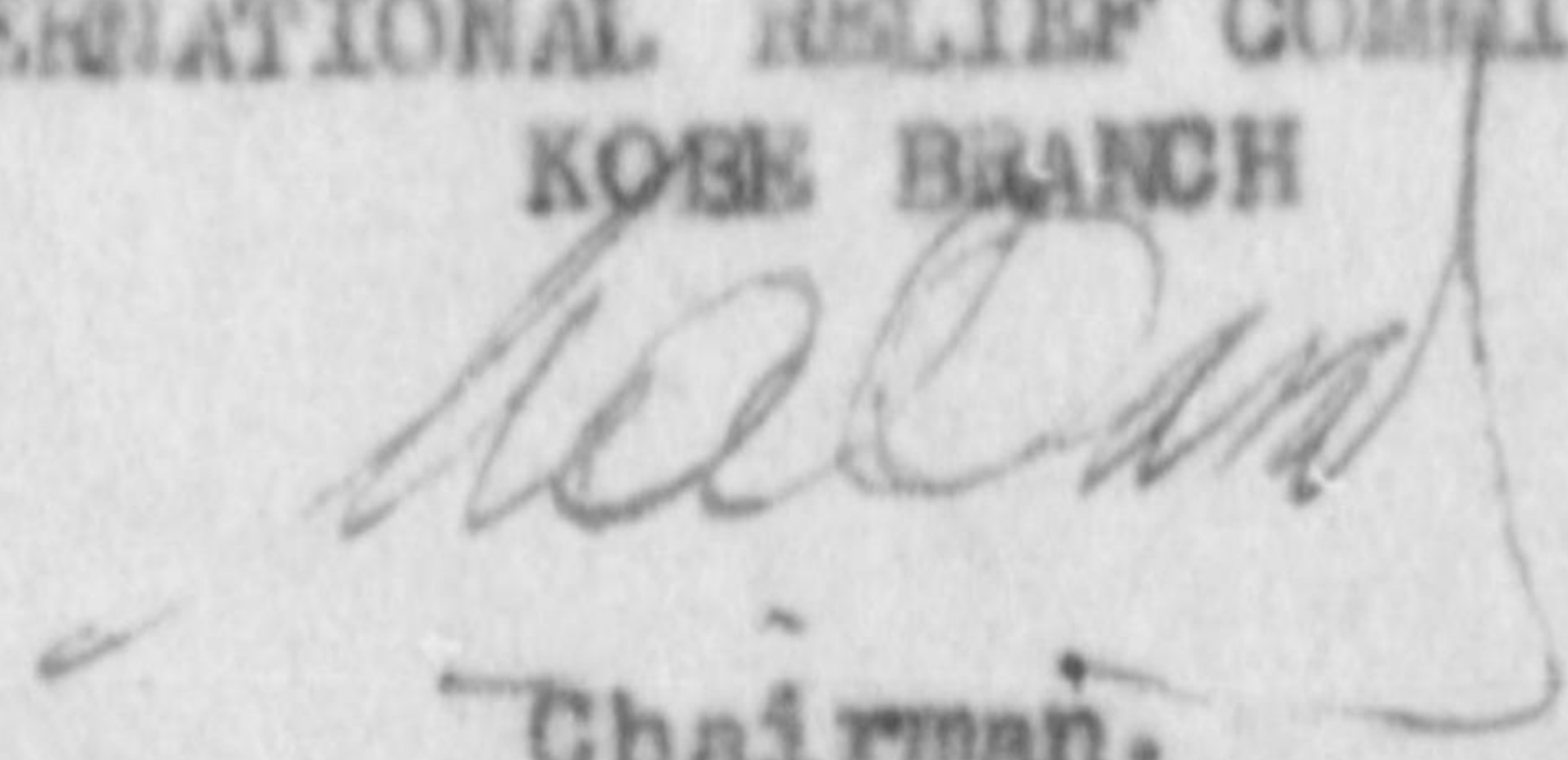
Subject: Registrations

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We enclose herewith the following new applications:-

Allcock, Mary Katherine-	British by birth
Aratani, Mitsuru	American
Boeckl, Edward	Czecho-Slovak
Coombs, Misayo	British
Drottij, Maj-Britt	Swedish
Forbes, Marjorie A.	American
Frederiksen, J.A.	Danish
Granier, Marie H.	French
Gyermathy, Paul de	Hungarian
Ikushima, Helen	British by birth
Isaacsen, Robert G.	Danish
Jochheim, Alice	Stateless
Kato, Carmen A.	Br/Japanese
Kiss, Louis	Hungarian
Maye, Juko	American
Mori, Elizabeth	German by birth
Morks, Suzanna	Wh.Russian
Obertik, Rudolf P.	Hungarian
Pillman, Andrei R.	Rumanian
Ramadier, Jeanne	French
Reid, Nellie	Stateless
Taniguchi, Alina	Finn by birth
Thanh, Le Van	Fr. Indo-Chinese
Tomassich, Ernest	Hungarian
Tsujimura, Liko	Danadian
Latoporissa, Johanna	Indonesian
Sudic Sudic	"
Trasno	"

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Encl:- 23 applications.

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No. 174.

Kobe, 8th December, 1947.

Subject: Distribution of Clothing

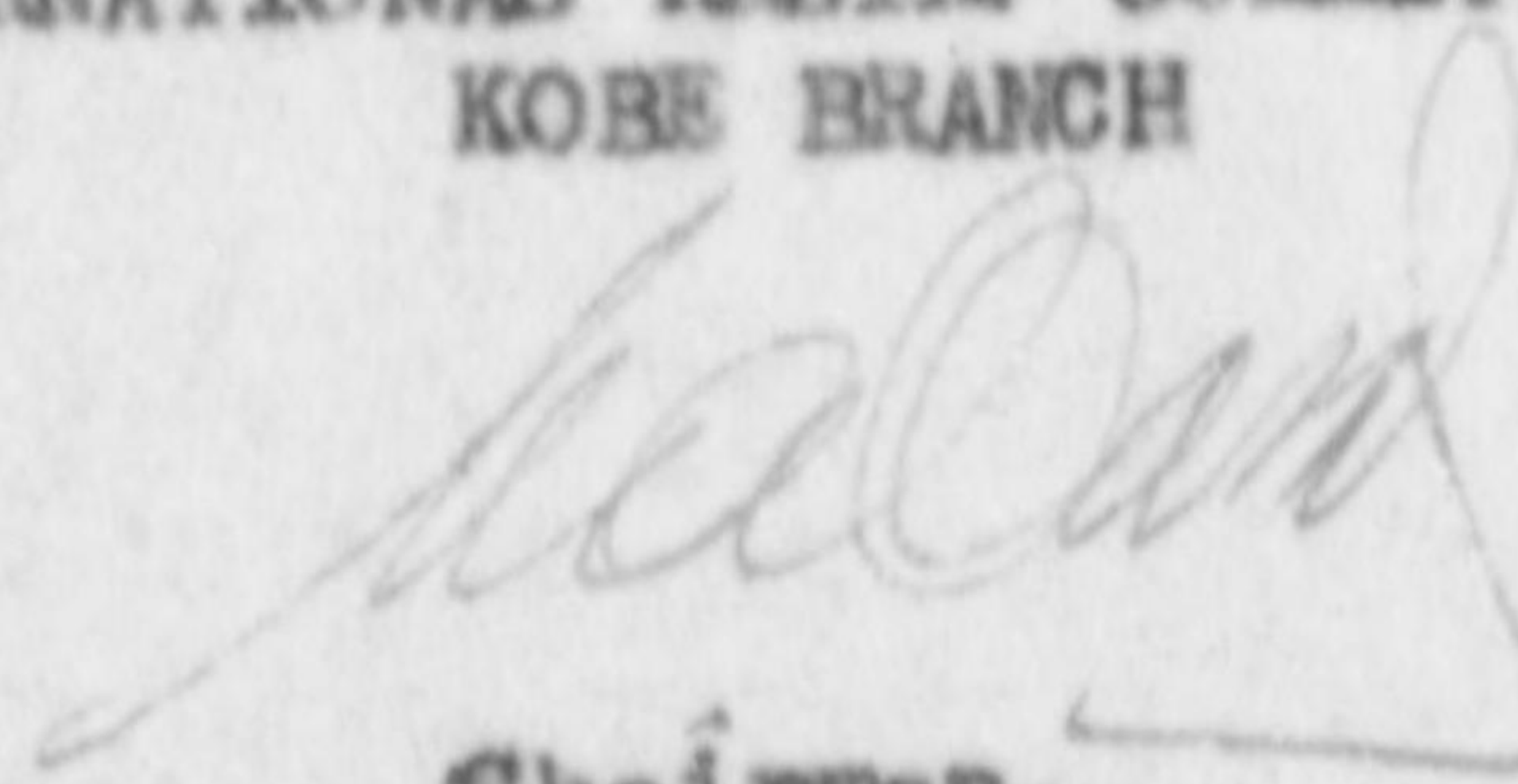
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Having finished our distribution of Woollen ware to our various communities and taking stock afterwards, we now enclose Report No. 12 under date of the 6th December.

Out of the remaining goods we have been instructed to supply also the German and Italian residents now in our district, for which purpose a sufficient quantity of woollen ware has been retained.

These two communities are now registering with us, and we expect to have a delivery made within the next fortnight or so.

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Encl:- Report No. 12.

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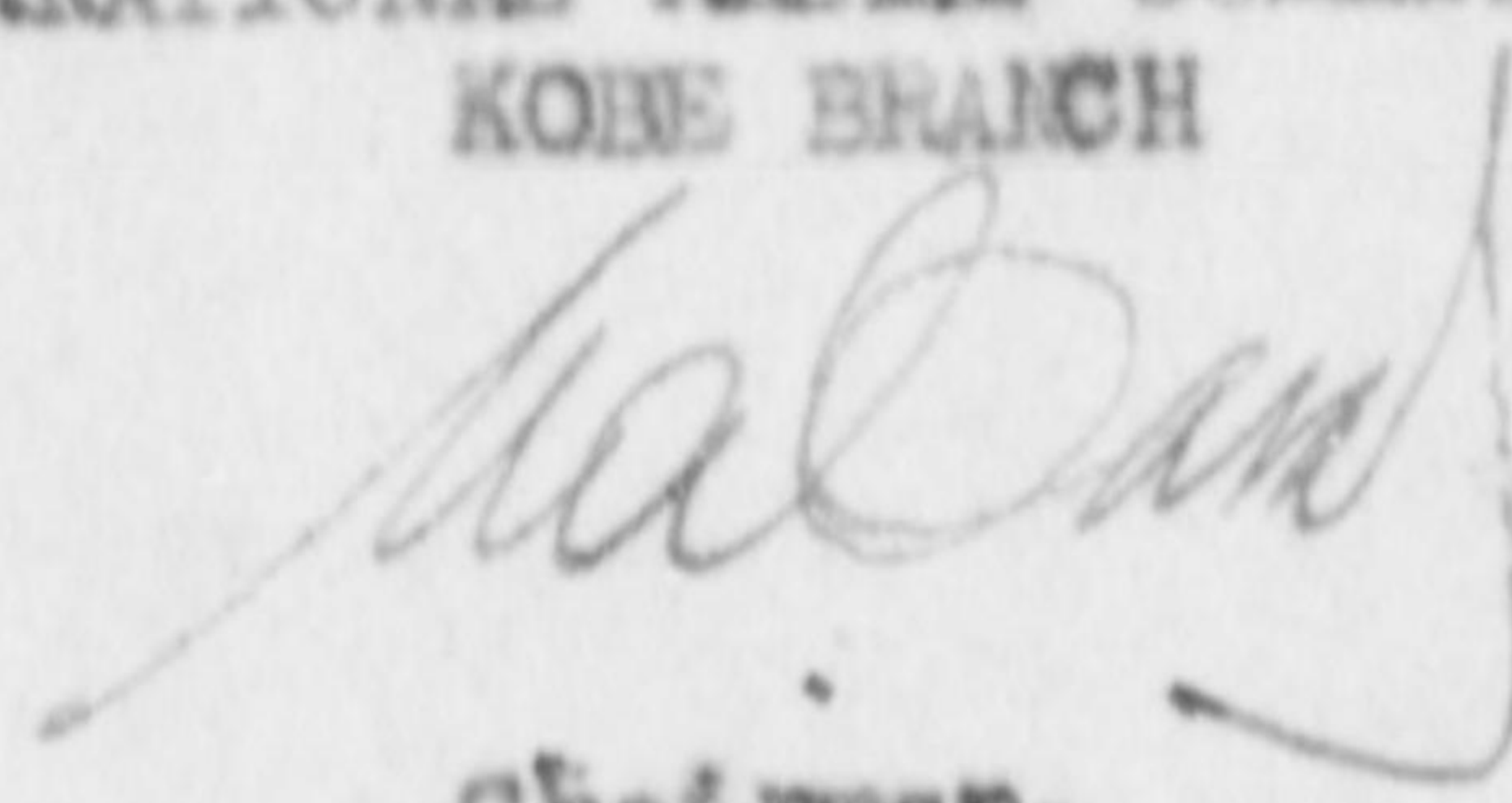
Kobe, 12th November, 1947.

Subject: Registration.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We enclose application from Mrs. Margaret McIntosh Kawano
of 343 Kusunoki-cho 1-chome, Kobe.

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No. 171.

Kobe, 5th November, 1947.

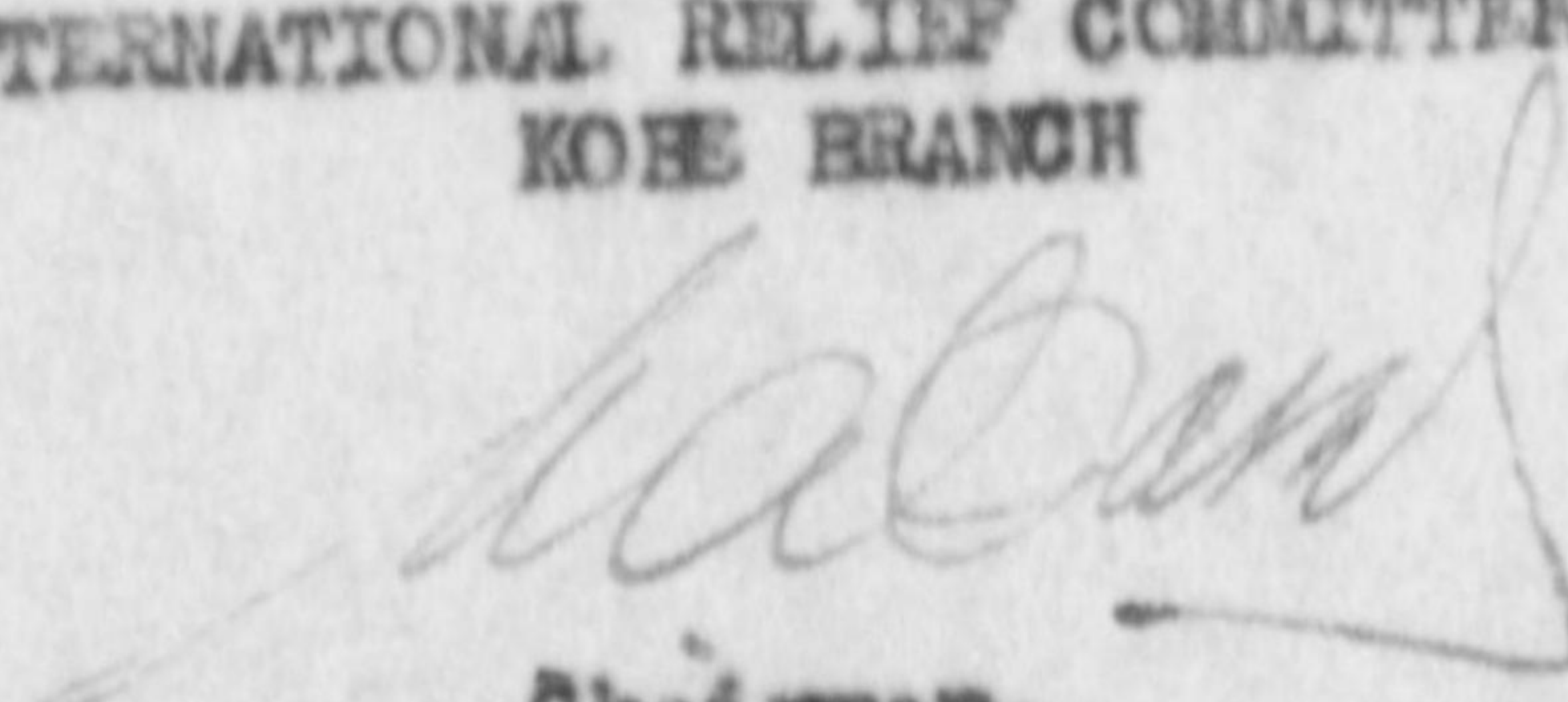
Subject: Registration.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We enclose the following new applications:-

Andreis, Grace
Burnside, Alice M.
Callman, Hedwig
Coute, P.V. de
Danich, V.P.
Degay, Jane
Duchesne, Maurice
Erohina, Talageya
Kato, Sadako
Lebedeff, Julian
Linke, Joseph
Misoe, Helena
Sakata, Iya
Saavedra, Francisca
Skuripka, Anna
Tajima, Helen
Yashkova, Alexandra

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Encl: 17 registrations.

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No. 169.

Kobe, 29th October, 1947.

Subject: Relief Supplies.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 3rd and 13th October.

In the meantime the 9 c/s Ditty Bags have been traced and obtained, and as arranged with the Local Welfare Section, were handed over to the Chinese Community.

For many weeks past our activities were mainly concerned with the checking and sizing of the supplies which we received in March, and which unfortunately could not be handled earlier because the International Hospital had requested us to vacate the premises as soon as possible. It then took some more time for preparation after we had removed our goods to Mr. Morozoff's Bakery, Mr. Morozoff having very kindly put at our disposal one half of his third floor. He also provided partitions and shelves as needed, and we are indeed under great obligations to him in many ways.

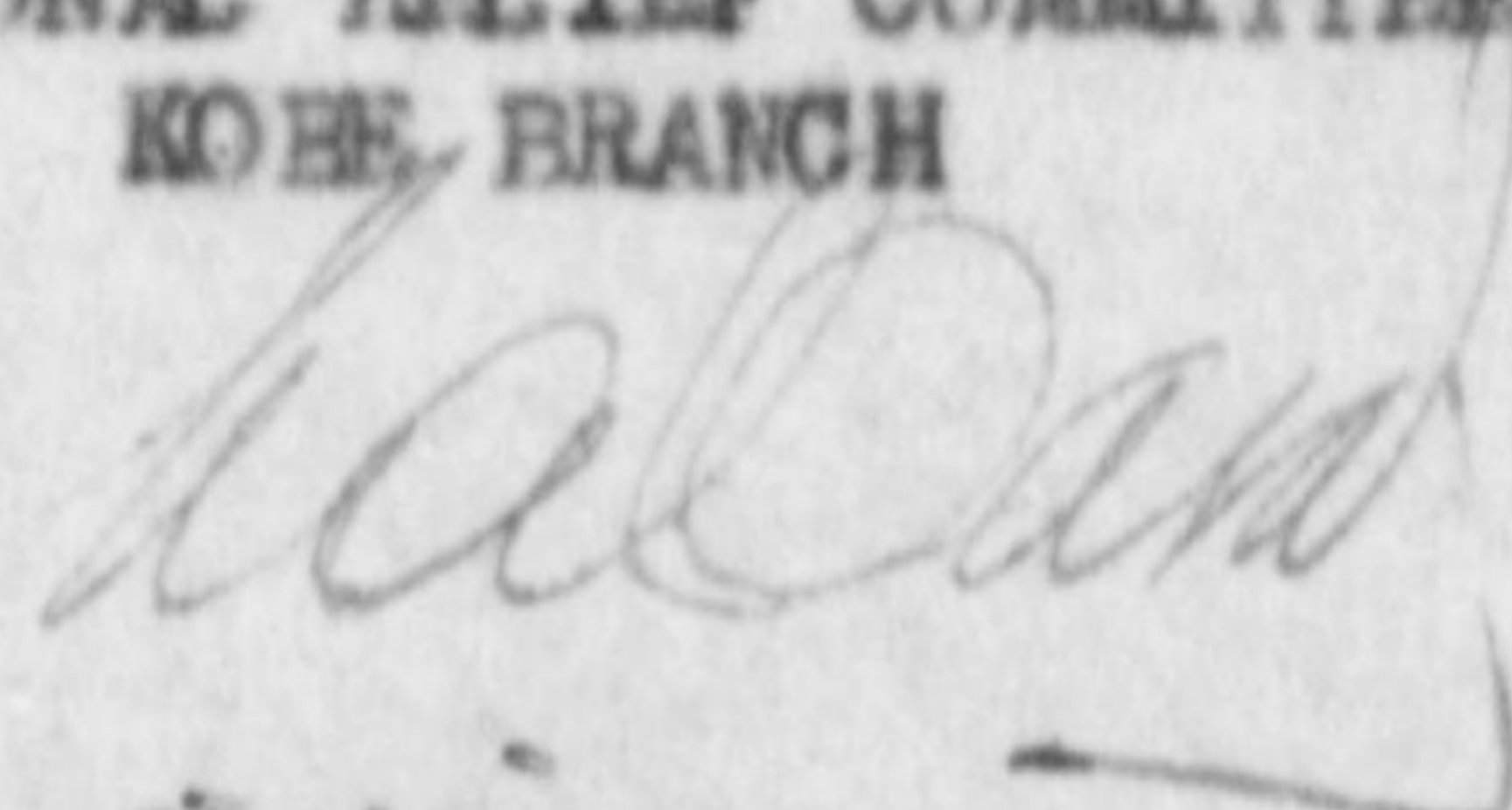
For 4 days we distributed mainly Skirts, Underwear, Dresses, etc. leaving out, ~~for~~ the beginning, articles of knitted wool. These, however, have since also been sorted out, and will be distributed within a couple of weeks. Care was taken to favour the most needy persons quite particularly and we thought it advisable to leave out those whose financial standing or connections enable them to obtain whatever supplies they may want.

After the next distribution we expect to get rid of a few Military Trousers and Jackets and other stuff received locally a year ago and which partly is in very poor condition, having come from the P.O.W. camps.

We reserve a certain percentage of the most useful articles for eventual future help to individuals who may become needy because of fires or burglaries. But unless you can promise us further supplies we presume that our comprehensive activities will herewith find an end.

We would appreciate your comments on eventual future work ^{for} the I.R.C. so that we may consider a possible conversion of the organization into something more local.

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No. 164.

Kobe, 8th October, 1947.

Subject: Your telegram 11th Sept - 9 c/s Ditty Bags

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

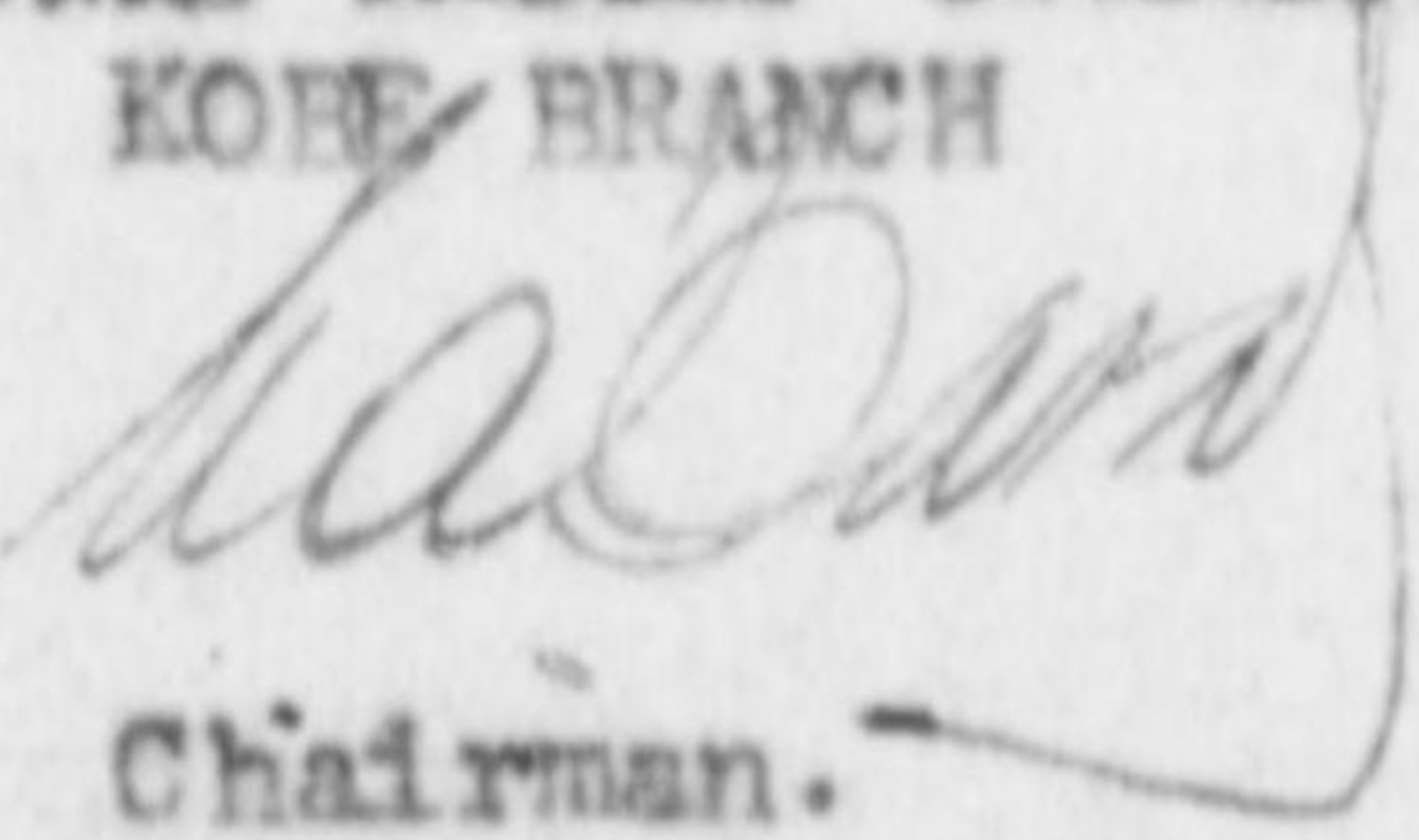
We refer to your telegram received on the 12th September
readings -

"Shipped yesterday nine cases Ditty Bags. Moss".

With the assistance of the Welfare Section of the Military
Government, we have since tried to trace the cases so far without any
result.

As your telegram does not mention how the cases were forward-
ed, we would appreciate more details and also recommend that you make
sure at your end that the 9 cases have actually left.

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No. 161.

Kobe, 24th September, 1947.

Subject: Registration.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We enclose applications from:-

Dancoastro, R. Soedjarwoko)
" Nelliani)
Soejoto, Djoko)
" Rubiati)
Sidharto)
Fulukadang, Abdurrachman)
Sharif, Mohamet) 20, Tsutamachi Kitashirakawa
Utoyo) Sakyo-ku, Kyoto.

which, although made out sometime ago, had to be kept on file in view of pending regulations of the applicants' nationality.

The above mentioned persons have now been passed by the Netherlands Military Mission and will be included in our next distribution. A few others have already received consideration previously since they had offered satisfactory proof of nationality.

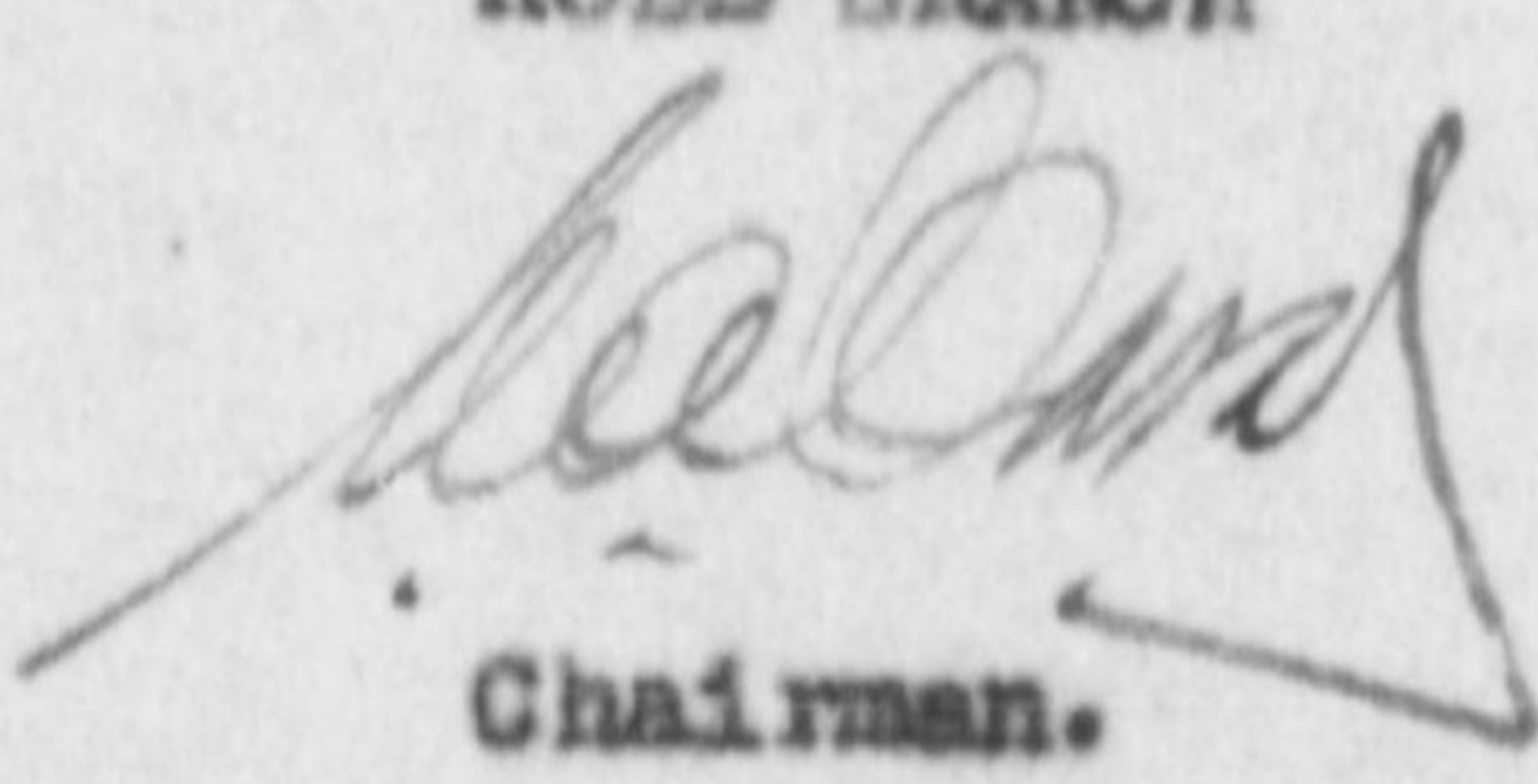
Some more Indonesians have applied but cannot yet be accepted by us, because they have not registered themselves with their Authorities.

We enclose two other applications from:-

St.Clair-Smith, Reginald - 44B Kajicho, Kawaramachi-Imadegawa-sagaru, Kamigyoku, Kyoto.

Webster-Smith, Irene - c/o Y.W.C.A. Muro-machi-demizu Agaru, Kyoto-shi.

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Encl: 8 applications.

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No. 158.

Kobe, 9th September, 1947.

Subject: Supplies.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

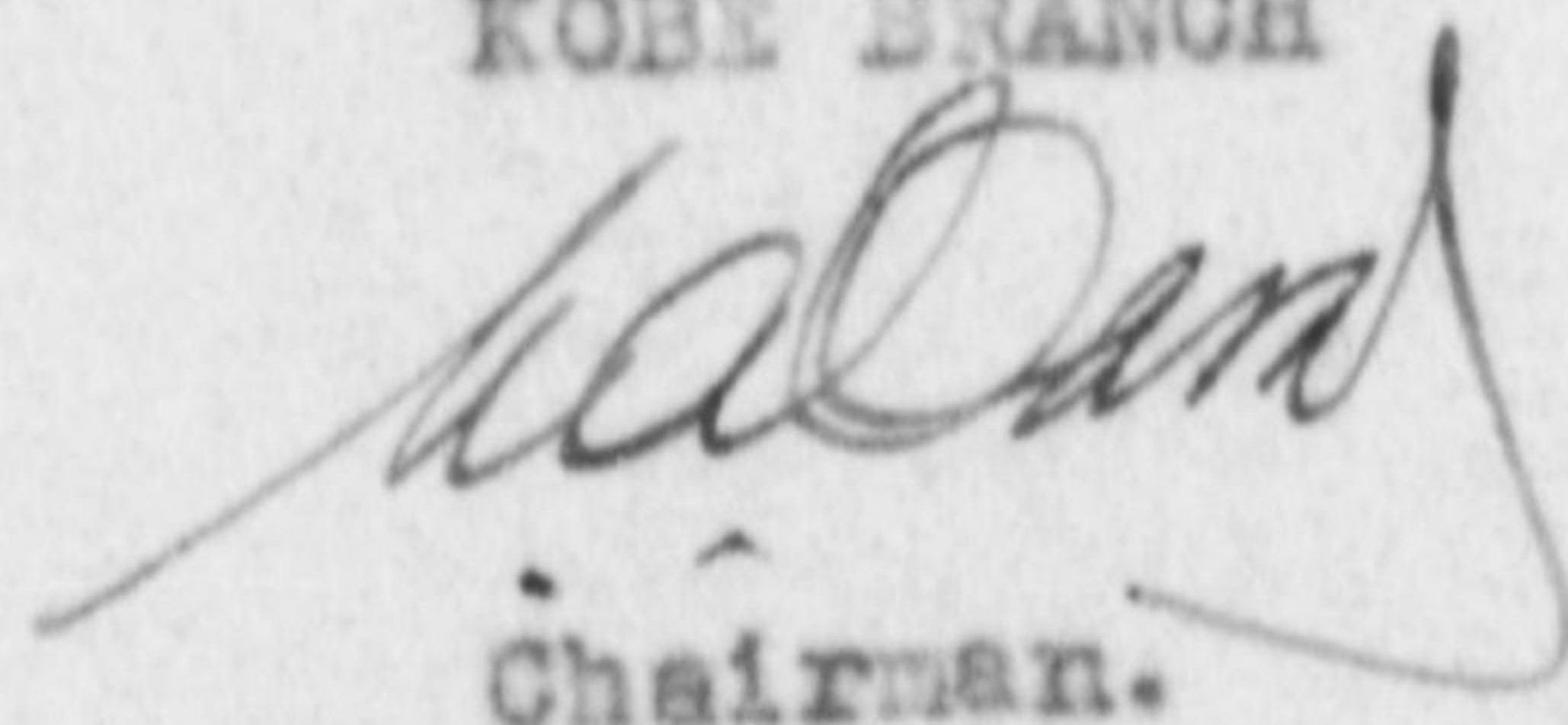
A few days ago the local newspapers referred to the intention of the United States Government to ship a considerable quantity of surplus clothing, etc. for relief to Japan.

While we presume that you have contacted Military Authorities in regard to this gift, we take this opportunity to emphasize that a great many local residents, especially among the Stateless, are very short of clothing of all kinds including underwear.

We would be very grateful if you could insist on our community receiving due consideration, since experience shows that once relief goods are in the hands of Japanese organizations, we foreigners have very little chance of obtaining anything.

We have now opened your latest shipment of 54 packages and are well satisfied with contents, but notice again that underwear is sadly lacking as is clothing for men. Prices quoted in the black-market locally are such that none but the racketeers can afford them.

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No. 157.

Kobe 9th September, 1947.

Subject: Registration.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Please be advised that the family of Mr. Minal has left for Tokyo, and their registration has been cancelled here. The family consists of:-

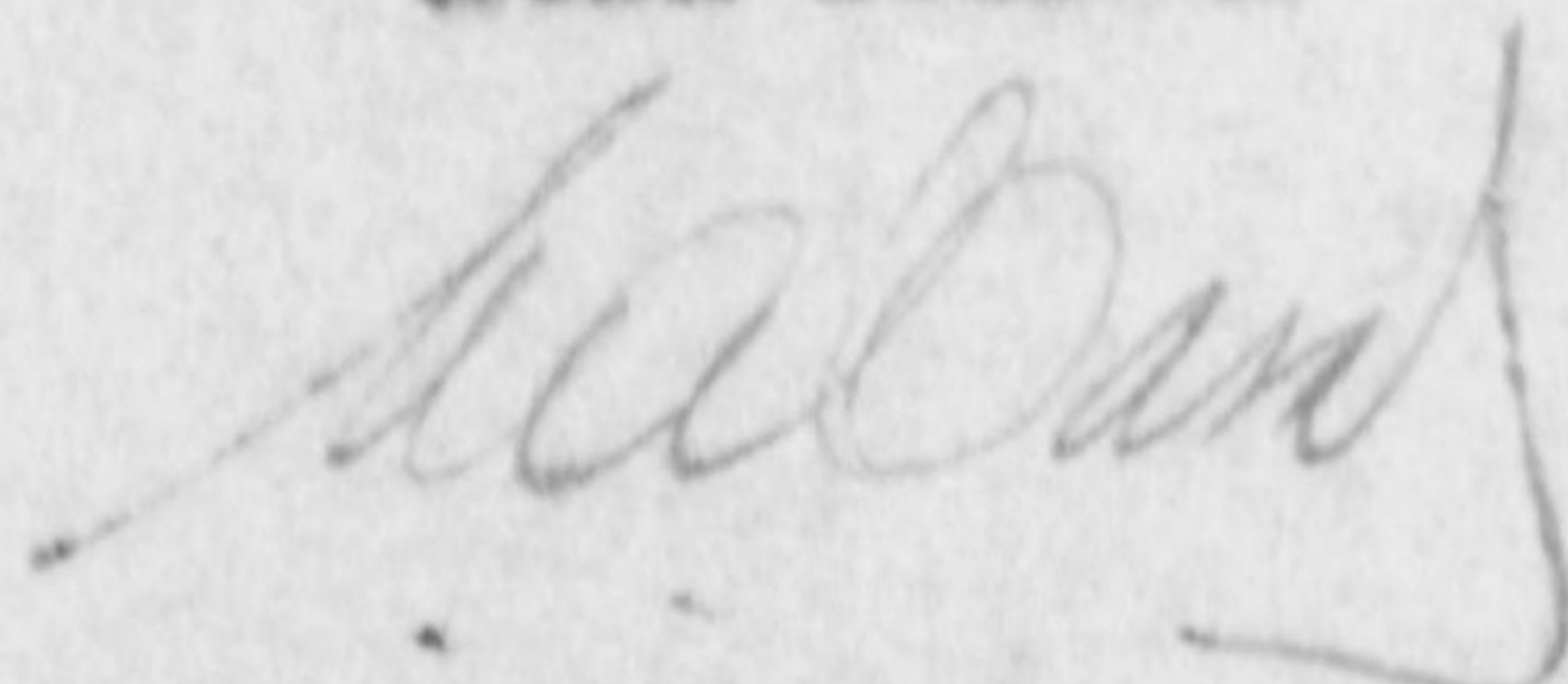
Minal, Shakir	Male	1909
Zulaiha	Female	1915
Naila	"	1941
Salia	"	1943
Nail	Male	1945

Copy of their registration of 30/8/1946 should be in your hands.

ISABEL KAEMMERER: PAGE 7:

Please note that this child is now living here with her father and will be supplied by us. As for some time she resided with her mother in Tokyo and might be listed with you, we shall thank you to cancel her name until further notice.

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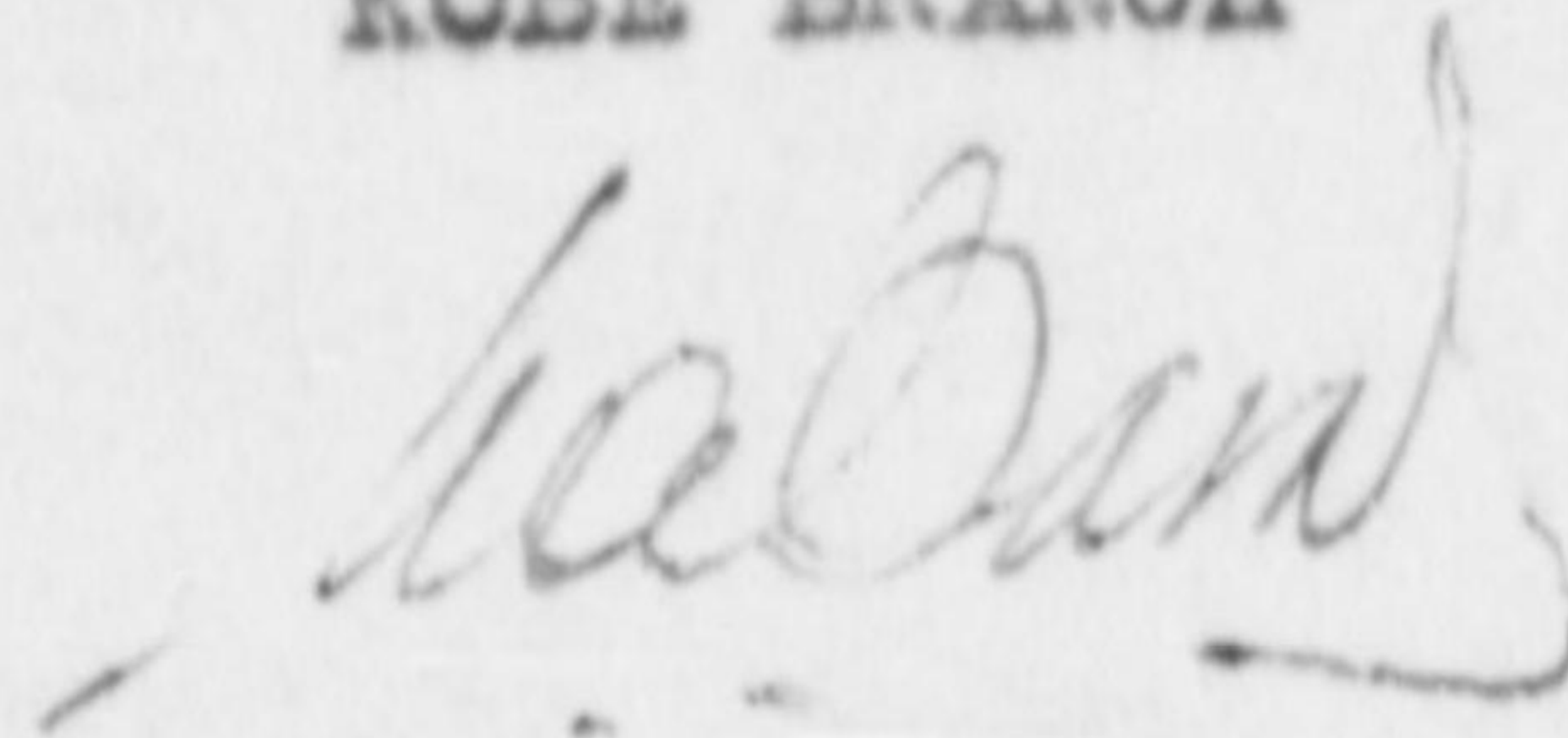
3rd September, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Registration.

We enclose application from Mr. Eugen Dolmatoff,
Dowa Building, Akashi-cho, Kobe.

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Encl.

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No. 153.

27th August, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Shipment from Yokohama.

With reference to your letter of the 28th March and the shipping list attached, as mentioned in our Minutes of the 20th August we found a few discrepancies when roughly checking the number of pieces in each container. To mention a few instances:-

Case No.	3	had	450	Helmets	instead of	440
	4	"	101	Jackets	"	97
	9	"	152	Mufflers	"	155
	11	"	138	"	"	150
	12	"	138	"	"	150
	13	"	108	Pyjamas	"	186
	14	"	158	"	"	165
	21	"	215	Bathrobes	"	220
Chest	24	"	101	Playsuits	"	100
		and	41	Caps	"	40
Case	30	had	34	Shirts	"	32
Bale	31	"	148	Sweaters	"	150
	32	"	145	"	"	150
	33	"	151	"	"	150
	36	"	158	"	"	160
	37	"	208	"	"	225
	39	"	159	"	"	160
	41	"	192	"	"	200
	43	"	161	"	"	160
	44	"	161	"	"	160
	48	"	222	Dresses	"	225
	49	"	201	"	"	200
	50	"	199	"	"	200

However, this is simply a preliminary notification and we have now begun to check each class of goods for size, and on making up a new total we may come to closer figures. It is quite possible after all that mistakes in counting were made.

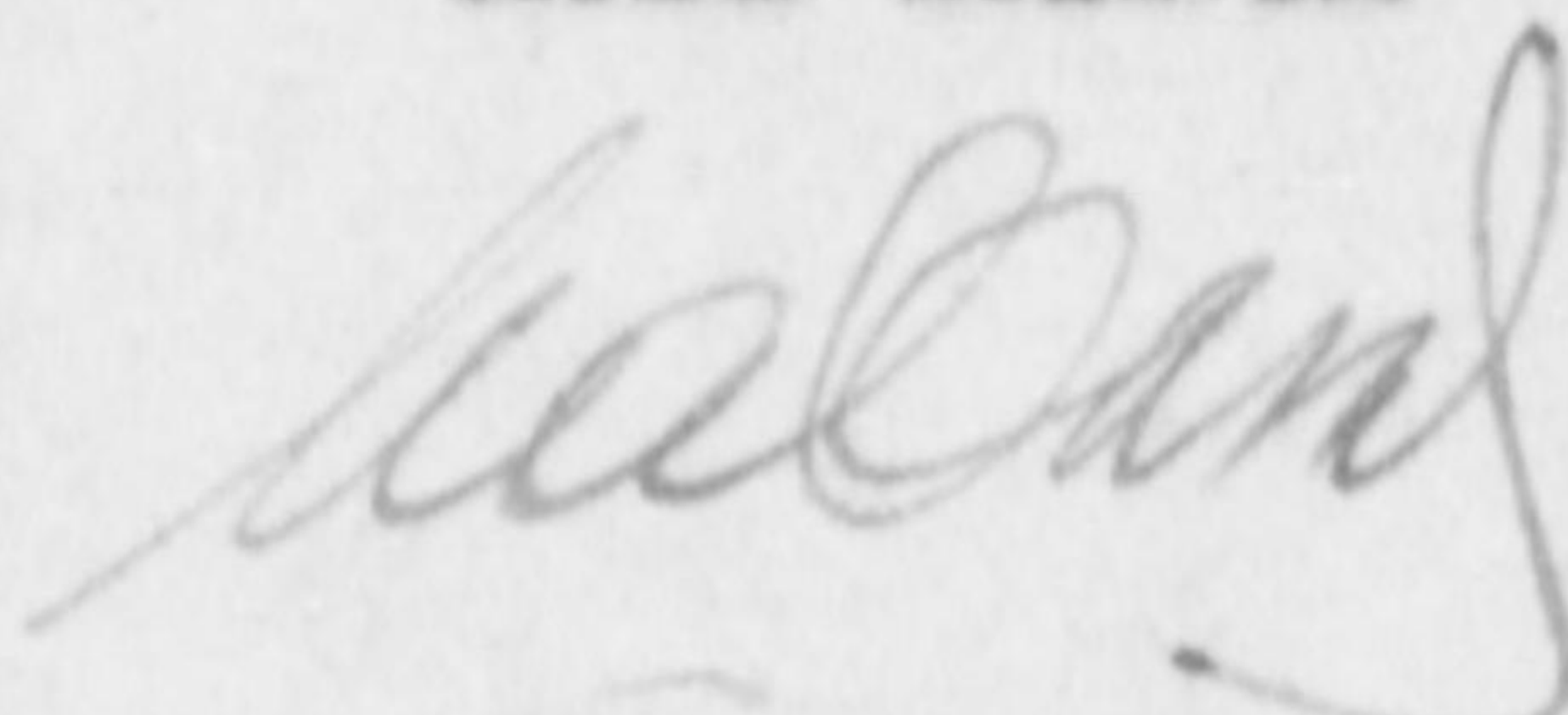
What we want to point out is that Bale No. 41 containing Sweaters was very badly damaged, apparently from sea-water. Many Sweaters are stained.

To: H. O. I.R.C., Yokohama/

No. 153.

We must also remark that several bales were torn and sundry cases badly smashed, which may easily account for a slight loss through pilferage. In respect of Case No. 13 there must be an error in your figure of 186 Pyjamas, the case having contained 18 cartons, each carton with 6 Pyjamas.

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No. 151.

6th August, 1947.

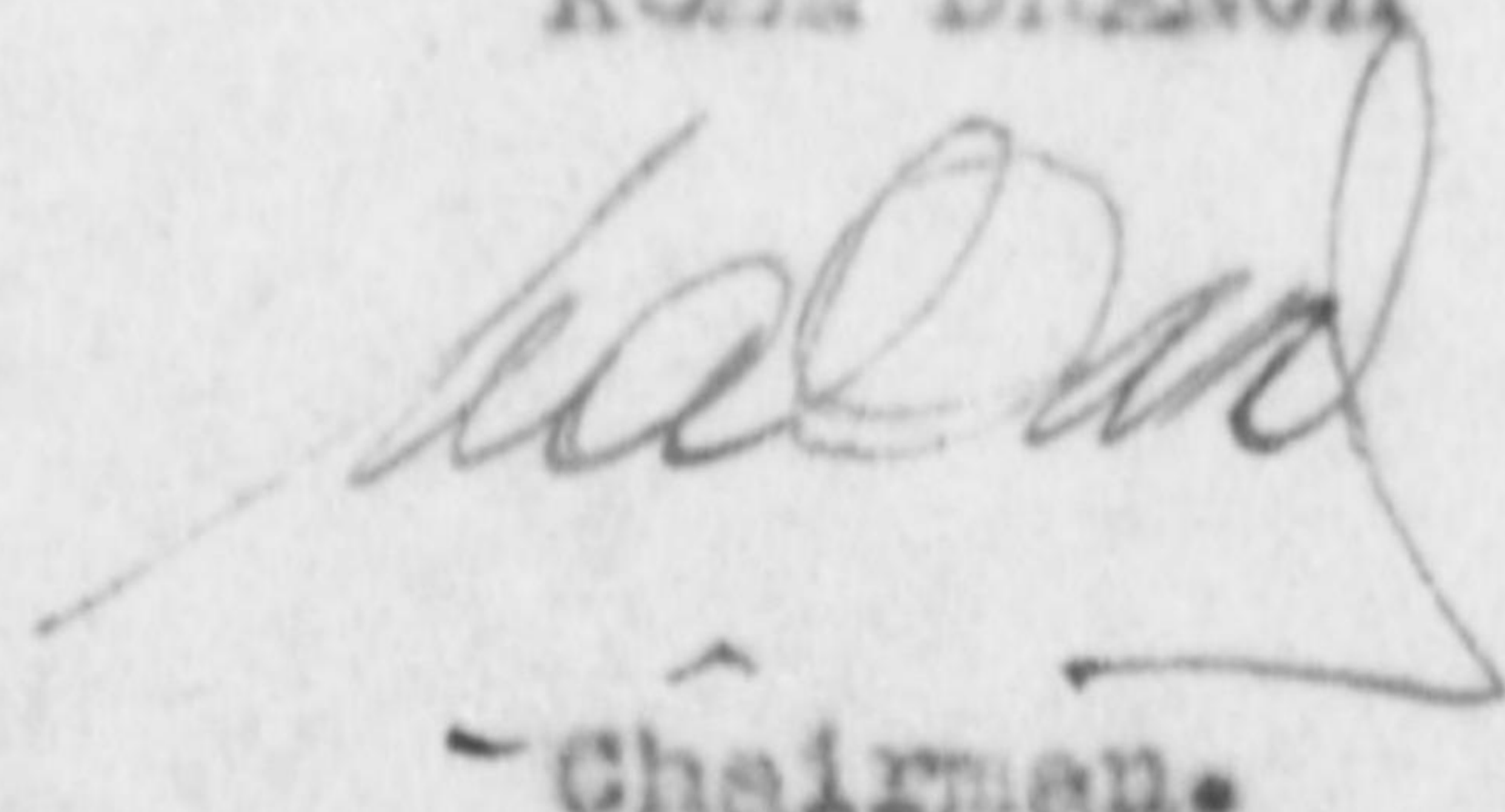
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Registration.

We enclose application from Mr. Harold Arab,
87 of 2 Kitanocho 4-chome, Ikuta-ku, Kobe, and family:-

Mrs. Louisa Arab
Miss Helen "
" Dulcie "
Master Harold"
" Richard

Although the form is dated 3rd April it has
only recently come to our hands.

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KOBE BRANCH



Chairman.

Encl.

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No. 149.

6th August, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Registration.

See File #15
With reference to your letter of the 4th July, subject: General, page 4, we now enclose a detailed list of U.N., Neutral and Stateless persons registered with our Branch, as of the 30th June, 1947.

The principal list of 30 pages gives the names, nationalities, date of birth and sex, divided into groups according to nationality and domicile.

To obtain a more rapid survey we made out a second list, giving the respective totals according to nationality with sub-division according to residence only.

A third statistic gives the names of those women formerly of U.N. or Neutral nationality who lost this through marriage with Axis nationals (our Category II). This list has been made up from sundry sources, but as you will notice only 8 such cases have so far registered with us.

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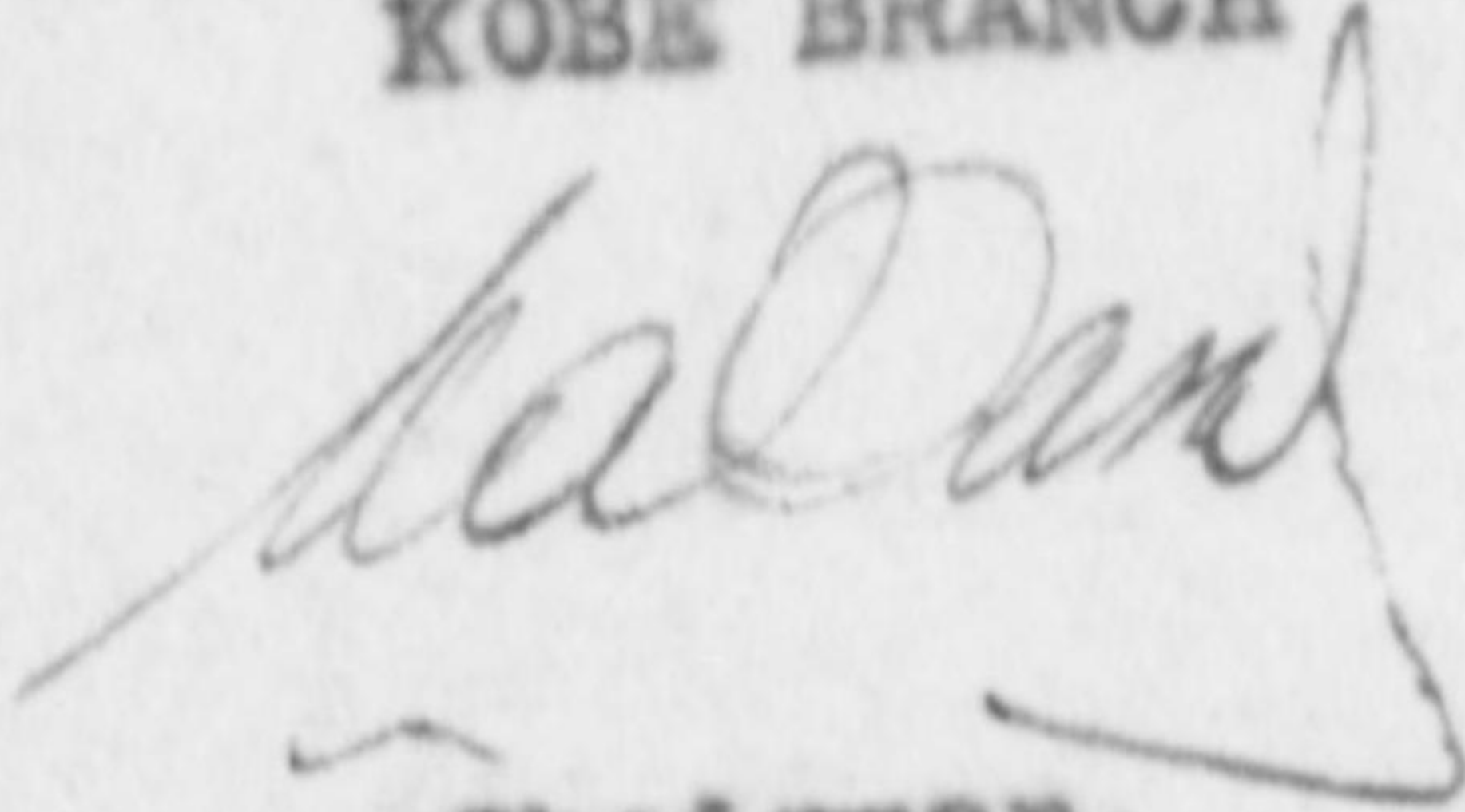
9th July, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Registration.

We enclose registration received from:-

Wolhin, Ivan Sergeevitch) 11/8 Yamamoto-dori 2-shome,
" Ksenia Gregorievna) Ikuta-ku, Kobe.

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Encl:- 1 Registration.

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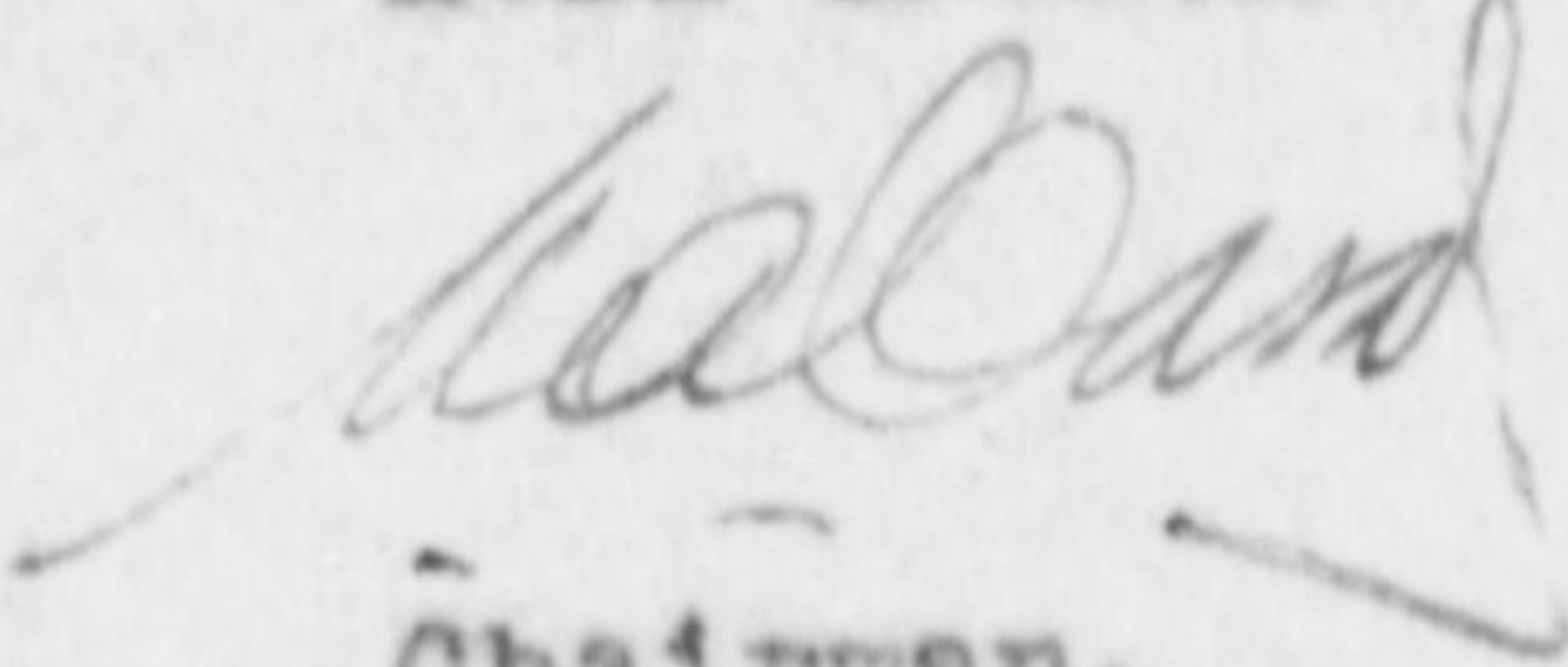
No. 143.

2nd July, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Ditty Bags.

With reference to the conversation Mr. Bjerstedt had with your Mr. Moss, would you kindly send us a further supply of Ditty Bags.

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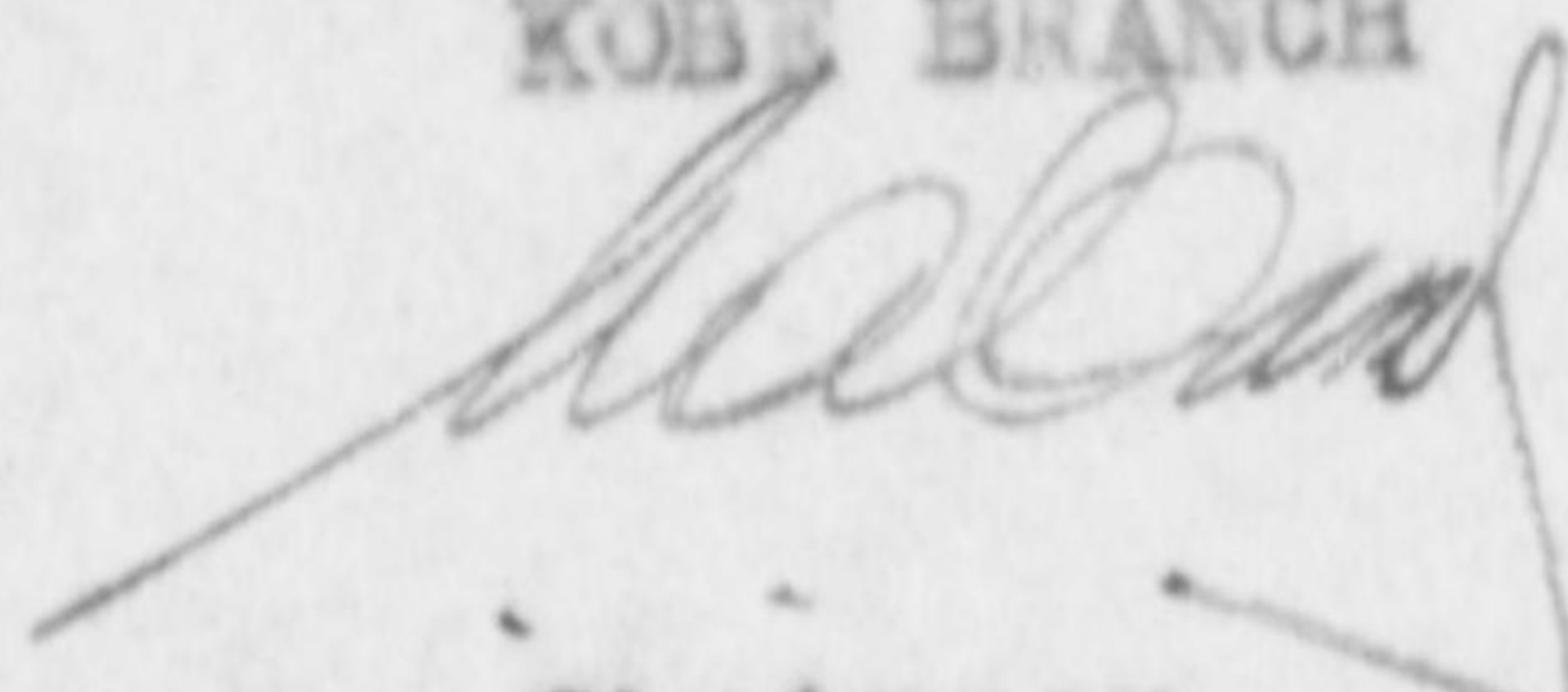
No. 142.

2nd July, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Registration.

Referring to our letter No. 120 of the 23rd April, which may have been lost in the mail, would you please confirm that you cancelled the name of IVAN WOLHIN from your Kwanto list, so that we may put him on our own.

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No. 141.

2nd July, 1947.

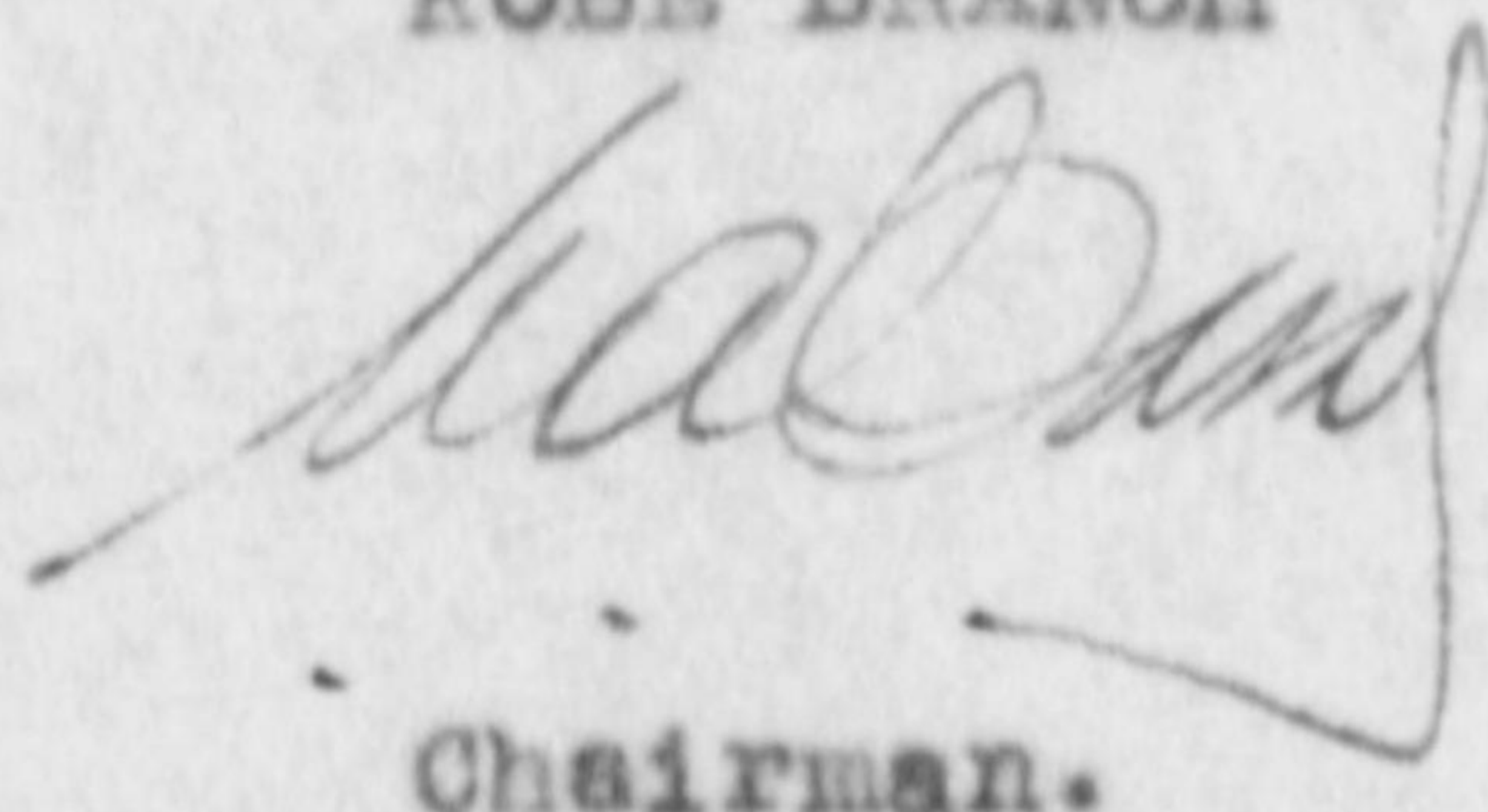
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: International Hospital of Kobe.

We beg to refer to our letter of the 20th November 1946 applying for surgical and other instruments, of which the International Hospital is in great need. On the 20th December you were good enough to reply that the proposal had been passed by your Committee and that the Kobe International Hospital would receive a share when you are ready to distribute supplies to your own institutions.

Nothing further has been heard in the meantime, but the International Hospital is more than ever in need of such articles and of medicaments.

We may add that the local supplies given to the International Hospital, through our Committee, last autumn were quite insignificant.

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No. 140.

2nd July, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Relief Goods.

SUPPLY OF GOODS:

Our Mr. Bjorstedt reported having met your Mr. Moss twice during his stay in Yokohama, and that in your opinion our present stock should be distributed as soon as feasible, the Chinese receiving due consideration. Also that if we wanted more Ditty Bags they could be supplied.

As you will have seen from our Minutes, there will be a change of premises and for the moment we are unable to do anything. After we have unpacked your last parcels, we shall see to what extent we can supply the needs of local residents, but it is the unanimous opinion of this Committee that a very reasonable stock should be retained for future use. It is inevitable that people will be burned out and there is also a considerable amount of stealing going on in this district. The sufferers will naturally come to us and we feel it our duty to help them to the utmost, since it is practically impossible to purchase wearing apparel even in the black-market.

We realize that our I.R.C. will not be in a position to function indefinitely under Army Directives and help, but we also feel that even after the official part of our existence has been concluded, this Committee should continue at least as a local body, taking care of similar and other matters connected with the Foreign Community, the same as the International Committee and sundry Benevolent Societies did before the war. However, it is premature to discuss this point at the present date and we only mention this so that you can easier see our view-point.

GOODS FROM LIQUIDATION COMMISSION:

We fully agree with your view, as reported by Mr. Bjorstedt, that once the goods have been handed over to the Japanese Authorities, it will be difficult for you to claim anything for our organization, although it has not proved impossible in practice. At the same time

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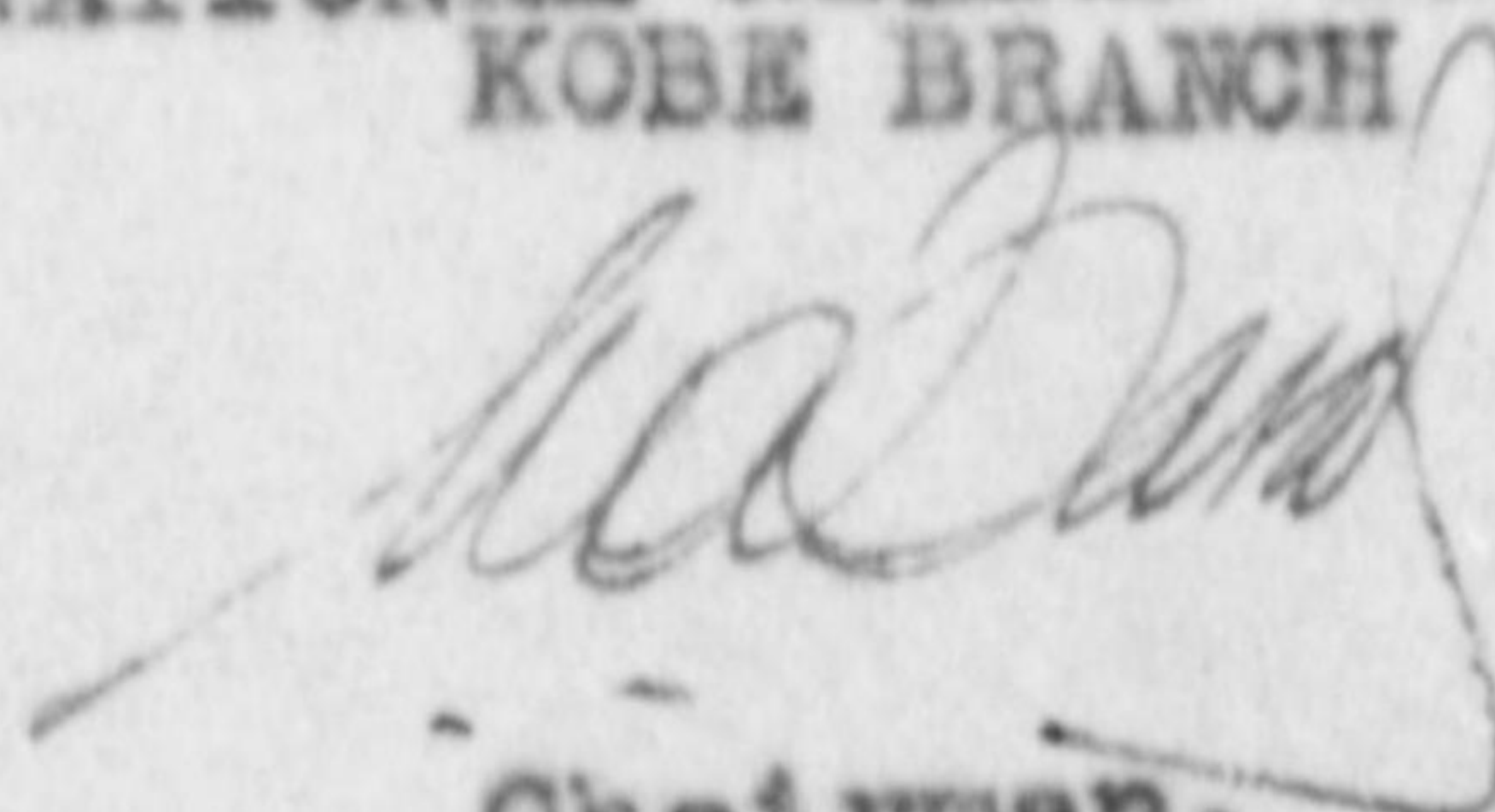
you will realize that while we are only too willing to make requests through your channels, we are at a disadvantage in Kobe because we have not the faintest idea of what is going on until by chance we hear locally that something has been received by the Japanese. That is why, in the last instance, we approached local authorities at once and directly, in order to save time and at least have a try at getting something, in which we succeeded.

It will therefore be impossible for us to submit requests to you with reasonable quantities specified. We are under the impression that the Kobe black-market is not only much more expensive than the Tokyo/Yokohama markets, but also far less well supplied. We may easily say that the largest proportion of all foreigners here are not in a position to buy wearing apparel or household goods. We have a considerable percentage of people who are not able to earn more than their bare living and, as you know, even Army employees cannot afford extravagances.

Anything in the line of clothing, underwear, footwear, whether for children or adults of both sexes will therefore always be welcome. Furthermore there is a great shortage of bed sheets and pillows, blankets, towels, table cloths, crockery and glassware, as well as laundry soap, toilet articles and toilet paper. In a word, all necessities are short, and anything you could obtain for our community would certainly be appreciated. We need not emphasize that we always try to benefit the neediest people first and that even small quantities will be deemed a relief by those fortunate to obtain a share.

We understand that the American Red Cross is preparing to wind up their organizations, handing over certain departments to the Army direct. If any of their goods in stock should be disposed of in any way, we would strongly suggest that, in as far as transportation is possible, your Committee should try and receive some goods for the benefit of the various Communities.

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No. 139.

2nd July, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Nationals of Countries whose Status have changed
with the war.

We refer to our letter No. 70 of the 27th November 1946 enclosing a list of the Italians then residing in our district, as compiled by the head of the Italian Association of Kwansai.

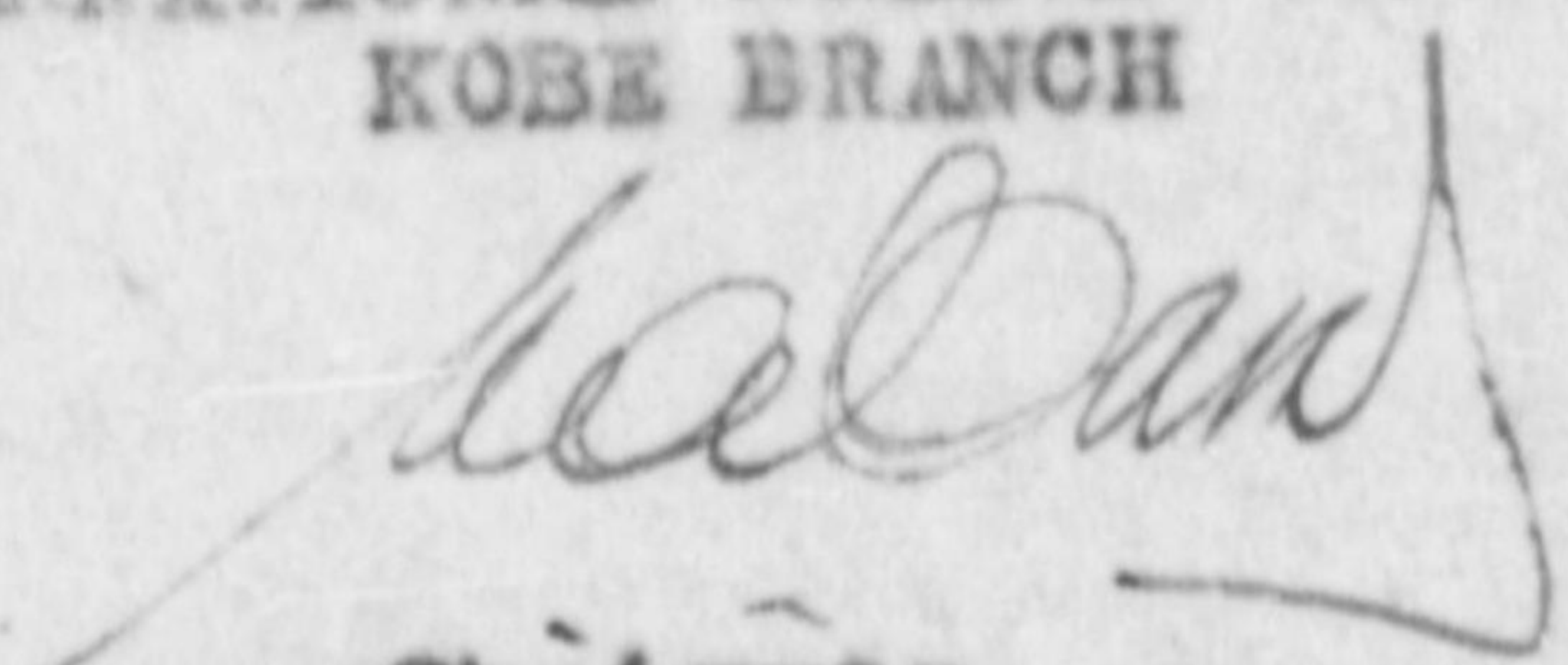
These lists were prompted by your letter of the 5th November informing us that a distinction would have to be made between Fascist and non-Fascist Italians. As we advised you at the time we are not in a position to decide this question.

Your letter of the 5th November mentioned that nationals of the Argentine, Finland and Thailand will come under the same classification, and while we probably have only one Finnish lady here married to a Japanese, a definite ruling would equally be appreciated.

By our letter No. 64 of the 1st November we referred to the fact that the United States had recognized Austria as a liberated country in every respect. Your same letter of the 5th November informed us that Austria was still considered as part of Germany. May we also refer to our letter No. 113 of the 2nd April concerning possible additions to our list of nationalities, in view of various peace treaties recently concluded with European countries.

We would ask thank you to take up the matter with the 8th Army and let us know how we are to proceed in the future.

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No. 138.

2nd July, 1947.

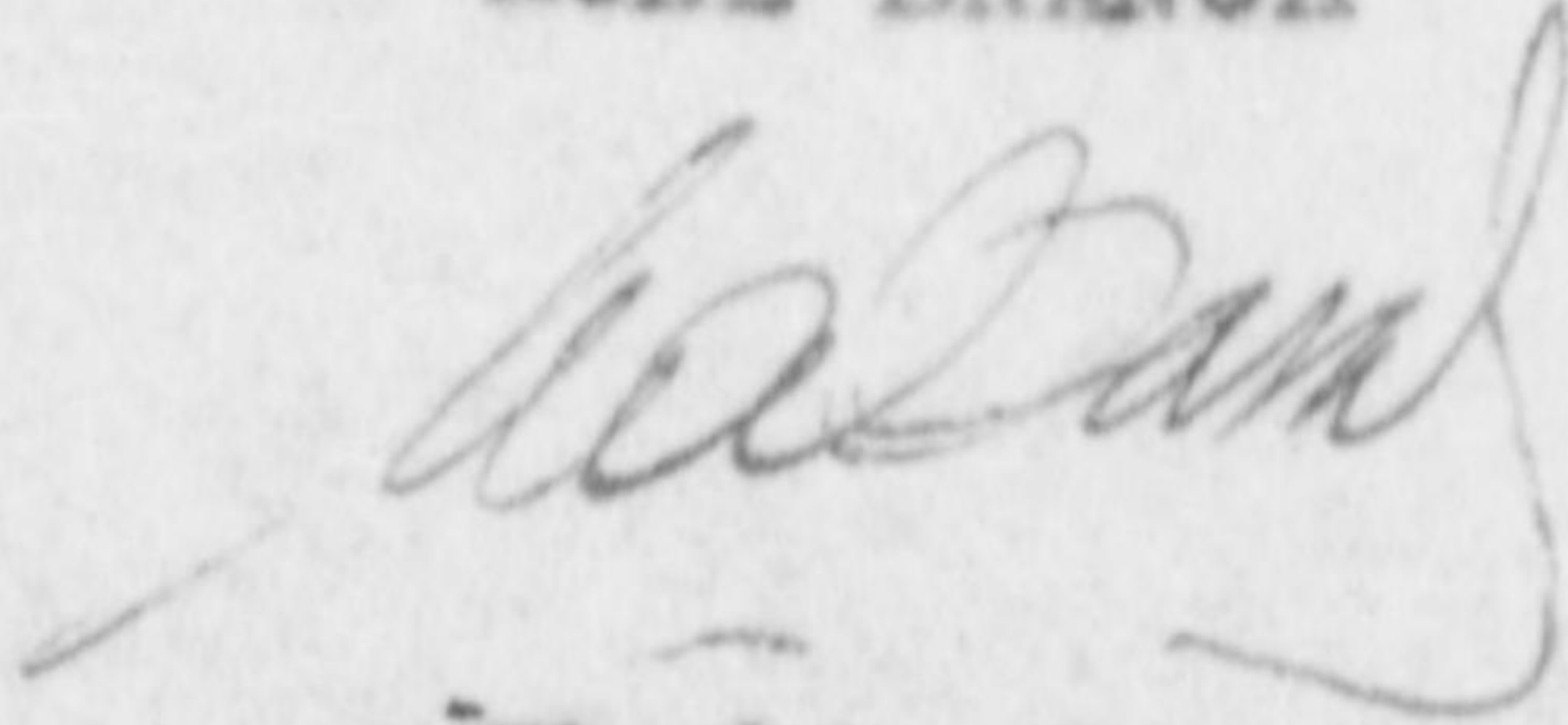
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Registration.

We enclose two applications recently received:-

Jacqueline AMADIO (nee Lantz), French,
38/3 Kitano-cho 3-chome, Kobe.

Fernande ANTONUCCI (nee Lantz), French,
38/3 Kitano-cho 3-chome, Kobe.

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Encl:- 2 applications.

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No. 133.

11th June, 1947.

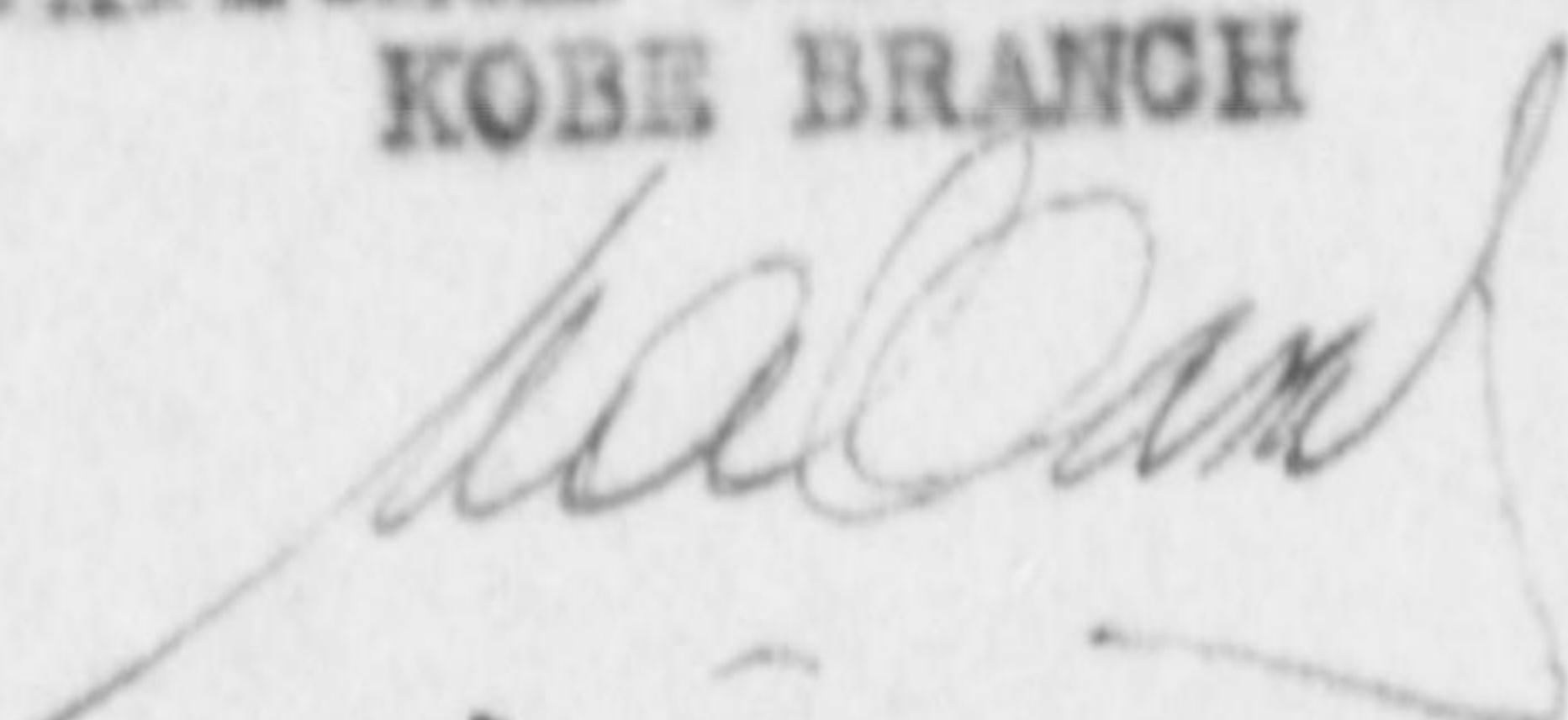
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Registration.

We enclose 2 applications received from White Russians as follows:-

Razdobreff-Yutani, Eugenia, 50 Kitanocho 2-chome, Kobe.
Shvaloff, Alexandra, " " " "

We have entered both under Category II since one of them is legally married to, the other the common-law wife of, a Japanese subject. The children have not been registered, being Japanese.

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Encl:- 2 applications.

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No. 125.

30th April, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Registrations.

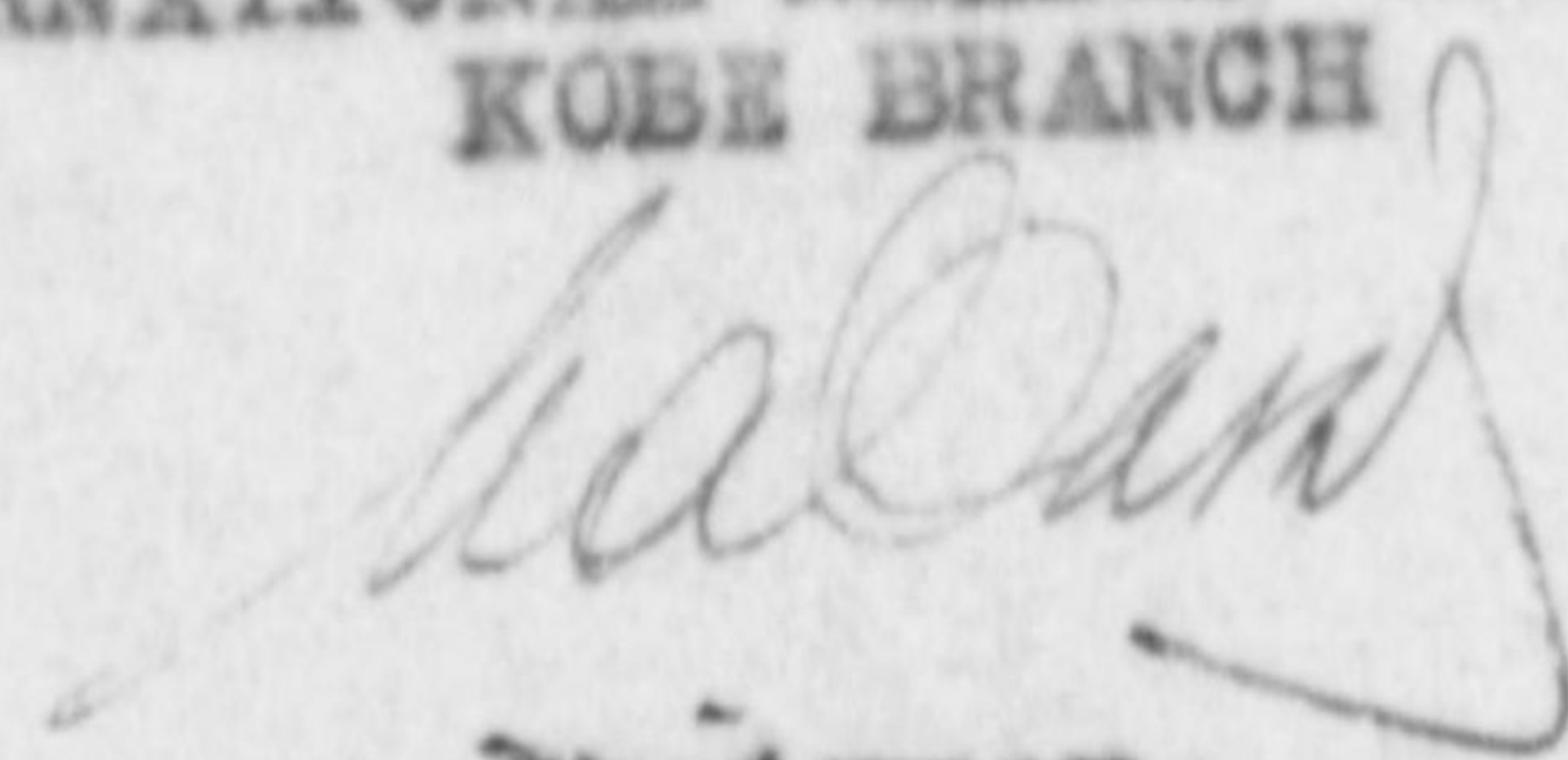
Reverting to your letter of the 18th April we have added the name of Rudolf Fetsch to our list.

With regard to the two sisters:-

de Moustier de Canchy, Marie, French
Canavan, Eva American

we have investigated through our Food Distribution Central Committee, and have received the reply that both of them have been on their list since about January. The Food Distribution Center has now obtained their final confirmation in writing that they have resided in our district and would notify their Tokyo Mission to cancel their names from your list. The claim of their representative therefore that they are stationed in Tokyo seems unfounded.

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No. 124.

30th April, 1947.

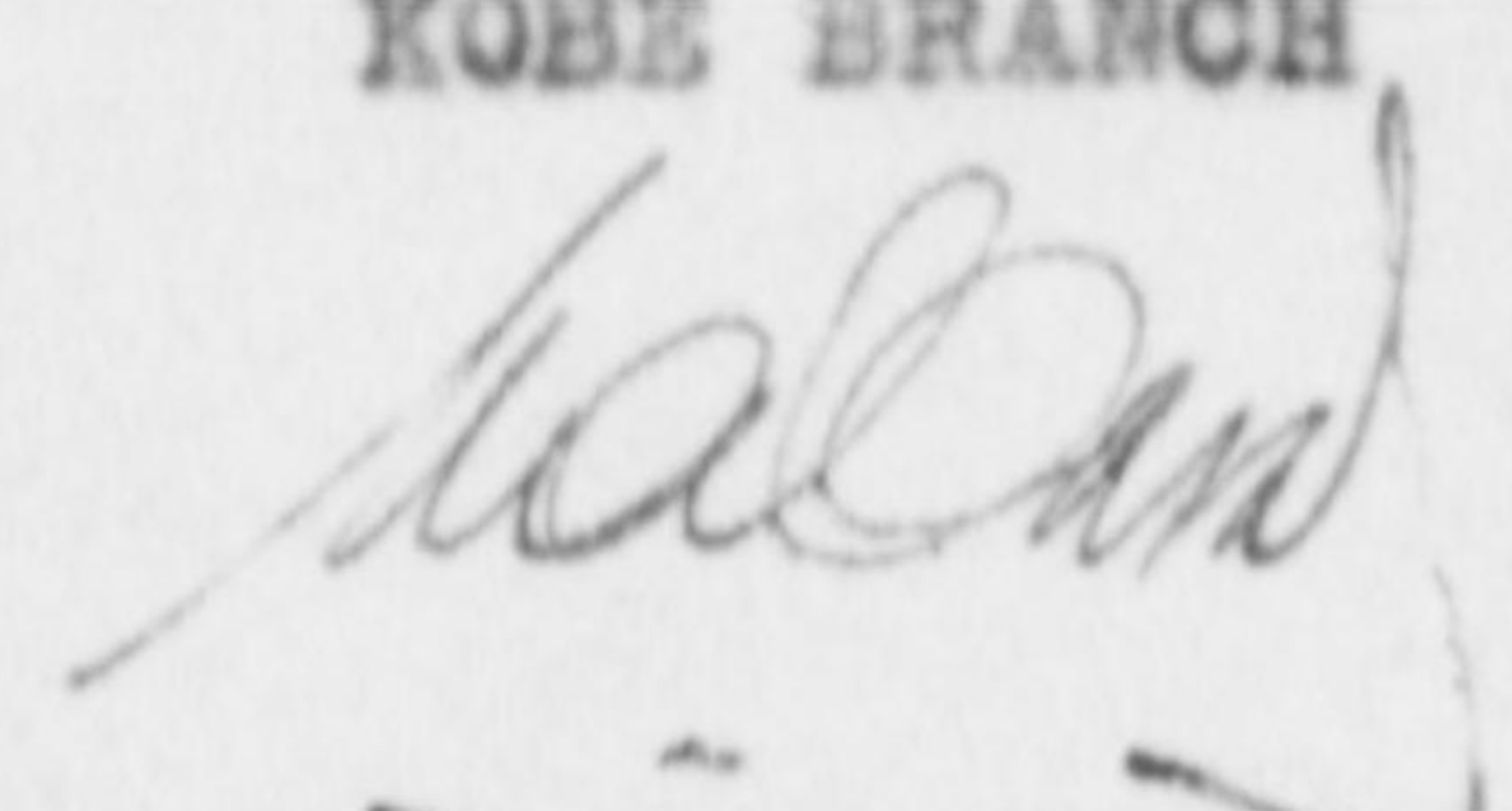
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Stock List.

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We enclose Stock List No. 8 on the Movement of
Supplies during the period from the 28th February 1947
to the 30th April 1947.

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Encl:- S:List No. 8.

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No. 122.

Kobe, 23rd April, 1947.

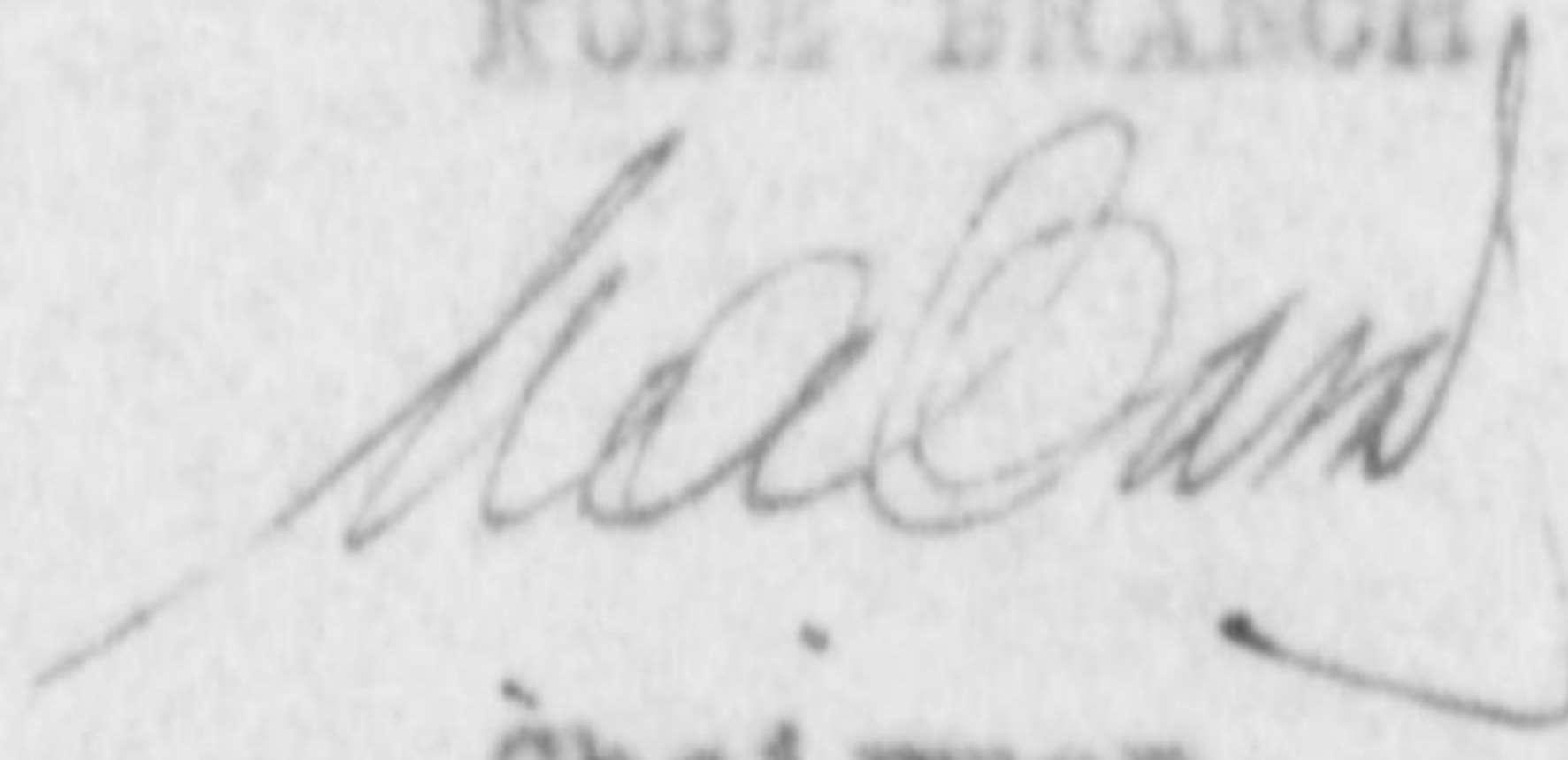
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: FOREIGN LIQUIDATION OFFICE

In February last some local acquaintance mentioned certain goods that were to be distributed by Japanese agencies out of surplus stock released by the Foreign Liquidation Commission.

At their recommendation we approached the said Commission and enclose copy of our letter and of their reply.

It would appear from the letter that there are certain chances of being included among the beneficiaries of such surplus sales, and we would welcome it if you could get in touch with the respective Headquarters on behalf of all the relief committees. Since articles of that kind are so very hard to get even from the Red Cross, supplies from a different source would no doubt be a boon to everybody.

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Encl:- 2 letters.

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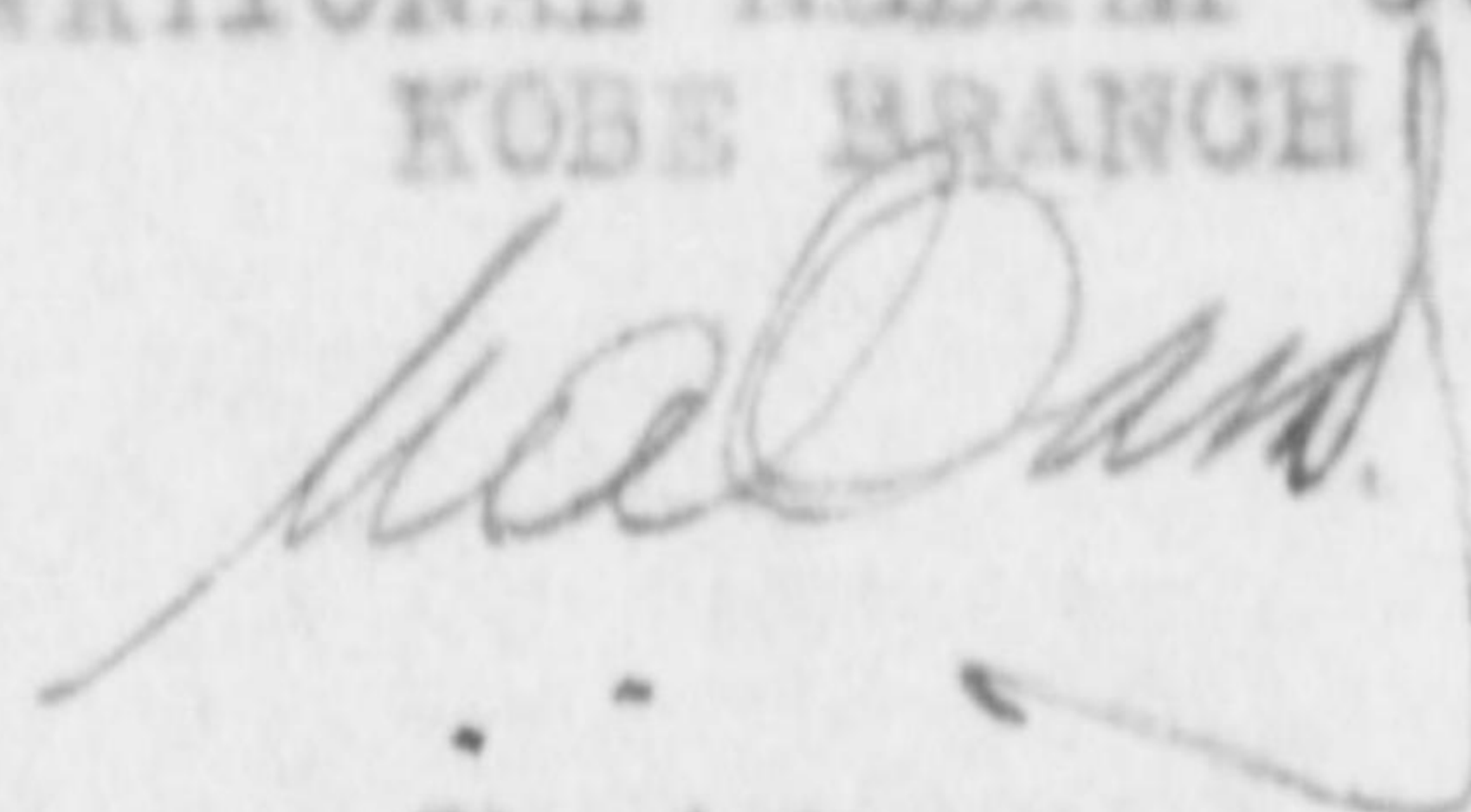
Kobe, 23rd April, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Clothing.

With reference to the wearing apparel that you sent us a few weeks ago, we feel that it is somewhat late to distribute sweaters and similar winter things, but would appreciate your information whether you have nevertheless handed out your share in your own district.

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Kobe, 23rd April, 1947.

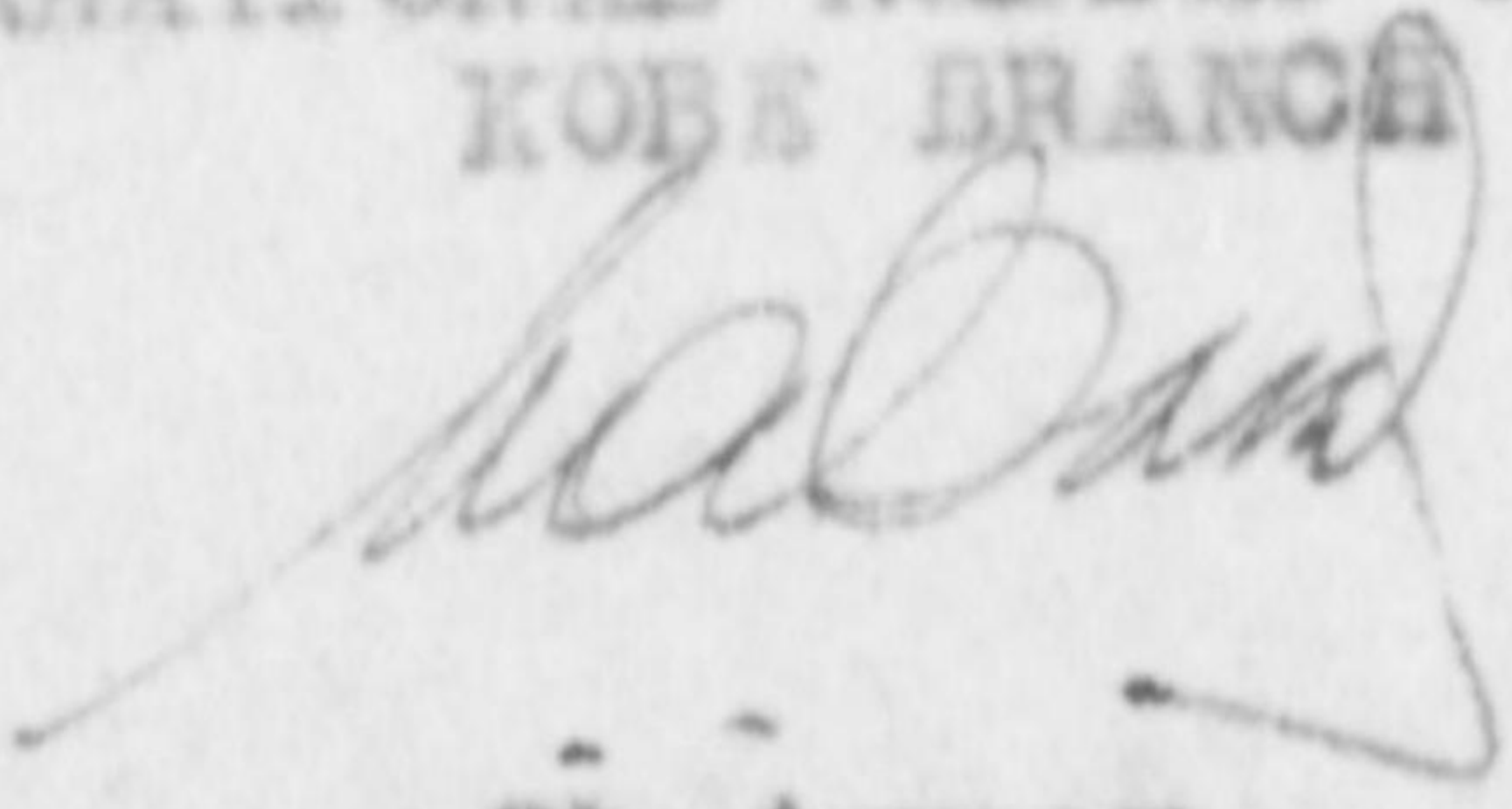
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Registration.

Mr. Ivan Wolhin has applied for registration, and we understand that previous to coming to Kobe he lived in Karuizawa, where he was duly registered with your office.

Please cancel him from your list as upon your confirmation we shall enter him at ours.

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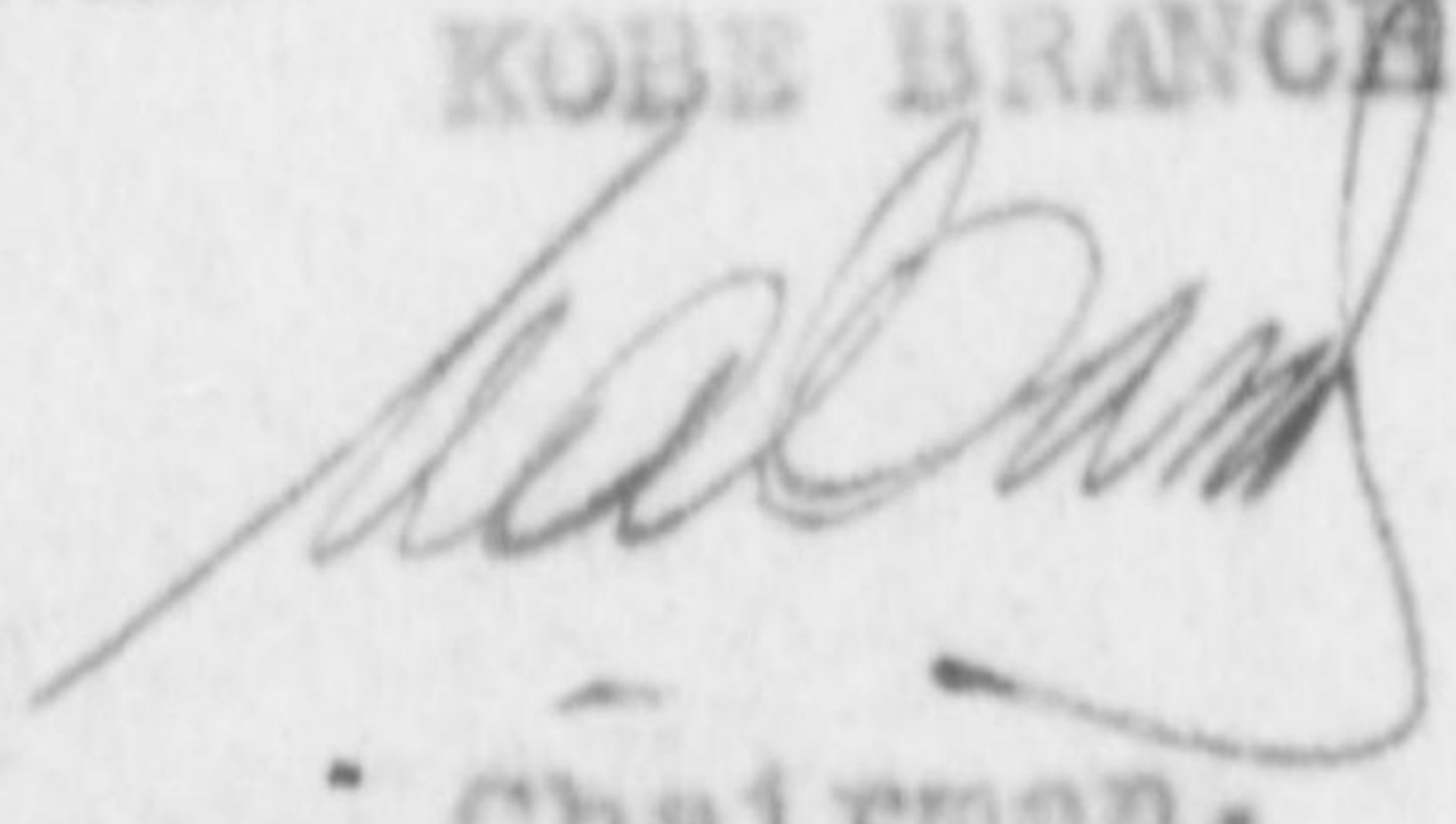
Kobe, 23rd April, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Medical Chests.

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst. we note, with pleasure, that we may retain the Medical Chests, which we have still been unable to despatch.

They will be greatly appreciated, we are sure, by people who have lost their homes or are otherwise in need of assistance.

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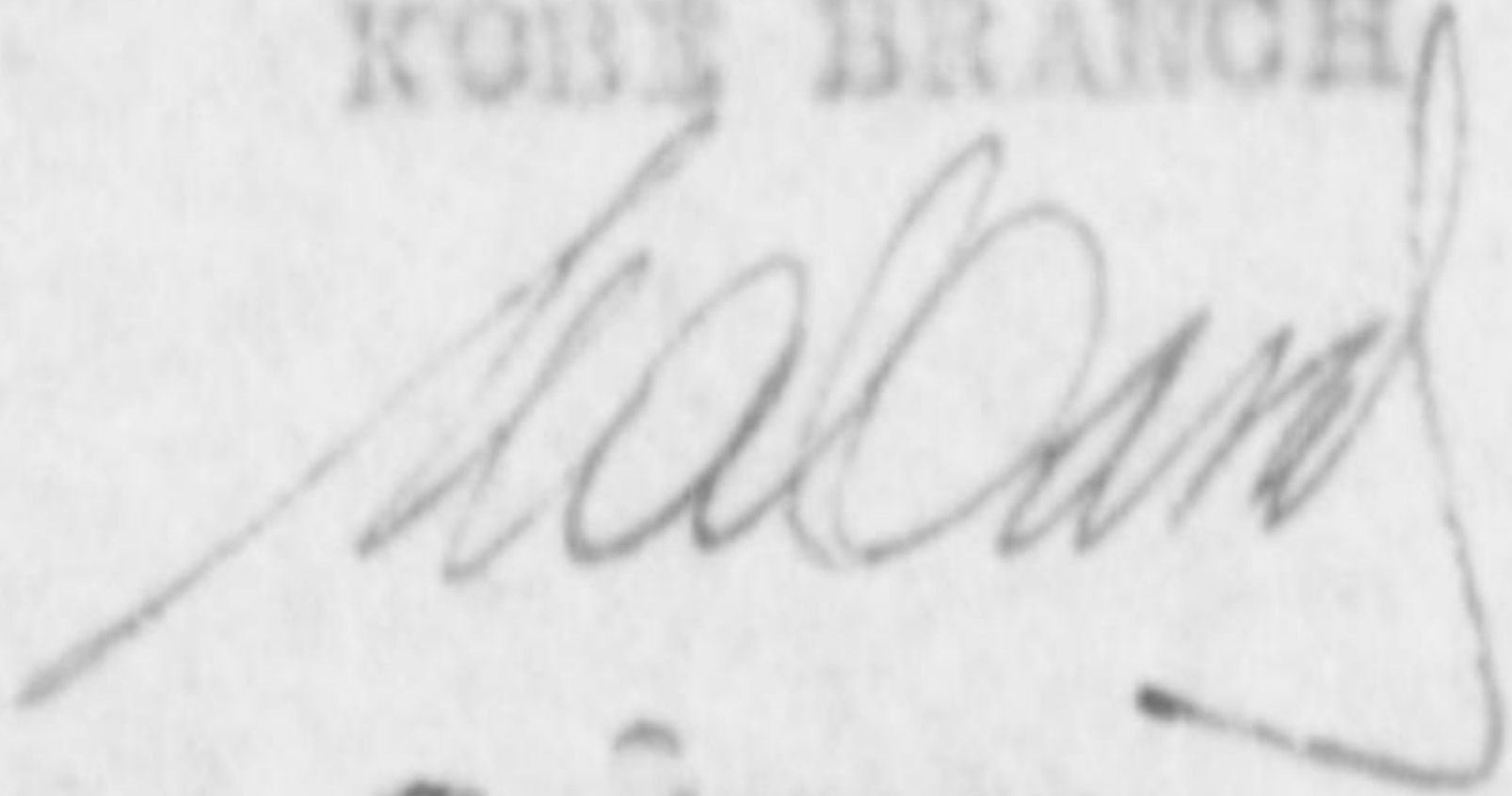
Kobe, 23rd April, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: New address.

Please note that on the 12th inst. our office was removed from the M.G. Building to the Annex next door, owing to lack of space for one of the M.G. departments.

We have now a local telephone Motomachi 4072.

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No. 116.

16th April, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Registrations.

We enclose applications recently received from 4 nuns of the Seibo Jogakuin, 1 Catholic Father (all at Osaka) and 1 from Kobe as follows:-

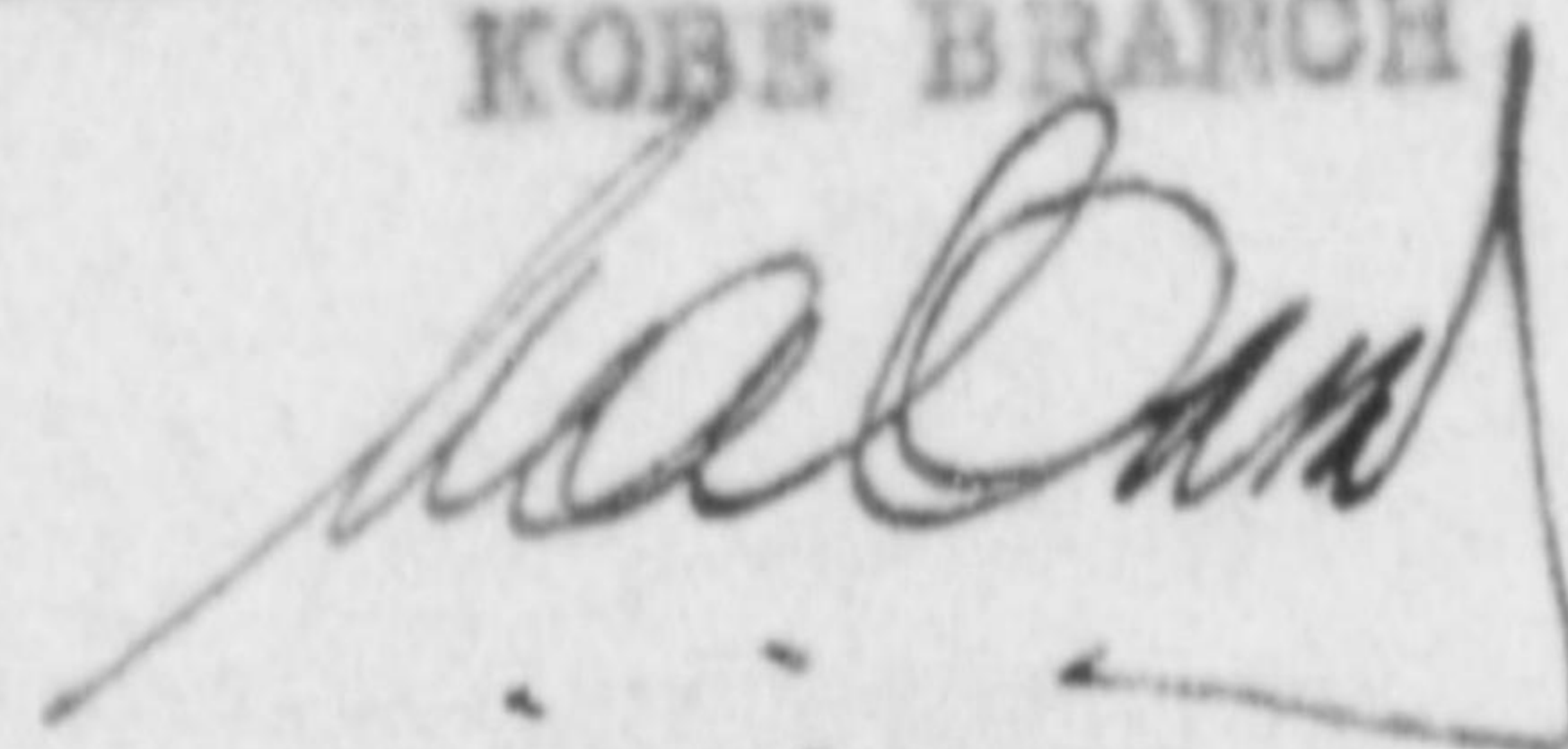
COUSTIE, Gracieuse, French. Mii Neyagawa-cho, Kitakawachi-
Gourmand, Marie Jeanne " gun, Osaka. "
Hourcastagne, Leontine " " "
Lutinier, Helene Cecile " " "

Jupillat, Jean Hector, French. Neyagawacho, O-aza Kori 1044/4,
Kitakawachi-gun, Osaka.

Bachmann, Louis, Swiss. 37 Kitanocho 2-chome, Ikutaku, Kobe.

We have also been informed that Mr. N.R. Khiep, French from Indo-China, has transferred his residence to Tokyo. For your guidance we enclose copy of his application, which is not signed however, and would point out that we have reserved for him 1 pair of Military Boots so that you will please not deliver any to him in your district.

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Encl:- 4 applications.

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No. 112.

2nd April, 1947.

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To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Relief Supplies:

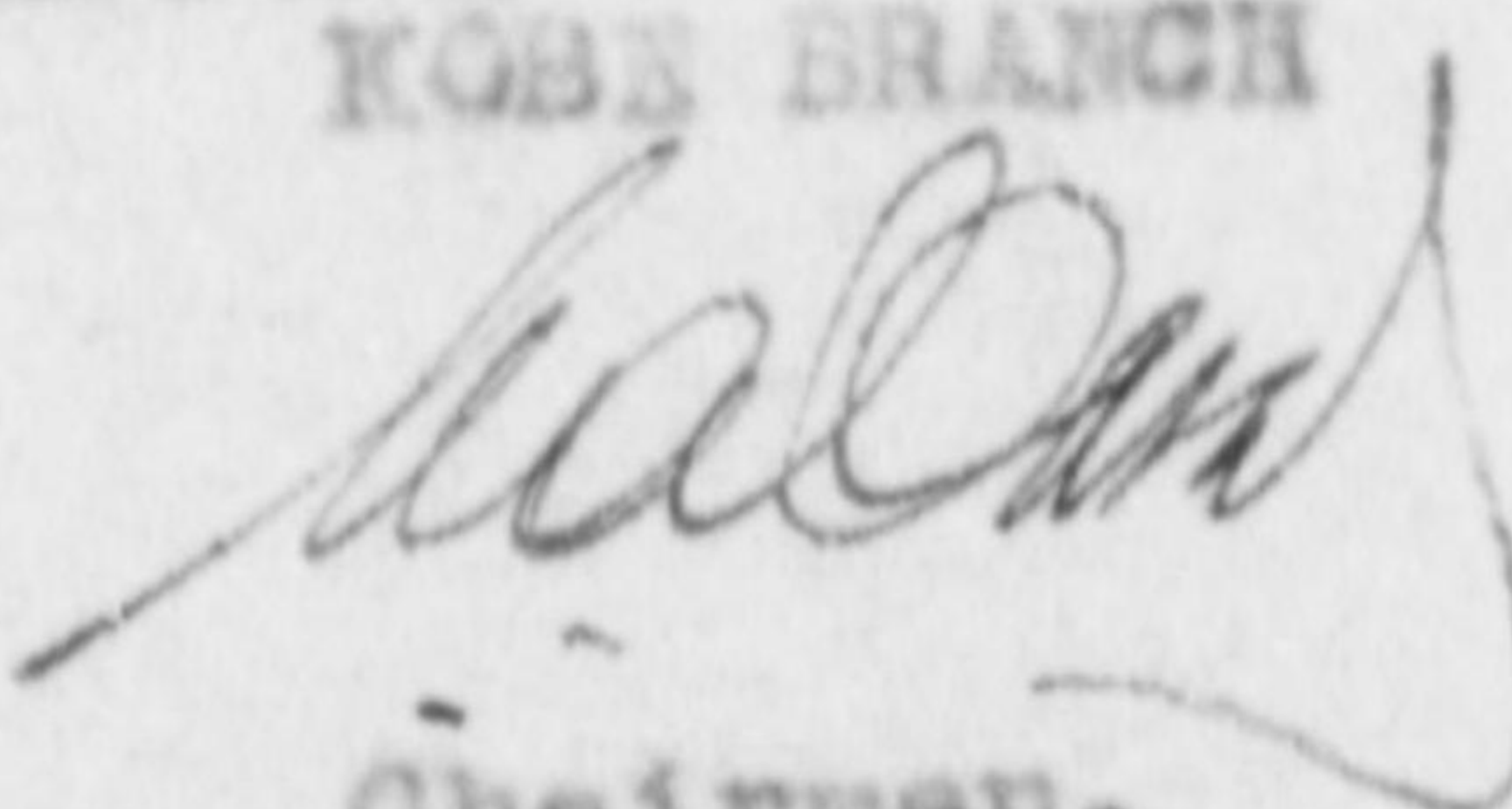
Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 28th March, we beg to advise that the shipment of 54 parcels arrived at the same time and were duly taken delivery of and stored.

We shall sort and check the items as soon as time permits and further refer to them if necessary.

You may rest assured that the distribution will take place in the best possible manner.

Thanking you.

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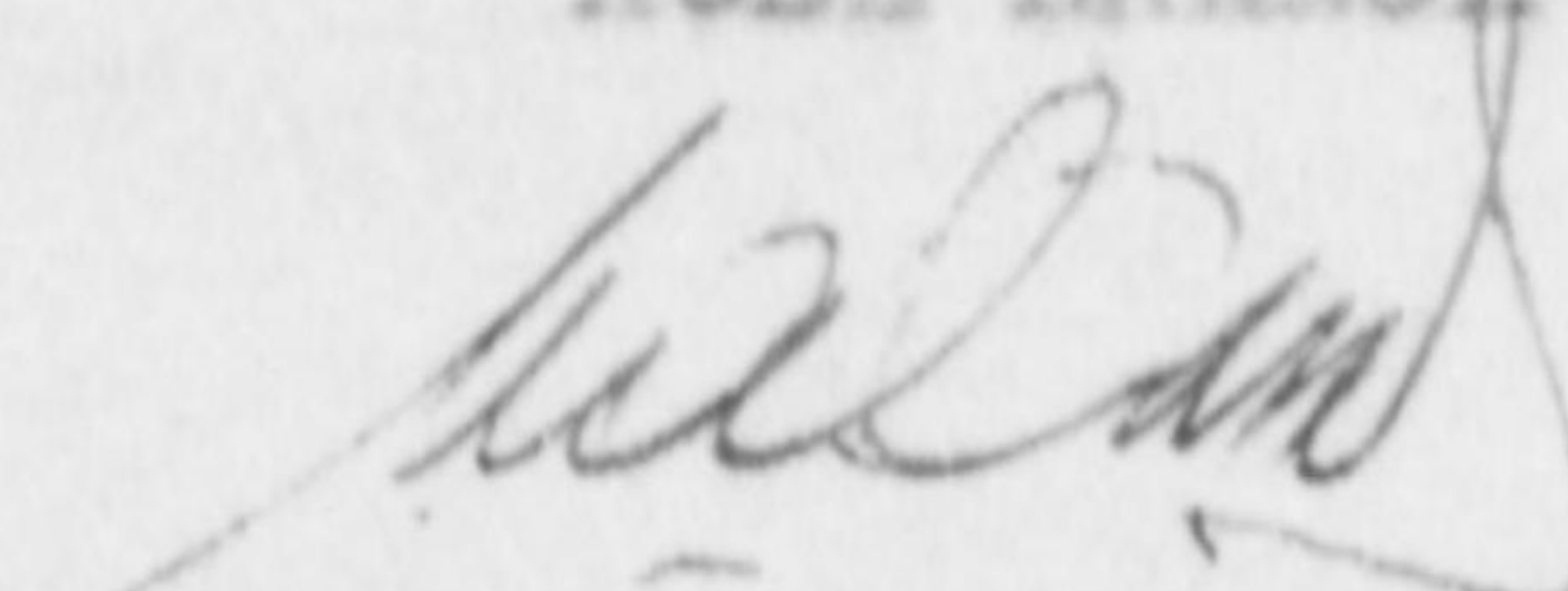
2nd April, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Sundry nationals.

In view of the various peace treaties recently signed with European countries, may we enquire whether nationals of any of these countries should now be included in our distribution or not.

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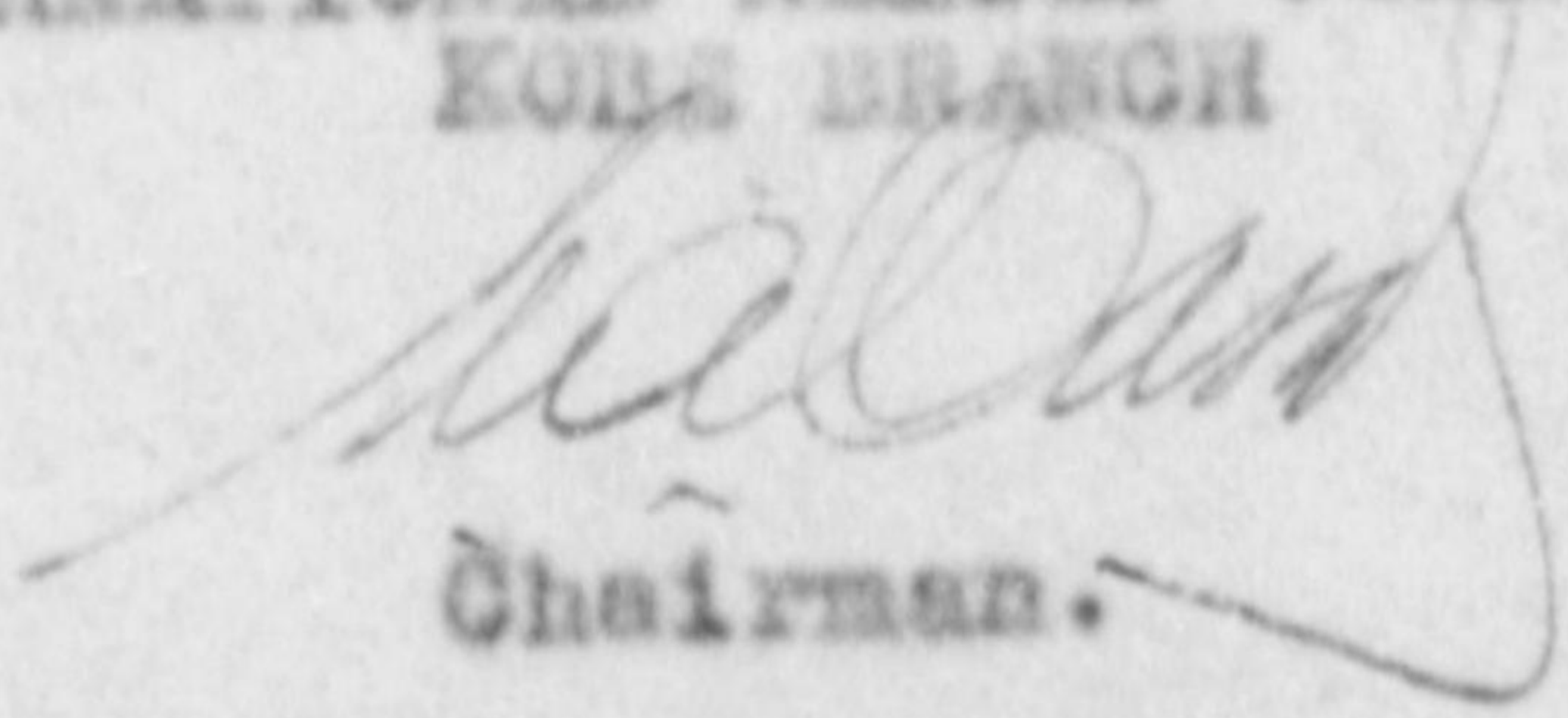
Kobe, 9th April, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Registrations.

Enclosed please find duplicates of registrations received covering the names of:-

Gonzales, Geoffrey,	63 Nozakidori 2-chome, Fukiai-ku, Kobe.	Bonin Islander.
Kawamura, Katherine Gilmore,	17 Sekimoricho 3-chome, Suma-ku, Kobe.	American.
Katzenstein, Ernst,	111 Kitanocho 3-chome, Ikuta-ku, Kobe.	Stateless.
McIlwaine, W. A.	3 Kumochi-cho 1-chome, Fukiai-ku, Kobe.	American.
Canh, Nguyen Xuan,	163 Nishi 4-chome Hama- dera Ishizucho, Sakaiishi, Osaka.	French Indo- Chinese.
Ibe-Bougeot, Gabrielle,	Shinohara Honmachi 2-chome 2/2, Nadaku, Kobe.	Japanese b. French.
Sata, Charlotte,	Yamatecho 80, Ashiyashi.	Japanese b. Swiss.

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Encl:- 7 Registrations.

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No. 115.

Kobe, 9th April, 1947.

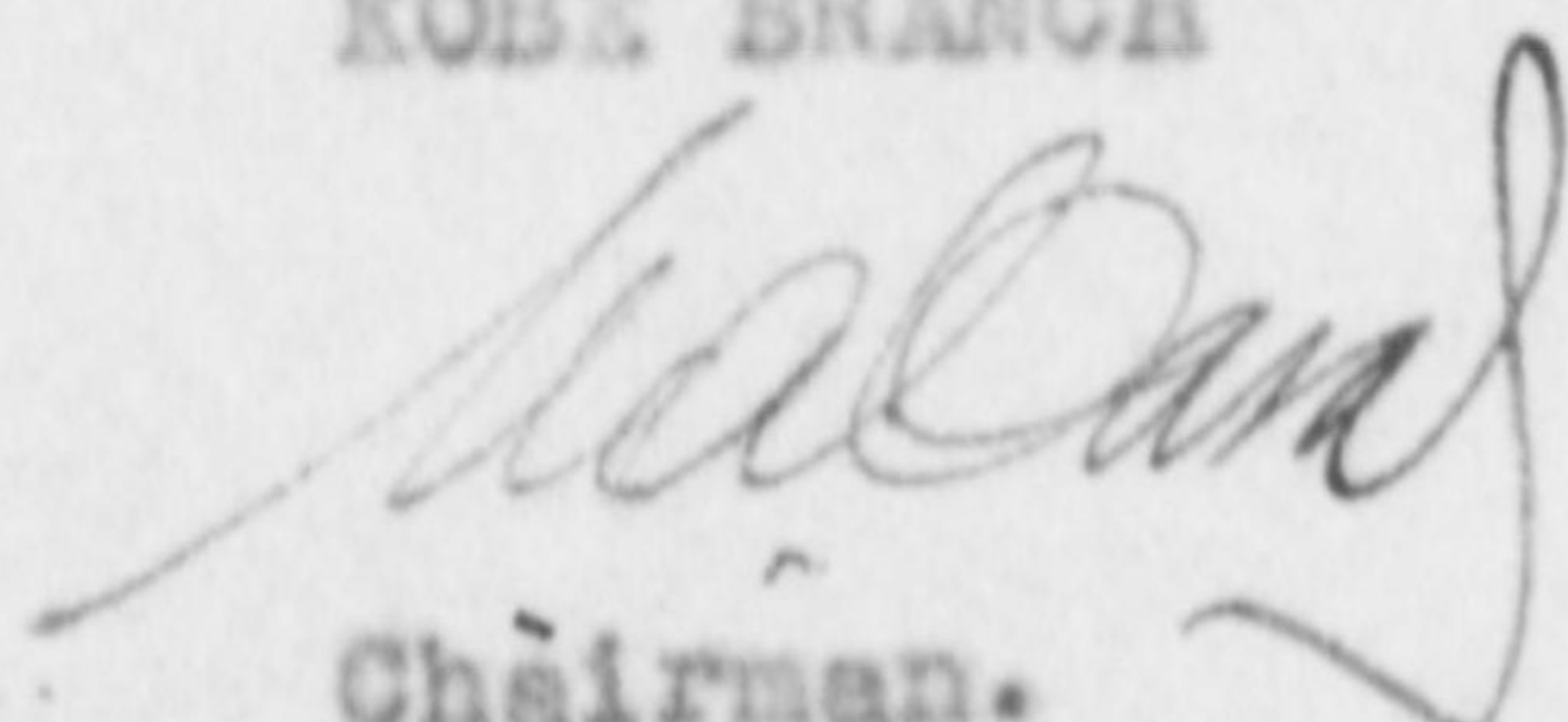
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Staff.

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., we regret that it apparently was overlooked to advise you of the employees put at our disposal by the Army. They are at present:-

Miss A.C. dos Remedios	Portuguese	Secretary
Miss Yukiko Aoe	Japanese	Typist

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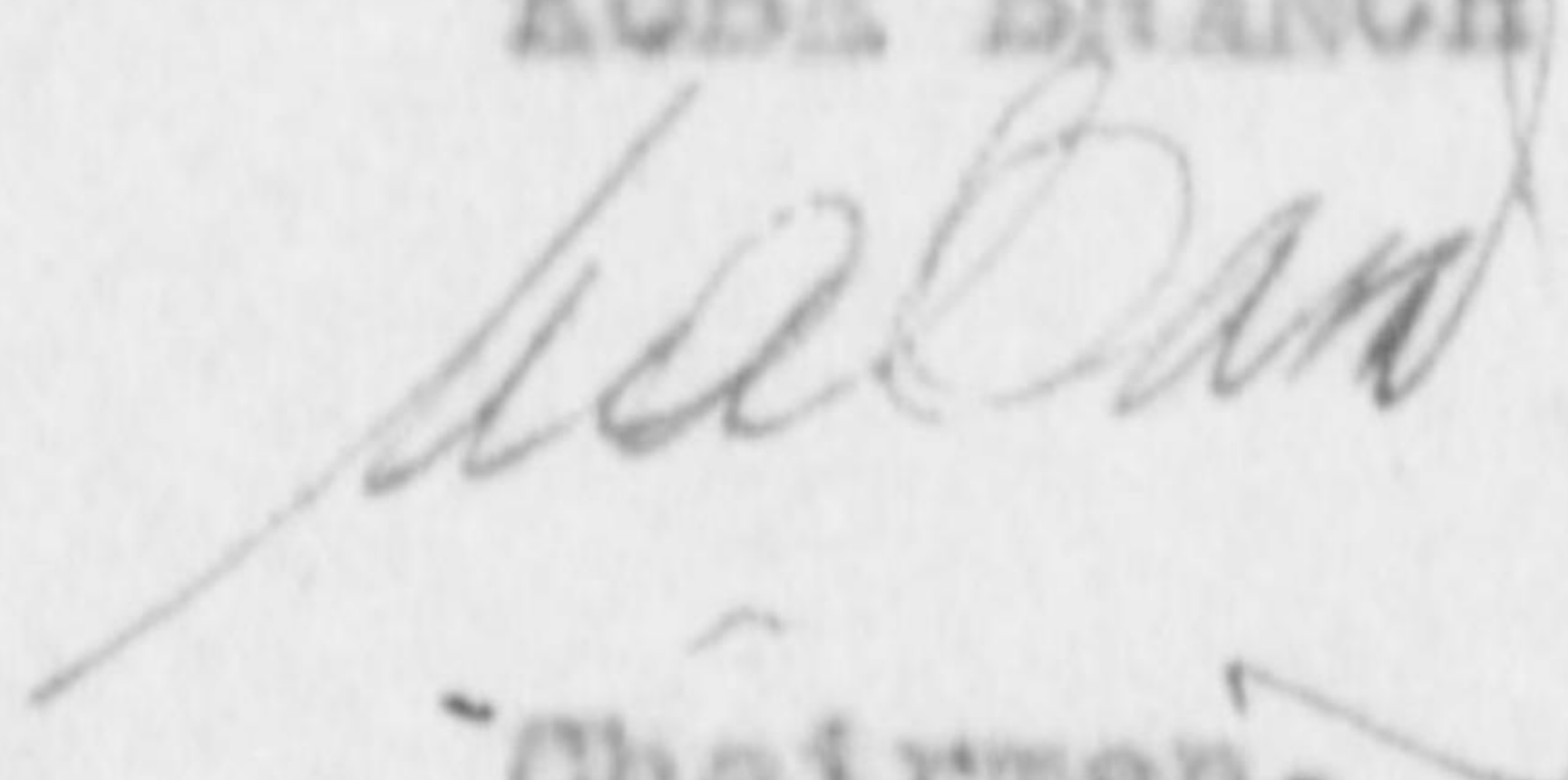
Kobe, 9th April, 1947.

To: Lt. Col. Russell B. Rehkop,
Comm. Hyogo Military Government Team.

Subject: Japanese Staff.

Miss Yukiko Aoe has given entire satisfaction in her work to this Committee since her engagement on the 23rd December 1946, and as her salary as a Typist is only \$400.- monthly we would appreciate it if on the next occasion an increase could be granted her.

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No. 110.

26th March, 1947.

To: HQ. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

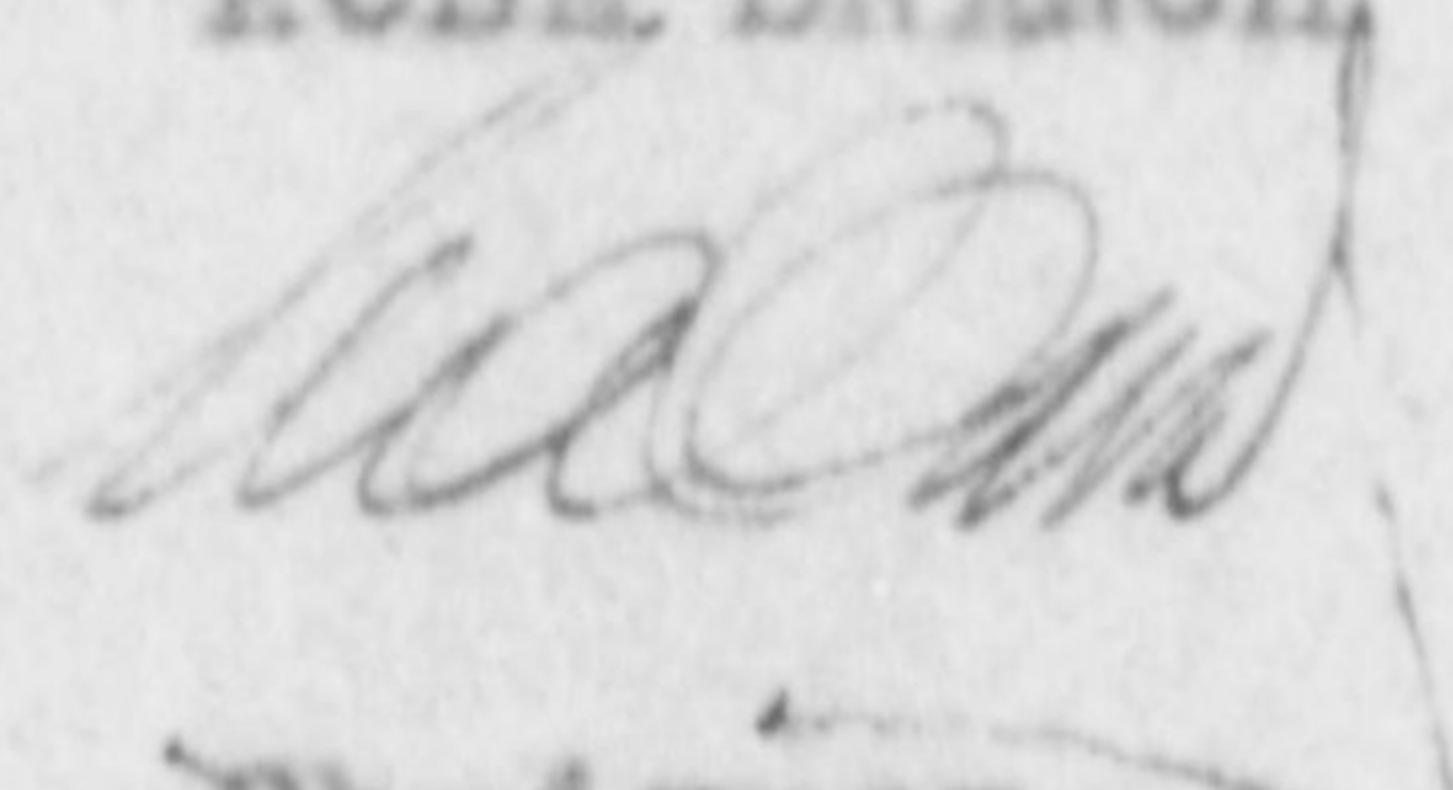
Subject: Supplies.

With reference to your letter of the 18th March, we are glad to note that we may expect another large supply of A.R.C. clothing &c. We fully appreciate the work involved at your end and shall do the best over here to make the distribution a successful one.

If you have a surplus of Ditty Bags, we would not mind receiving them as we consider them quite useful and have the intention of supplying the Chinese Community with a reasonable proportion.

We regret the great delay in returning your 100 Medical Chests. At first sundry circumstances interfered but for the past several weeks we have now been trying to obtain the necessary facilities from the R.T.O., so far unsuccessfully. We shall continue in our efforts and hope to advise you shortly that they have left.

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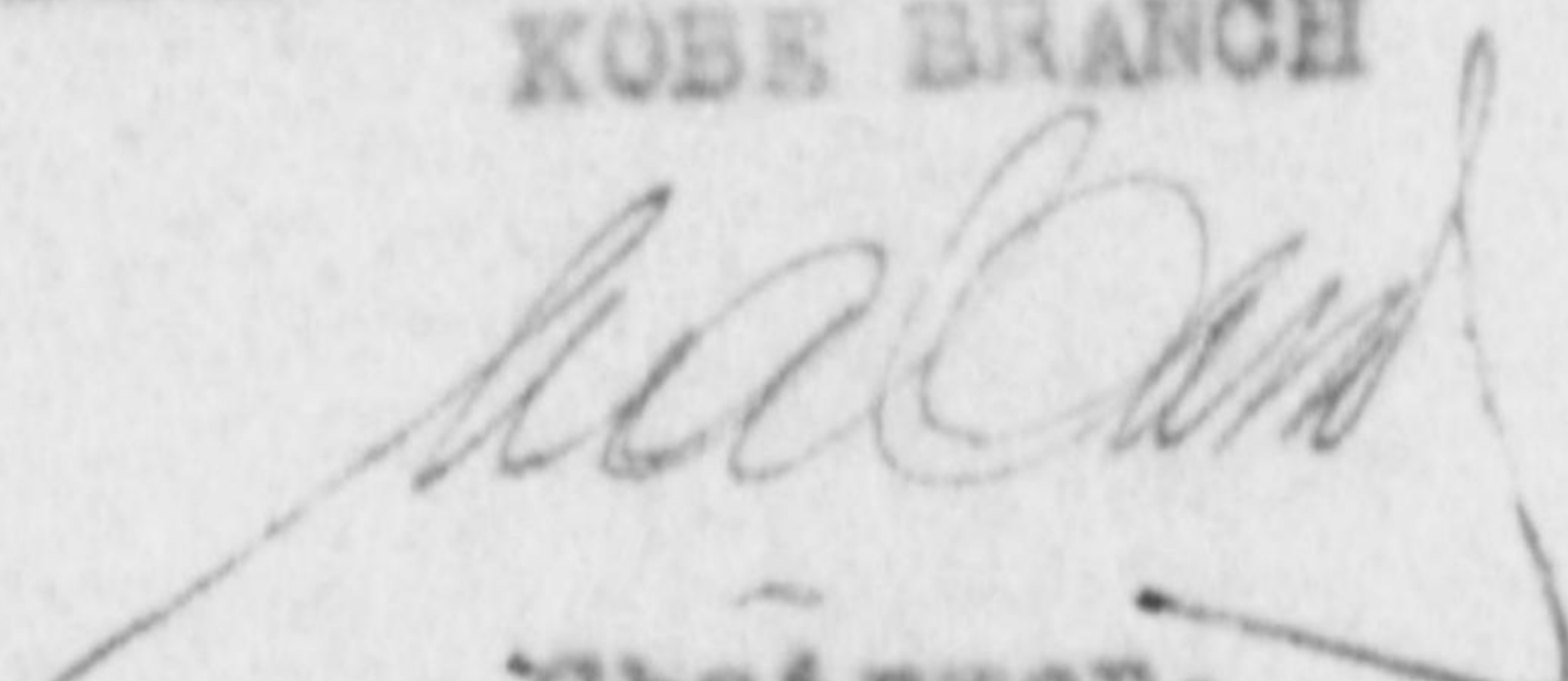
To: HQ. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Finance.

With reference to your letter of the 17th March we take note, with pleasure, your obtaining the approval of HQ Military Government for us to use the \$8,789.-, collected prior to receipt of certain instructions, to cover our running expenses.

In reply to your enquiry, we confirm that Mr. Delburge's donation of \$10,000.- is included in our Monetary Relief Fund.

The Directive for Public Assistance to indigent persons may prove of interest to the people we are now helping, and we shall communicate with our Haikyū Committee in this respect. We are afraid, however, that the Japanese Government support will fall short of the actual need so that further financial assistance may still be necessary, all the more so since the situation of these people becomes more difficult rather than easier.

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26th March, 1947.

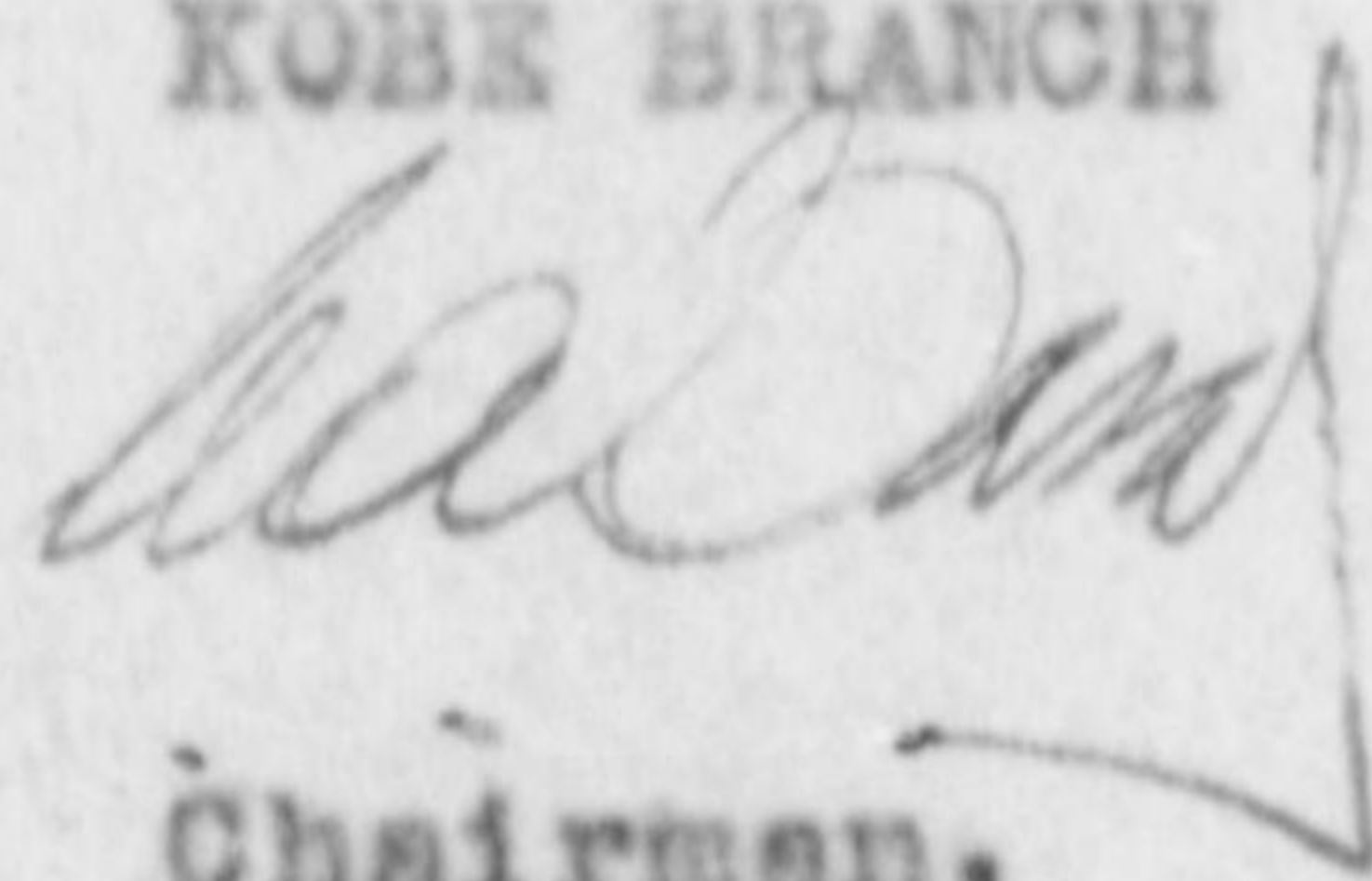
To: HQ. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Subject: Dinaburg.

With reference to your letter of the 13th inst., it is correct that the Dinaburg family originally registered with us but they evidently were not within our area until now, did not appear on our distribution lists, and have therefore not received anything from this Committee.

Since apparently the Dinaburg family is now definitely settling in Kobe, we have added their name to our records and shall in future include them in our distribution.

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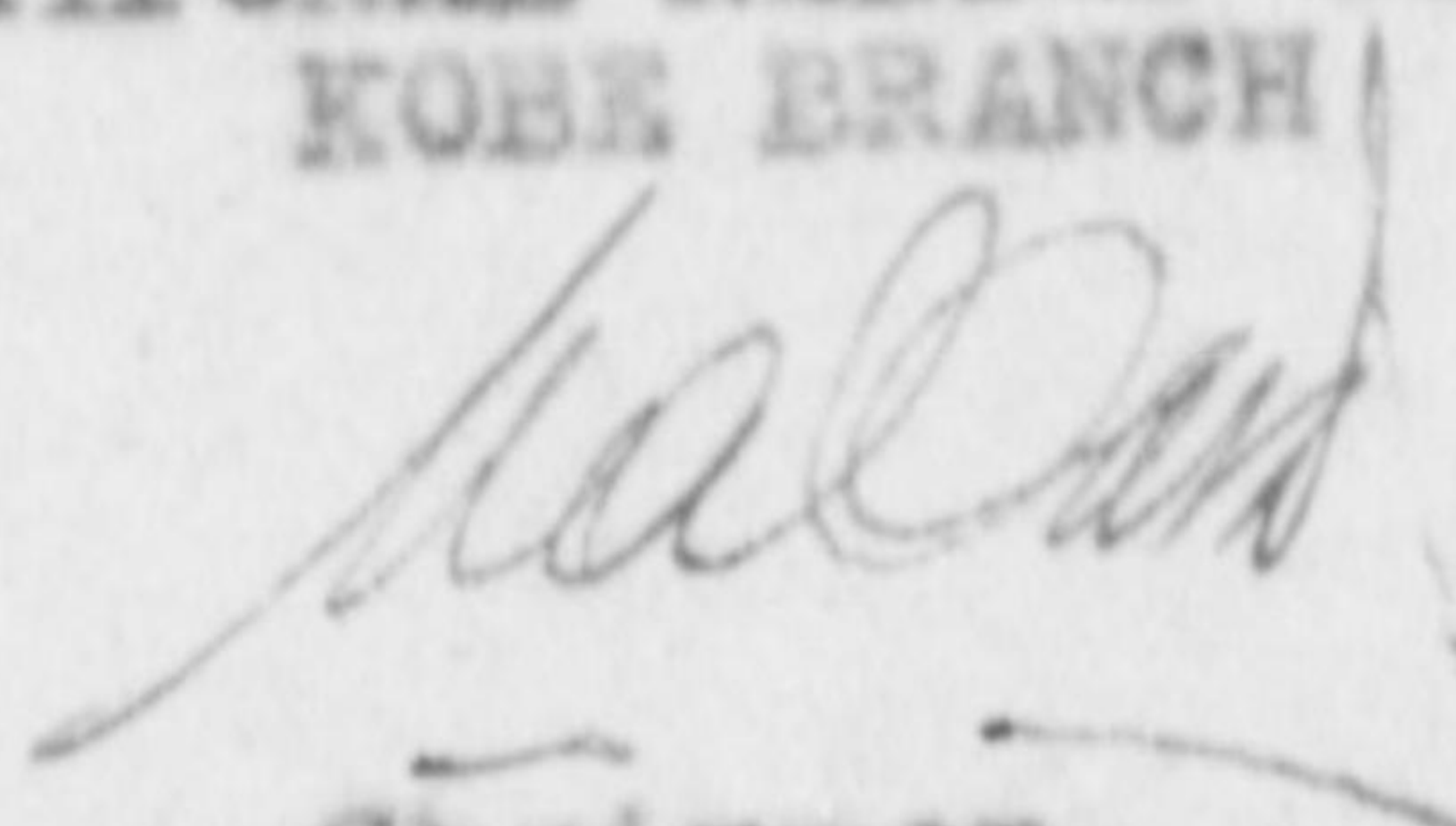
Kobe, 26th March, 1947.

To: HQ INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE, YOKOHAMA.

SUBJECT: STOCK LIST.

No goods have been received or distributed during the month of March, so that the Stock List No. 7 dated 26th February still holds good.

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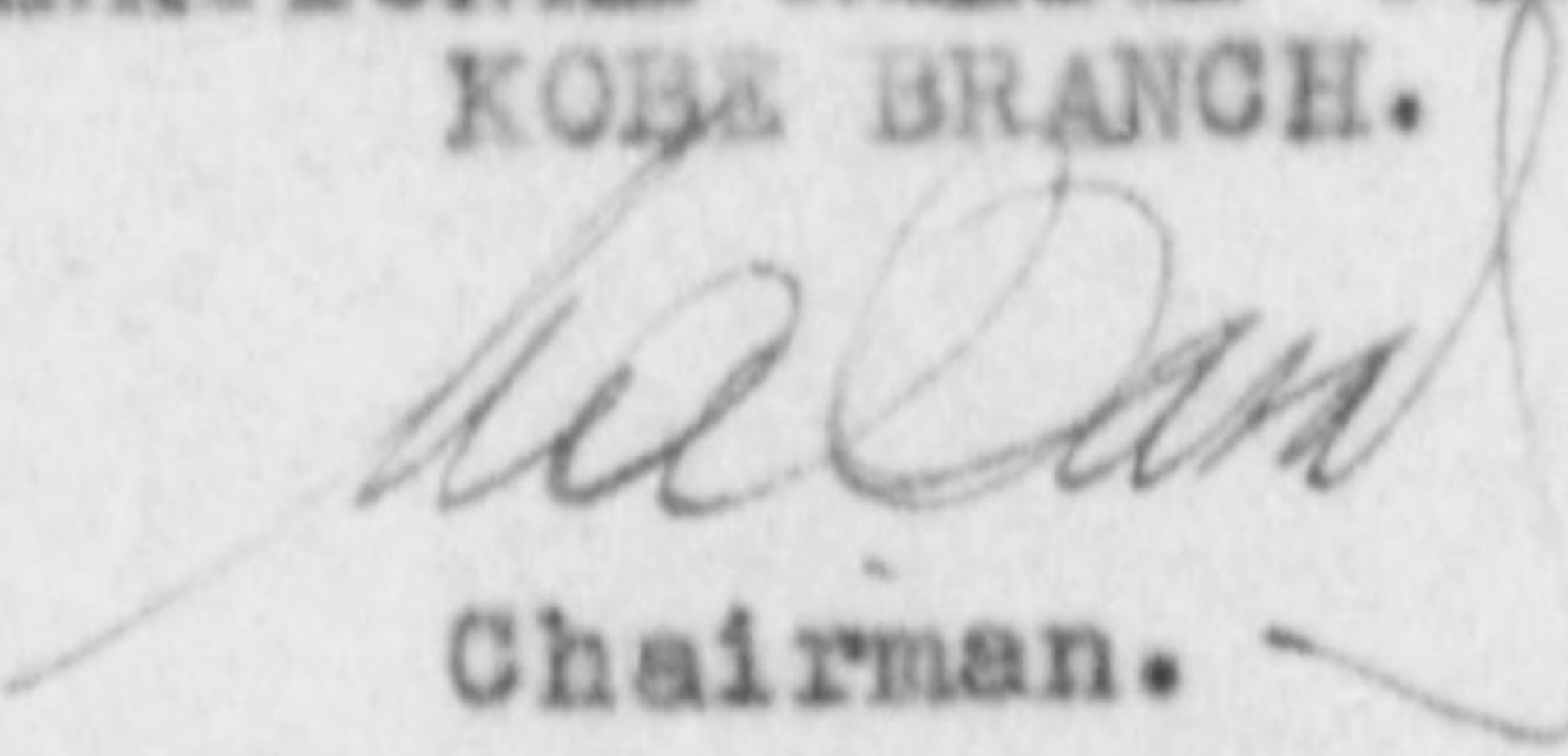
Kobe, 6th March, 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Accounts.

Referring to the Statement of Accounts for the period ending 28th February 1947 herewith attached, you will note that in the "Office Account" there is a shortage of ¥5,520.--.

Apart from the donations of ¥18,600.-- as under "Monetary Relief Fund" in the statement, we have a fund amounting to ¥8,789.-- made up from voluntary contributions in hand prior to receipt of directive dated 3rd August 1946. We beg to refer in this connection to our letter No. 44 of the 21st August 1946. We understand from your letter of the 24th January 1947 that this fund cannot be utilized unless special sanction is obtained. We would request that unless you are prepared to reimburse the shortage in our "Office Account" that same fund of ¥8,789.-- be sanctioned to cover the shortage and future expenses for office maintenance and sundry distribution costs.

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Chairman.

Encl:- 3/Account.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

A. OFFICE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Received from HQ IRC under date 30/9/46 ¥1,000.00

Expenses (from 30/3/46)

Cost of Typewriter to replace one stolen
from the office (belonging to Mr. Mason) 5,000.00

Office expenses 551.60

Expenses in connection with supplies 968.40

¥6,520.00

Deficit ¥5,520.00

B.

Voluntary contributions received prior
to receipt of directive of 3/8/46 8,789.00

Advance office account ¥5,520.00

Balance in hand ¥3,269.00

C. MONETARY RELIEF FUND

Receipts

Various donations ¥18,600.00

Disbursements

Grants to 4 persons for Haikyu
food expenses up to end January 1947 4,400.45

Cash grants in Kyoto for 2 persons
up to end February 1947 750.00

5,150.45

Cash on hand 13,449.55

¥18,600.00

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

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No. 79.

Kobe, 30th December, 1946.

TO: H.Q. INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE, YOKOHAMA.
SUBJECT: Foreign Nationals Classified Registration.

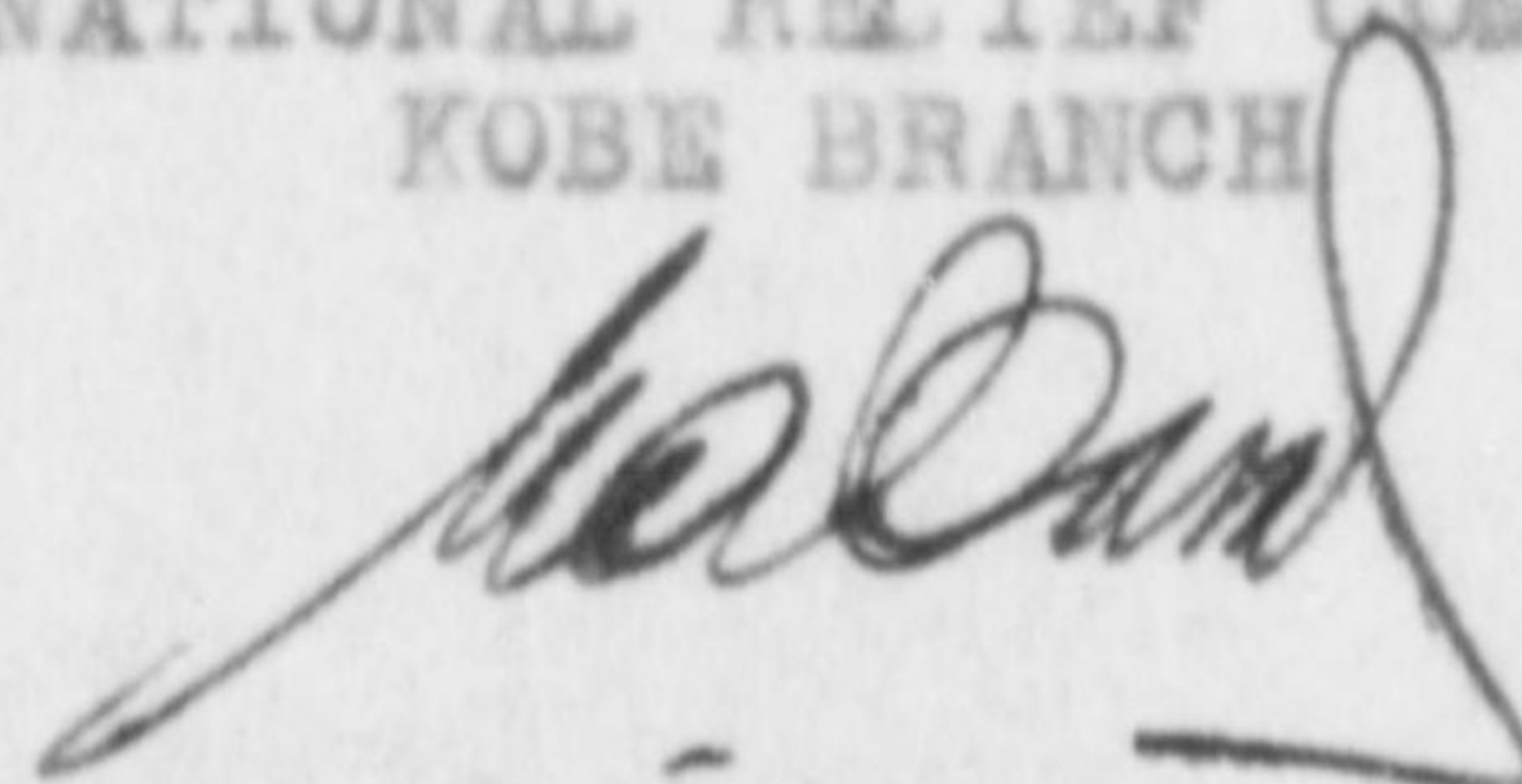
Your letter 20th December, 1946.

We attach copy of classified registration for
Kobe as of the 10th December, 1946.

For Osaka, Kyoto and the out-lying districts
we have not yet received the complete re-registrations.
We hope to be able to send you this supplementary list
early in the New Year.

We take this opportunity to wish you A Bright
and Happy New Year.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH



Chairman.

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NUMBER OF FOREIGN NATIONALS REGISTERED WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE - KOBE BRANCH

10th DECEMBER, 1946.

Nationality	Adults		Children		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Americans	4	19	2	3	28
Arabians	1	1	0	1	3
Belgians	0	5	0	0	5
Bonin Islanders	3	6	1	2	12
Brasilian	0	1	0	0	1
British	35	65	9	8	117 ✓
British Indians	33	10	3	4	50 ✓
Canadians	1	6	1	0	8
Czecho-Slovaks	3	2	2	0	7
Danish	5	4	0	0	9
Egyptians	1	2	1	0	4
Estonians	1	0	0	1	2
Filipinos	3	0	0	1	4
- French	29	28	1	0	58 ✓
Greeks	2	1	1	1	5
Guatamalans	1	1	1	3	6
Iranians	-2	2	1	1	6
Iraqis	2	2	1	4	9
Irish	0	4	0	0	4
Lebanese	4	0	0	0	4
Lithuanians	2	3	1	0	6
Luxemburgers	2	2	0	0	4
Netherlanders	10	15	4	1	30 ✓
New Zealander	1	1	0	0	2
Polish	6	9	2	0	17
Portuguese	37	44	8	14	103 ✓
Russians	68	105	11	14	198 ✓
Spanish	8	11	0	5	24
Stateless	24	20	3	2	49 ✓
Swedish	1	2	0	3	6
Swiss	17	12	0	1	30 ✓
Syrians	7	3	3	4	17
Turko-Tartars	68	69	17	23	177 ✓
Yugo-Slavians	1	0	0	1	2
Total:-	382	455	73	97	1007

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Russians 198
Turks Tartars 177
British 117
Portuguese 103
French 58

British Indians 50
Stateless 49
Netherlanders 30
Swiss 30

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KOBE BRANCH

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No. 81.

Kobe, 30th December, 1946.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.
Subject: Requisition Surplus Air-dropped and
I.R.C. Supplies.

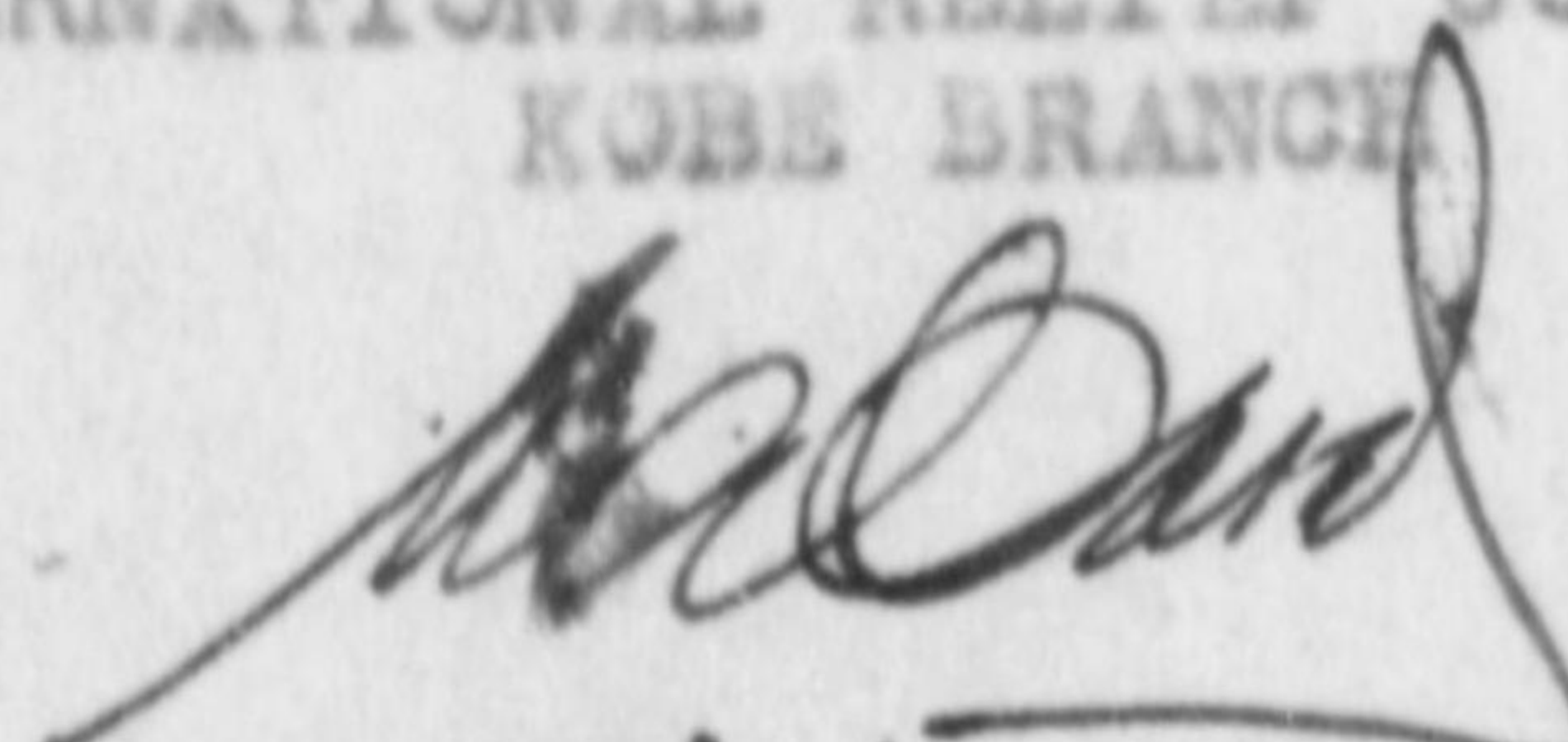
Referring to the Stock Report enclosed with our letter No. 80, we would thank you to obtain requisition order for those articles obtained locally and referred to in our letter No. 56 of the 17th September, 1946.

You will notice that the number of Military overcoats has been increased to 508 pcs. since we found on opening some bales of unused overcoats that they contained more pieces than marked thereon.

We wonder whether any requisition order will be needed for the items enumerated, Nos. 85/101, which were evidently left-overs from the Red Cross gifts to the various camps.

The articles were all counted once more before we started distributing them and the quantities indicated in our Stock Report No. 5 may therefore be taken as correct.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH


Chairman.

*Why raise
this point?*

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH.

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Kobe, 27th December, 1946.
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no. 78.

TO: Headquarters International Relief Committee,
Yokohama.

SUBJECT: List of Committee Members and address.

In reply to your letter of the 26th inst. our office
address is:-

c/o Hyogo Military Government Team
Kencho Building
Kobe.

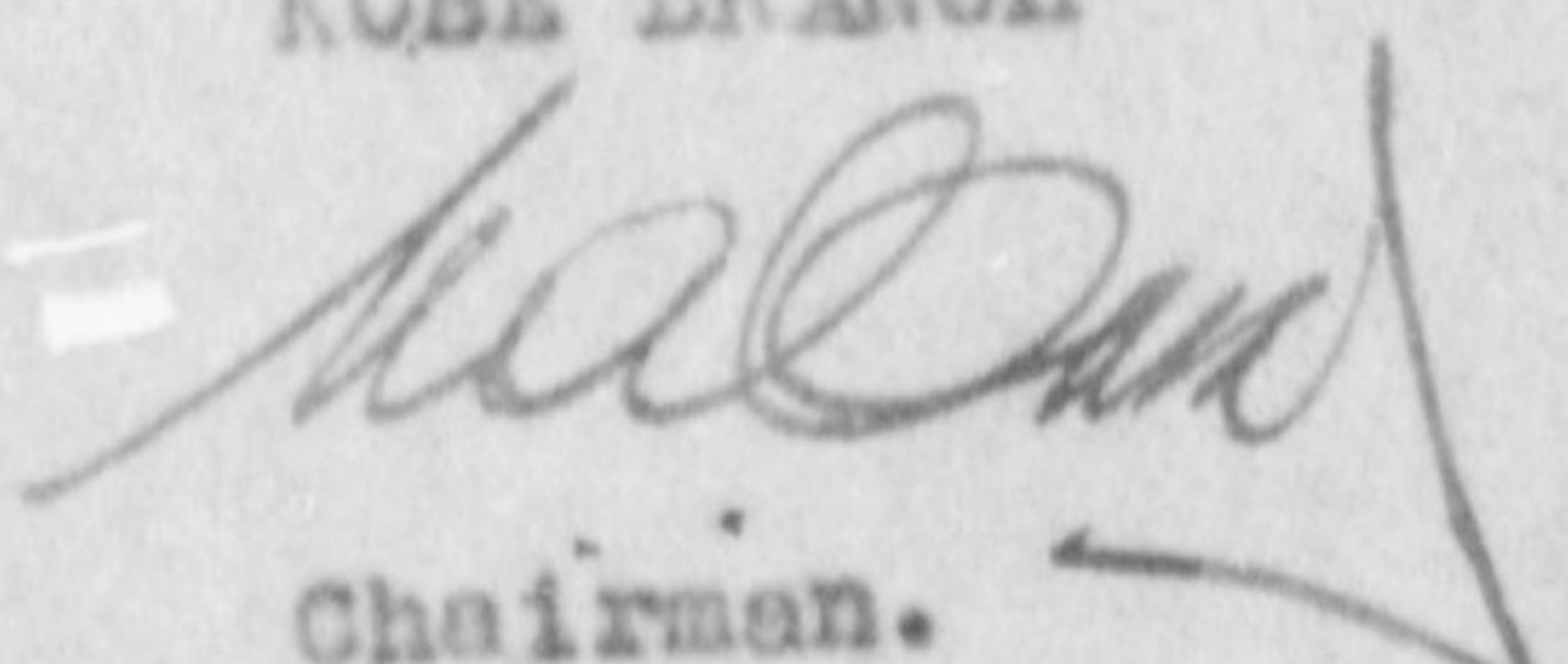
As regards telephone for interurban calls please use
Welfare Dept., although we hope that we may soon make arrange-
ments with another office that is to be installed next door.
We have no telephone of our own, either military or local.

The members of our Committee are:-

	Age	Nation- ality	Address	Tel.
Chairman: Mr. U.A. Casal	58	Swiss	No. 53 Shioya Sunaku Kobe.	Tarumi 564
Vice-Chairman & Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J.F. Guterres	52	Portuguese	46 Kitanocho 4-chome, Ikuta- ku, Kobe.	
Hon. Sec. Mr. J. E. Crane	54	British	65 Matsuhama- cho, Ashiya.	
Mr. H.C. W. Price (X)	34	British.	4/42 Kitabatake Ryogenson Muko-gun Hyogo-ken.	
Mr. P. Schellkoff	46	White Russian	90 Kitanocho 4-chome, Ikuta- ku, Kobe.	

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE
KOBE BRANCH

(X) Telephone:-
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Namaze 16


Chairman.