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HEADQUARTERS 4th INFANTRY
APO 25

21 September 1946

SUBJECT: History of Silver Bullion seized from the Tos Nitsuyijuhin
Nonyu Co., Ltd.

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25

1. according to evidence given by the delegate of the Company, the bullion was ~~seized~~ ^{obtained} from the Metals Distribution Controlling Co. during the period of 15 June 1944 to 23 August 1945. Its intended use was to make silver welding in the manufacture of airplane parts.

2. In May 1946, the two principal representatives of the Company, Chare, Masahki and Chare, Tadao, conspired to sell the silver on a black market of wise money for the Company. Before the sale was made the Kobe Headquarters C.I.C. discovered the attempt and turned the case over to the Japanese Civil Authorities for prosecution. Seven representatives of the Company, namely, Chare, Masahki; Chare Tadao; Inui, Masaru; Nakajima, Shiro; Kshobu, Yoshihisa; Shinjo, Shin; and Sekizetsu, Yosaburo, were tried and convicted in the Osaka Local Court on 15 July and were sentenced to imprisonment for terms ranging from 6 to 12 months. These sentences were on suspense and the prosecutor, Katsuo Hiyakawa, on 16 July 1946, filed a appeal on the Osaka Court of Appeal on the ground that the sentences were too light.

3. The silver was seized by the ~~is~~ ^{was} deraigned from the custody of Michio Koba, Treasury Officer, Osaka Court of Appeal.

4. The bullion was weighed at the Imperial Mint of Osaka by the Assistant Mint Custodian and found to weigh a total of ~~117,869.5~~ grams.

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Hugh A. Helmer
HUGH A. HELMER
Lt., Col., 4th Inf.
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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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16 SEP 1946

AG 410.2 - BA

SUBJECT: Seizure of Precious Metals

TO : Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25

1. Reference, paragraph 1 of your first indorsement to letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, AG 386.7(MG), subject as above, dated 13 August 1946.

2. The precious metals taken into custody from the Uji-Yanada works, Kobe Steel Works, Ltd., fall nearly 95,000 grams short of the amount of silver listed for that organization on ITC Inventory as number 1023, which shows,

gold bullion	.....	50 grams
silver bullion	.....	1,000,000 grams
silver alloy bullion	.....	394,000 grams
platinum bullion	.....	45 grams
platinum alloy bullion	.....	3 grams

The Assistant Custodian, Imperial Mint at Osaka, receipted on 29 August 1946 and 12 September 1946 for the following,

107 silver bars (small)	.....	81,706 grams
66 silver bars (flat)	.....	100,460 grams
189 silver rods (large)	.....	103,192 grams
4 boxes silver strips & scraps	.....	209,216 grams
1 box silver rods & pieces	.....	21,065 grams
1 box silver copper, bad alloy	.....	93,012 grams
12 pieces platinum	.....	6,923 grams
8 pieces platinum	.....	11,737 grams
platinum scrap	.....	2,174 grams
"	.....	1,768 grams
1 piece gold	25.3 grams
1 box silver scrap	3,500 grams
21 silver bars	693,068.1 grams

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Ltr. Hq I Corps, file AG 410.2-BA, subj: "Seizure of Precious Metals",
dated 16 SEP 1940, cont'd.

3. It is desired that you make such investigation as may prove necessary to explain the discrepancies between the amounts of precious metals reported and those taken into custody and delivered to the Imperial Mint at Osaka. Your report will be forwarded by indorsement hereon.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

M. B.

BA 16098

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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19 SEP 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure of Precious Metals

TO: Commanding General
25th Infantry Division
APO 25

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1. Reference is made to paragraph 3 of your 1st indorsement to letter, this headquarters, AO 410.2-BA, subject as above, dated 25 July 1946.
2. It is desired that you conduct such additional investigation as may be necessary to establish the authenticity of the explanation given by Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd., for the discrepancy of 40,733.5 grams between the amount of silver bullion listed on the I.J.O. inventory (No. 45) and that delivered to the Imperial Mint at Osaka.
3. A copy of such investigation as is made together with your recommendation will be furnished this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOOLRUFF:

BA 15811

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
United States Army
Office of the Commanding General
APO 343

AG 386.7 (MG)

13 SEP 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure of Precious Metals.

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.

1. Reference is made to the following:

- ✓ a. Letter Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 386.7 (MG), dated 23 July 1946, subject as above.
- ✓ b. Letter Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 386.7 (MG), dated 8 August 1946, subject as above.
- ✓ c. Letter Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 386.7 (MG), dated 10 August 1946, subject as above.
- ✗ d. Letter Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 386.7 (MG), dated 1 September 1946, subject as above.

2. It is desired that in the case of each of the reference letters above, the date indicated for the submission of report be disregarded. Required reports and copies of all receipts will be submitted to this headquarters at the earliest practicable date.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHELBERGER:

R. Schaffer
R. SCHAFER
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

HQ. I CORPS
AG 410.2

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BASIC: Ltr, HQ, SCAP, AG 410.2 (14 Sept
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Ishikawa Military Govt Team, APO 713, 11 Oct 46

TO: Special Projects Unit, Economic and Scientific Section,
General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied
Powers, APO 500

Forwarded herewith in compliance with basic communication,
a five (5) pound representative sample of the tantalum ore in
stock at the Nippon Electrometallurgical Company, Limited, Kan-
azawa-shi, Ishikawa Prefecture.

For the Commanding Officer

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HQ. I CORPS
AG *402*

Joe E. Vickery
1st Lt. *OC*
Procurement Officer
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HEADQUARTERS 90TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 25 (Nara, Honshu)

12 September 1946

SUBJECT: Gold, Silver and Platinum at Kobe Steel Works Ltd.,
Uji-Yamada, Mie PrefectureTO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: War Materiel Section

THRU CHANNELS:

1. Reference is made to Message Form Headquarters 25th Division Artillery, dated 20 August 1946.

2. A representative of the 90th Field Artillery Battalion delivered the following: 107 silver bars (small) weight 81,706.0 gms., 66 silver bars (flat) weight 100,460.0 gms., 189 silver rods (large) 103,192.0 gms., 4 boxes silver strips and scraps weight 209,216.0 gms., 1 box silver rods and pieces (small) weight 21,065.0 gms., 1 box silver, copper, lead alloy 93,012.0 gms., 12 pieces platinum 6,923 gms., 8 pieces platinum 11,737.0 gms., 2,174.0 gms. of platinum scraps, platinum plating 1,768.0 gms., 1 piece gold weight 25.3 gms., 1 box silver scrap weight 3,500.0 gms., and 21 silver bars 693,068.1 gms. to the Osaka Imperial Mint for safe keeping on dates indicated on attached receipts.

3. The 21 silver bars had already been moved by the Kobe Steel Works Ltd., to the Mint and placed in the one vault used only by the Japanese. These 21 silver bars were turned over to a representative of the 90th FA Bn who in turn placed these 21 bars in the Imperial Mint for safe-keeping.

4. The following is being forwarded:

a. Five (5) copies of Inventory.

b. Six (6) certified true copies of receipts for the items given by the Custodian of the Osaka Imperial Mint, dated 29 August 46.

c. Six (6) certified true copies of receipts from the Custodian of the Osaka Imperial Mint for 21 Silver Bars, dated 12 September 46.

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Ltr Hq 90th FA Bn, Subj: Gold, Silver and Platinum at Kobe Steel Works Ltd., Uji-Yamada, Mie Pref, dtd 31 Aug 46.

d. Five (5) copies of receipts from the Metal Distribution Control Ltd., Tokyo.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert B. Donaldson
ROBERT B. DONALDSON
Capt., 90th FA Bn
War Materiel Officer

4 Incls:

- 1 - Inventory
- 2 - Receipt from Custodian, Osaka
Imperial Mint, dtd 29 Aug 46
- 3 - Receipt from Custodian, Osaka
Imperial Mint, dtd 12 Sept 46
- 4 - Receipt from Metal Distribution
Control Ltd., Tokyo

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 APO 25
 (Osaka, Honshu)

INVENTORY

OF Kobe Steel Works., Ltd., Uji-Yamada, Mie Prefecture

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>APPROX PURITY</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
107 Silver bars (small)	999.0	81,706.0 gms.
66 Silver bars (flat)	700.0	100,460.0 "
189 Silver rods (large)	300.0	103,192.0 "
4 Boxes silver strips & scraps	990.0	209,216.0 "
1 Box silver rods & pieces (small)	990.0	21,065.0 "
1 Box silver, copper, lead alloy	100.0	93,012.0 "
12 Pieces Platinum	998.0	6,923.0 "
8 Pieces Platinum	950.0	11,737.0 "
Platinum scraps	995.0	2,174.0 "
Platinum Plating	995.0	1,768.0 "
1 Piece Gold	990.0	25.3 "
1 Box Silver Scrap	(Purity unknown)	3,500.0 "
21 Silver bars	999.5	693,068.1 "

/s/ S. Mori

Witness By

/s/Ora E VanWinkle Cpl
 C Btry 90th F.A. Bn

/s/ Robert B Donaldson Capt FA

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Robert B Donaldson
 ROBERT B. DONALDSON
 Capt., 90th FA Bn
 War Materiel Officer

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
 25 TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 APO 25
 (Osaka, Honshu)

12 September 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT No. 132

I certify that on this date I received from Capt. Robert
 K. Donaldson, 90th P.A. Bn., the following items:

<u>Bar. No.</u>	<u>Purity</u>	<u>Weight</u>
6662	999.5	32018.5 grams
6637	" "	32983.6 "
1837	" "	32329.5 "
1839	" "	32274.6 "
1854	" "	32265.0 "
2151	" "	37219.5 "
2138	" "	36011.5 "
1816	" "	34950.0 "
1835	" "	32298.5 "
1836	" "	32316.0 "
1838	" "	32232.5 "
1833	" "	32302.0 "
3059	" "	34436.2 "
1852	" "	32246.0 "
6671	" "	33414.0 "
6614	" "	32047.8 "
6665	" "	31881.4 "
6612	" "	32106.8 "
6602	" "	35670.8 "
6663	" "	32013.3 "
6613	" "	32052.7 "

//////Last Item//////

Total ... 698,068.1 "

These above 21 bars were said to belong to the Kobe Steel
 Works Ltd., Mie Prefecture.

William J. McNeill
 WILLIAM J. McNEILL
 1st Lt., Inf.
 Asst Mint Custodian
 25th Inf. Div.

Incl 25³

5 Sept. '46

Out of 7,480.5 grs of platinum reported, we hold 3,178 grs. We were instructed by the Finance ministry, that the above quantity will not have to be turned in, because it is already a complete product.

M. Hirota

General Manager

Mitsubishi Electric Mfg. Co., Ltd.,
Kobe Works.

7-11-46

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INVENTORY OF PRECIOUS METALS

Seized from

Mitsubishi Electric Mfg. Co., Ltd., Kobe Works,
3 chome, Wadamisaki-cho, Hyogo-ku,
Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture.
(1018.8-1290.0)

Gold plate.....520 grams
Gold wire..... 20 grams
Platinum bullion
4,288.5 grams
/////////Last Item/////////

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HEADQUARTERS 21ST INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General
(Kokura, Kyushu)

A. P. O. 21
4 September 1946

AG 410.2 - B

Subject: Transfer of Silver Bullion

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
(Attn: Military Government Section)

1. Reference is made to I Corps Radio CITE KFX 04756 dated 24 August 1946 which directs this headquarters to take into custody and deliver to the Imperial Mint, Osaka, 50,000 grams of silver bullion located at the Nippon Nitrogenous Fertilizer Company, Minamata Factory, Miramata-cho, Ashikata-gun, Kumamoto Prefecture.

2. In compliance with part three (3) of referenced communication it is reported that action required has been completed and associated receipts are hereby submitted.

3. It was learned that the intended use of the silver was lining for acetic acid pipes in the chemical plant. The silver was allocated from the Munitions Department in April 1945, and was received from Nippon Soko K. K. Konohana Branch, Osaka, on the 29 November 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

D. E. YOUNG
Captain AGD
Asst Adj Gen

3 Incl.
1 Receipt to owners
2 Inventory
3 Receipt from Mint

Incl 37³

COPY

HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Kokura, Kyushu

28 August 1946

I certify that on this date, 28 August 1946, two metal ingots said to be silver and said to weigh 50KG were taken into custody by the United States Army for shipment to and storage in the Imperial Mint at Osaka.

/s/ Robert K. Hall
/t/ ROBERT K. HALL
2nd Lt. Cavalry
Enemy Property Section

Nippon Nitrogenous Fertilizer Co. Ltd.
Minamata Factory
Kumamoto Prefecture

/s/ Tsuneki, Oshima

COPY

Incl 1³ to Incl 27

COPY

HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Kokura, Kyushu

APO 24
29 August 1946

Inventory of Silver Ingots:

Taken into custody from the Nippon Nitrogenous Fertilizer Company, Minamata Factory, Minamata-Cho, Ashikata-gun, Kumamoto Prefecture.

Item 1 Two Silver ingots (said to be silver) weighing a total of 50 kilograms.

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

31 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 118

I certify that on this date I received from 2nd Lt. Robert
K. Hall, Hq. 24th Inf. Div, E.P.S., the following items:

Two (2) Silver Ingots, Approx Purity, 999.5

No. 2416	.....Wt.	30,816.4	grams
No. 600	....."	19,520.0	"
/////////Last Item/////////		Total	..... 50,336.4 grams

/s/ William J McNeese
/t/ WILLIAM J McNEESE
1st Lt., Inf,
Ass't Mint Custodian
25th Inf. Div.

COPY

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

31 August 1946

SUBJECT: History of Silver at Nippon Nitrogenous Fertilizer
Company

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Materiel Section

Upon investigation by this Headquarters of the silver reported to be located at the Nippon Nitrogenous Fertilizer Company, 1 Sozecho, Kitaku, Osaka City, it was found that this silver was not located at the above plant but at a subsidiary plant of this company, the Minamata Factory at Minamata-cho, Ashikita-gun, Kumamoto Prefecture, Kyushu. This is not within the 4th Infantry Regiment Zone of Responsibility.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY *sp.*
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

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**HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)**

31 August 1946

**SUBJECT: History of Precious Metals at Mitsubishi Electric
Manufacturing Company Limited, Kobe Works.****TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Materiel Section**

1. On 29 August 1946, the 4th Infantry seized and turned over to the Osaka Imperial Mint 540 grams of gold plate and wire and 4,288.5 grams of platinum bullion from the Mitsubishi Electric Manufacturing Company Limited, Kobe Works, 3-chome, Wadamisakicho, Hyogo Prefecture.

2. According to the general manager of the firm, this metal was purchased for the manufacture of connection points and other electrical parts requiring its use. This metal was not purchased at one time, and they have no records as to where they received the metal.

3. The 24,206,116 grams of silver which was reported to be at this company was found to have been picked up previously and turned over to the Osaka Imperial Mint by the 4th Infantry. The company was able to provide a receipt for this silver given them by Lt. Lockwood, former 4th Infantry War Materials Officer, upon seizure of the metal.

4. The amount of metal seized by this Headquarters was approximately 3,172 grams less than the amount specified to be at the company by the inventory of the Japanese Government. Inclosed is a statement by M. Hirota, general manager of the firm, explaining the shortage. According to Hirota, the first time this metal was reported, in May 1946, the platinum bullion and platinum contacts (85 percent pure) were reported as one, giving 7,460.5 grams. They were later informed by the Finance Ministry that the platinum contacts would not have to be turned in, since it was already a finished product. The company then made a new report giving the total of platinum bullion as 4,288.5 grams, and giving an itemized list of the remaining 3,172 grams.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honsha)

31 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 120

I certify that on this date I received from T/Sgt. Meinhardt L. Hasselidt, 27th Inf, the following items:

1 Bag of 50 Sen Silver Coins (203)	.....Wt.	997.4 grams
3 Silver Strips		
	No. 1	.....Wt. 1735.5 grams
Approx Purity	No. 2	.....Wt. 1769.5 grams
999.0	No. 3	.....Wt. 1521.5 grams
2 Silver Rolls		
Approx Purity	No. 4	.....Wt. 2953.0 grams
999.0	No. 5	.....Wt. 2040.5 grams
	//////////Last Item//////////	Total ...10,020.0 grams

/s/William J McNeese
/t/WILLIAM J McNEESE
1st Lt., Inf.
Asst Mint Custodian
25th Inf. Div.

Certified Correct Copy:

William D. Christberg
WILLIAM D. CHRISTBERG
Captain F. A.

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

31 August 1946

SUBJECT: History of Gold at the Bank of Japan.

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Materiel Section

1. Upon investigation by this Headquarters of 607,158 grams of gold bullion reported to be held by the Committee of Conservators for Closed Institutions at the Bank of Japan, Osaka, it was found that this gold had been picked up previously and turned over to the Osaka Imperial Mint by the 4th Infantry Regiment.

2. The company was able to produce a receipt signed by 1st Lt. William F. Herbes, formerly S-2 of the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, testifying to the correctness of the above fact.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

31 August 1946

SUBJECT: History of Silver at Kobe Steel Works, Okubo Plant.

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTN: Japanese Materiel Section

1. On 29 August 1946, the 4th Infantry seized and turned over to the Osaka Imperial Mint 56,320 kilograms of silver bullion from the Kobe Steel Works, Okubo Branch, No. 123 Fukuda, Okubo-cho, Akashi-gun, Hyogo Prefecture.

2. According to the president of the firm, this silver was purchased as pure silver from the Tanaka Purchase Metal Works in Tokyo for use in manufacturing silver solder and other electrical equipment requiring silver in its manufacture.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert G. Lowry
ROBERT G. LOWRY
1st Lt., 4th Inf.
Adjutant

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I certify that on July 7, 1946 I received from the
Kobe Steel Works, Ltd., Yamada Plant, the following items:

Platinum Bullion..... 15,024.5 grams
Platinum Bullion..... 10,512.0 grams
//////////Last Item //////////

Metal Distribution Control Ltd.,
Tokyo (Toyo Bldg.)
Precious Metals Section
Akashi, Wakabayashi

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Robert B. Donaldson
ROBERT B. DONALDSON
Capt. & 90th FA Bn
War Material Officer

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INVENTORY OF SILVER

Seized from
Kobe Steel Works, Okubo Plant,
123 Fukuda, Okubo-cho, Akashi-gun,
Hyogo Prefecture
(994.0-1293.6)

Silver plate 56,000 grams
/////last item/////

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HEADQUARTERS 35TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (Otsu, Honshu)

31 August 1946

HISTORY OF SHIPMENT

1. The silver was given to the factory of Sakuri Kinzoku Kogyo Co., Ltd., No. 19, Shima-Machi, Nishi-Kujyo, Shimokyoku, Kyoto, by the Japanese Government for the purpose of making silver solder to weld together bandsaw blades.

2. 29 August 1946, six bars, 46,962.0 grams, were delivered to the Imperial Mint of Osaka.

S/Sgt. Joseph H. Lyles
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Incl 1³

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 APO 25
 (Osaka, Honshu)

29 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT No. 117

I certify that on this date I received from T/Sgt. George E. Paetzmann, 4th Infantry Regiment the following items taken into custody from the Mitsubishi Electric Company Ltd., Kobe Works, 3-Chome, Wadamisaki-cho, Hyogo-Ku, Kobe;

1 Roll of gold plate	Wt	518.8 Grams
1 Roll of gold wire	Wt	<u>20.0 Grams</u>
Total		538.8 Grams
18 Pieces of platinum (round)	Wt	3,699.2 Grams
9 Pieces of platinum (flat)	Wt	<u>586.4 Grams</u>
		4,285.6 Grams

William J. McNeese
 WILLIAM J. McNEESE
 1st Lt., Inf.
 Asst Mint Custodian
 25th Inf Div

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 Certified ~~Correct~~ Copy:

William J. McNeese
 WILLIAM J. McNEESE
 1st Lt., Inf.
 Asst Mint Custodian
 25th Inf Div

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

29 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT No. 117

I certify that on this date I received from T/Sgt.
George E. Paetzmann, 4th Infantry Regiment, the following
items taken into custody from the Kobe Steel Works. Okubo
Branch, No. 123 Fukuda, Okubo-cho, Akashi-gun, Hyogo
prefecture;

111 Silver bars (Small) Wt 56,123.0 Grams

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J McNEESE
1st Lt., Inf.
Asst Mint Custodian
25th Inf Div

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Certified ~~Correct~~ Copy:

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J McNEESE
1st Lt., Inf.
Asst Mint Custodian
25th Inf Div

Aug 29³

History of my possession of the old Japanese silver coins

Koyo paper Plant
404, Nakashiku, Otsu, Ihara-gun
27/8/-46

1. Where and when:

Got them out of my sales up to 1944.

2. Name of former owner:

Unknown.

3. Form:

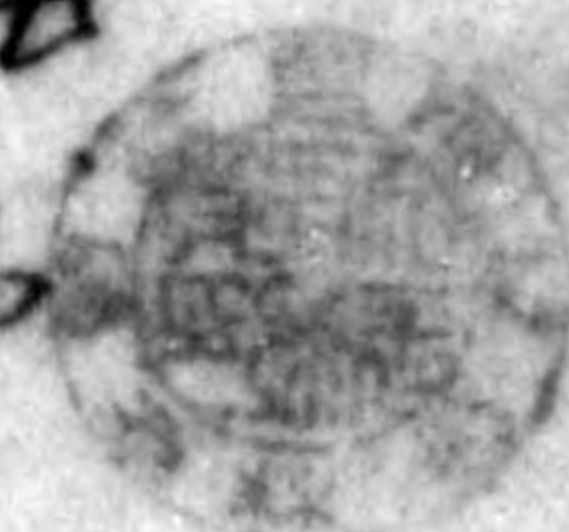
Japanese silver coin.

4. Quantity:

203 pieces of 50 sen denomination
1,004 gms.

President

静岡縣電原郡興津町中宿404
瑞陽紙織株式会社
取締役社長 高橋嘉市



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Inventory

Koyo paper plant

404, Nakashiku, Okitsu, Ihara-gun,

Shizuoka Prefecture.

27/8/--46

In re/ to my possession of some old Japanese silver coins.

I beg to describe it as follows:

Description	Quantity
Old Japanese silver coins	203 pieces of 50 sen denomination 1,004 gms.

President

静岡県倉原郡興津町中宿404
興陽製紙株式会社
取締役社長 高橋嘉市



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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 APO 25
 (Osaka, Honshu)

29 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

ICT NO. 116

I certify that on this date I received from Capt. Robert E. Donaldson, 90th F.A. Bn., the following items:

107 silver bars (small)	Approx Purity	999.0	wt.	81,700.0	gms.
66 silver bars (flat)	"	700.0	"	100,460.0	"
139 silver rods (large)	"	500.0	"	105,192.0	"
4 Boxes silver Strips & Scraps	"	999.0	"	800,216.0	"
1 Box silver rods & pieces	"	999.0	"	21,065.0	"
1 Box silver, Copper, lead alloy	"	100.0	"	93,012.0	"
12 Pieces Platinum	"	999.0	"	6,983.0	"
8 Pieces Platinum	"	980.0	"	11,757.0	"
Platinum Scraps	"	999.0	"	2,174.0	"
Platinum Scraps	"	999.0	"	1,768.0	"
1 Piece Gold	"	999.0	"	25.3	"
1 Box Silver Scrap	(Purity unknown)		"	5,500.0	"
//////Last Item//////				<u>Total.....</u>	<u>632,776.3</u>

William J. McNEESE
 WILLIAM J. McNEESE
 1st Lt., Inf.
 Ass't Mint Custodian
 25th Inf. Div.

Incl 24³

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28 August 1946

INVENTORY

Items of Silver and amount by weight:

<u>Items of Silver</u>	<u>Amount by weight</u>
Silver ingot	88 (each approx. 33 Kg)
Silver bar	4 (each approx. 0.5 Kg)
<u>Total</u>	<u>Approx. 2631.5504 grams</u>

The Aichi Kigyo Company

Junichi Kanda
 Junichi Kanda
 Managing Director

Incl 4

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 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 APO 25
 (Osaka, Honshu)

29 August 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 115

I certify that on this date I received from S/Sgt. Thomas E. Combs, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 35th Inf., the following item:

Six Silver Bars: (Approx. Purity 999.0)

No. 1	-----	8299.5	grams
No. 2	-----	6234.5	"
No. 3	-----	8389.0	"
No. 4	-----	8168.0	"
No. 5	-----	7516.0	"
No. 6	-----	8355.0	"

Total Weight 46,962.0 grams
 /////Last Item/////

s/ William J McNeese
 t/ WILLIAM J McNEESE
 1st Lt., Inf.
 Ass't Mint Custodian
 25th Inf. Div.

A TRUE COPY:

George L. Withney, Jr.
 GEORGE L WITHEY JR
 2d Lt, Infantry

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HEADQUARTERS 35TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (Otsu, Honshu)

29 August 1946

INVENTORY

SILVER BARS-----approximate purity 999.0

<u>Bar No.</u>	<u>Weight</u>
1	8299.0 grams
2	6234.5 grams
3	8389.0 grams
4	8168.0 grams
5	7516.0 grams
6	8355.0 grams

Total weight 46,962.0 grams

Total bars 6

Sgt. Joseph H. Lyles
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Incl # 2³

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST BATTALION
35TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (Otsu, Honshu)

29 August 1946

The attached sheet is an affidavit stating why there was 36 grams less silver picked up and delivered to the Osaka Mint by Sergeant Thomas E Combs, this headquarters, than was reported to the Occupational Forces.

1/Lt. Joseph H. Lyler
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Incl # 4³

19 , Shima-machi , Nishi-kujyo , Shinakyo-ku ,
Kyoto .

Sakurai Kinzoku Kogyo Co., Ltd.

I did not have small or accurate scale
to weight the silver on

Kaoru. Matsuda



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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 APO 25
 (Osaka, Honshu)

23 May 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 78

I certify that on this date I received from Lt William F Herbes, 4th Inf, 25th Inf Div, the following items formerly belonging to the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch, or held in custody by the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch:

6,899 Ingots, Gold (Standard Size)	Wt. 96,087,269.9 grams
382 Ingots, Gold (Small Size)	119,364.5 grams
6,623 Gold Art Objects	200,022.7 grams
1,659 Ingots, Silver	56,247,674.7 grams
Silver Coins	¥ 145,234.00 Yen
Gold Coins of various denominations	¥ 3,853,655.00 Yen
Military Notes	¥ 103,807,959.20 Yen
Chinese Central Reserve Bank Notes	¥ 3,894,046.00 Yen
Southern Development Company Notes	¥ 6,587,899.46 Yen

/////////////////Last Item////////////////////////////////////

/s/ RICHARD V WRIGHT
 1st Lt Inf
 Asst Mint Custodian
 25th Inf Div.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

William J. McNamee
 WILLIAM J. McNAMEE
 1st Lt., Inf.

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C O P YHEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

AG 410.2 - JMS/lk

5 June 1946

SUBJECT: Inventory of Precious Metals,
Notes, Copies of Receipts from MintTO: Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301
(ATTN: Military Government)1. Reference: Section II, Inclosure 10 to Administrative
Order 23, I Corps, dated 5 April 1946.

2. The attached inclosures are for the following:

6,899 Ingots, Gold (Standard Size)	Wt. 96,087,269.9 grams
382 Ingots, Gold (Small Size)	119,354.5 grams
6,623 Gold Art Objects	200,022.7 grams
1,659 Ingots, Silver	56,247,674.7 grams
Silver Coins	145,234.00 Yen
Gold Coins of Various Denominations	3,853,655.00 Yen
Military Notes	103,807,959.20 Yen
Chinese Central Reserve Bank Notes	3,894,646.00 Yen
Southern Development Company Notes	6,587,899.48 Yen

3. These items were taken into custody by elements of the
4th Infantry from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch and delivered
for safe keeping to the Osaka Imperial Mint during the period
1 May to 23 May 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

3 Incls:

1. Ltr. 4th Infantry
Subj: History of Items

Incl 35³

Incls cont'd:

- Inventoried at the Osaka Branch of the Bank of Japan, dated 4 June 1946.
- 2. Certified Receipts, Imperial Mint Custodian, dated 23 May 1946 (3 copies).
- 3. Inventory (2 copies)

CERTIFIED CORRECT COPY:

William D. Christberg
WILLIAM D. CHRISTBERG
Captain, FA

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C O P YHEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

4 June 1946

SUBJECT: History of Items Inventoried at the Osaka Branch
of the Bank of JapanTO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division
Attn: Japanese Materiel Section

1. Following is report of the history of items formerly belonging to the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch or held in custody by the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch, and removed to the Osaka Imperial Mint, Osaka, Honshu, between 13 May 1946 and 23 May 1946 by this Headquarters.

a. Gold bullion deposited at the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch by the Yokohama Specie Bank for the account of the Bank of Indo-China.

Amount: 2,155 pieces

Grossweight: 31,254,929.0 grams

Originally gold articles and objects of art purchased by the government from the public during the period November 1941 - May 1943. Twenty two deposits were made into the account of the Bank of Indo-China in payment for imports from Indo-China. Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch, to the Osaka Imperial Mint 13 May 1946 to 15 May 1946.

b. Gold bullion deposited at the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch by the Federal Reserve Bank of China.

Amount: 55 pieces

Grossweight: 607,268.9 grams

Domestically produced gold was purchased by the Federal Reserve Bank of China to back Chinese Federal Reserve Bank Notes put in circulation from July 1942 to May 1944 and accepted in North China as legal tender. During this period, the gold reserve was shipped to Osaka, Honshu, Japan and stored at the Osaka Branch of the Bank of Japan while being processed into negotiable "strips" or blanks at the Osaka Imperial Mint for the eventual redemption of the Bank Notes. A portion of the gold was processed at the Mint and returned to the Federal Reserve Bank of China; the above amount remained in storage at the Osaka Branch of the Bank of Japan.

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Ltr, Subj: History of Items Inventoried at Osaka Branch of
the Bank of Japan, (cont'd)

Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch, to the
Osaka Imperial Mint 15 May 1946.

c. Gold bullion deposited at the Bank of Japan, Osaka
Branch by the Yokohama Specie Bank for the Account of the Bank
of Tai.

Amount: 639 pieces

Grossweight: 8,876,358.2 grams

Originally gold articles and objects of art purchased
by the government from the public during the period April 1942 -
October 1944. Two deposits made into the account of the Bank
of Tai in payment for imports from Thailand. Removed from the
Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 16 May
1946.

d. Standard gold bars in deposit at the Bank of Japan,
Osaka Branch.

Amount: 3048 bars and 1 bag

Grossweight: 55,327,070.5 grams

Gold received in exchange for Bank Notes and held as
an original asset of the Bank of Japan. Removed from the Bank of
Japan, Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 16 May 1946 to
20 May 1946.

e. Standard gold bars held for melting deficits.

Amount: 2 bars

Grossweight: 21,643.485 grams

Gold originally in form of foreign gold coins, scrap
from gold bars with an excess of value, and dust or particles
resulting from accidents during storage of gold bars. Scraps
and coins were melted into bars and included in the assets of
the Bank of Japan 19 October 1939. Removed from the Bank of
Japan, Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 21 May 1946.

f. Silver bars deposited at the Bank of Japan, Osaka
Branch by the Japanese Government.

Ltr, Subj: History of Items Inventoried at Osaka Branch of
the Bank of Japan, (cont'd)

Amount: 1,133 bars
Grossweight: 38,407,761.9 grams

Originally silver objects purchased by the Japanese government from the public. Deposited at the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch 30 March 1939. Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 21 May 1946.

g. Silver bars deposited at the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch by the Bank of Chosen, Osaka Branch.

Amount: 388 bars
Grossweight: 13,201,059.4106 grams

Silver was originally owned by the Japanese government. Loaned to the Federal Reserve Bank of China and, through an intermediary, the Bank of Chosen, was used in February 1938 to finance the Political Committee of North China, a semi-official agency of Japanese Government having a commercial interest in North China. Physical transaction of the silver was not made, as the silver remained at the Bank of Japan Osaka in the account of the Bank of Chosen. Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 21 May 1946.

h. Silver bars and bag deposited at the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch by the Japanese Government.

Amount: 138 pieces and 1 bag
Grossweight: 4,638,853.4183 grams

Partial payment of the loan made to the Political Committee of North China (see par "g") negotiated by the Bank of Chosen. Above amounts transferred in two transactions to the account of the Japanese Government from the account of the Bank of Chosen 12 February 1945 and 13 August 1945. Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 22 May 1946.

i. Gold articles purchased by the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch, with the special agreement to be sold back to the original owners.

Amount: 6,623 pieces
Grossweight: 200,022.7 grams

Ltr, Subj: History of Items Inventoried at Osaka Branch of
the Bank of Japan (cont'd)

Gold articles purchased from the public, with the above agreement, during the period July 1938 - September 1941. An estimated 20,000 (324 kilograms, approx.) individually purchased articles returned to their original owners. Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch, to the Osaka Imperial Mint 22 May 1946.

j. Gold bullion temporarily held as a government subsidy by the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch.

Amount: 382 pieces

Grossweight: 119,354.5 grams

Above amount repaid by mining companies March 1944 in excess of amount of government subsidies. Repayments were made in gold of an approximated value and excess became a temporary subsidization of the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch. Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 22 May 1946.

k. Gold coins deposited at the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch for the account of the Japanese Government.

Amount: 94 coins

Yen Value: 968.00 Yen

Gold coins of various denominations purchased from the public by the Japanese Government during the period January 1944 - May 1945. Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch, to the Osaka Imperial Mint, 22 May 1946.

l. Gold coins deposited at the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch for the account of the Japanese Government.

Amount: 542 coins

Yen Value: 4,995.00 Yen

Gold coins of various denominations purchased from the public by the Japanese Government during the period December 1941 - December 1943. Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 22 May 1946.

m. Gold coins belonging to the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch.

Ltr, Subj: History of Item Inventoried at Osaka Branch of
the Bank of Japan (cont'd)

Amount: 700,775 coins

Yen Value: 3,847,692.00 Yen

Original assets of the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch.
Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial
Mint 22 May 46.

n. Southern Development Company Notes deposited at the
Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch by the Japanese Government.

Yen Value (converted): 6,587,899.48 Yen

Various local currencies printed by the Japanese Govern-
ment and circulated by the government sponsored Southern Develop-
ment Company as "invasion currency" in the southern Japanese
sphere, with the exception of South China, Indo-China, and Thailand.
Put in circulation 1 November 1941; above amount stored at the
Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch. Removed from the Bank of Japan,
Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 23 May 1946.

o. Japanese Military Government Notes deposited at the
Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch by the Japanese Government.

Yen Value: 103,807,959.20 Yen

Notes of various yen denominations printed by the Japanese
Government for circulation in China. Put in circulation October
1937; above amount stored at the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch.
Removed from the Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch to the Imperial Mint
23 May 1946.

p. Chinese Central Reserve Bank Notes deposited at the
Bank of Japan, Osaka Branch by the Japanese Government.

Yen Value (converted): 701,036.28 Yen

Various denominations of Yuan Notes put in circulation
to supercede Japanese Military Government Notes (see par "m")
in China April 1943. Above amount stored at the Bank of Japan,
Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 23 May 1946.

q. One yen silver coins deposited at the Bank of Japan,
Osaka Branch by the Japanese Government.

Amount: 145,234 pieces

Yen Value: 145,234 Yen

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Ltr, Subj: History of Items Inventoried at Osaka Branch of
the Bank of Japan (cont'd)

Coins exchanged by the general public during the war
for use of the Japanese Government. Removed from the Bank of
Japan, Osaka Branch to the Osaka Imperial Mint 23 May 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Robert D. Larsen
/t/ ROBERT D. LARSEN
1st Lt, Infantry
Adjutant

2 Incls:

1. Inventory of Items
removed from the Bank
of Japan, Osaka Branch.
2. Receipts from the
Osaka Mint.

CERTIFIED CORRECT COPY:

William D. Christy
WILLIAM D. CHRIET
Captain, FA

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C O P YHEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

410.2/18 - JMS/re

15 March 1946

SUBJECT: Inventory of Precious Metals -
Certified Copies of Receipts from MintTO: Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301
Attention: Japanese Surrendered Property
Section1. Reference: Paragraph 3c, Administrative Order
22/5, I Corps, dated 4 March 1946.2. The attached inclosures are for 88 ingots of
silver taken into custody by Capt Craig A. Taylor of this
Headquarters on 9 March 1946 from the Aichi Aircraft
Company. The ingots were delivered for safe keeping to
the Osaka Imperial Mint on 11 March 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

4 Incls:

1. Inventory, 9 March 1946
signed by T. Hirano (3 copies)
2. Message 201800/I, 97th CIC
Unit APO 713, Subject: Silver
(3 copies) seized from Aichi
Aircraft Company.
3. Certificate of Receipt,
9 March 1946 (3 copies)
4. Certificate of Joint Inventory,
21 February 1946.

CERTIFIED CORRECT COPY:

William D. Christy
WILLIAM D. CHRIETZBERG
Captain, F. A.

Incl 9³C O P Y

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HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO 25, (Nagoya, Honshu)

9 March 1946

RECEIPT

Received from Aichi Aircraft Co, eighty-eight (88) ingots of silver, each weighing (approx.) thirty-three (33) kilograms, and four (4) small bars, weighing (approx.) one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) kilogram each.

Craig A. Taylor
CRAIG A. TAYLOR
Capt., F.A.
G-2 Section

CERTIFIED CORRECT COPY:

WILLIAM D. CHRIETZBERG
Captain, FA

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 APO 25
 (OSAKA, HONSHU)

9 March 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

I hereby certify that on this date I received from Capt. Craig A. Taylor, FA G-2 Section, Nagoya, eighty-eight (88) Ingots, Silver, weights of which are listed below, and four (4) small silver ingots, weights of which are listed below.

Ingots, Silver:

35.195.0 Kg	35.771.0 Kg
34.508.0	35.448.5
38.381.0	34.443.0
32.832.0	36.084.5
33.718.0	33.294.5
35.860.0	34.778.0
33.102.5	35.068.0
32.355.0	35.553.0
31.599.0	34.125.0
32.479.5	33.465.0
32.335.0	34.482.0
31.790.5	32.192.0
32.681.0	31.766.5
31.201.5	33.806.5
31.117.5	31.868.5
33.107.5	32.199.5
35.753.0	34.282.5
35.332.0	33.242.0
35.627.0	34.071.0
35.442.0	34.768.0
32.320.5	34.292.5
33.281.0	36.136.5
34.129.0	33.913.5
34.610.5	32.279.2
35.120.0	31.913.8
35.112.0	32.033.8
35.659.5	31.955.0
33.282.0	31.910.6
34.442.0	32.701.3
34.349.5	28.210.0

Small Silver Ingots:

28.056.9 Kg	587.5 grams
28.243.7	637.2
26.603.2	576.3
32.418.0	462.0
27.963.5	
32.158.5	
27.972.1	
29.565.7	
28.221.2	
28.025.6	
26.950.2	
31.992.6	
28.031.7	
31.907.2	
32.120.4	
32.137.1	
27.706.1	
26.687.3	
32.681.9	
27.830.5	
27.784.3	
27.080.9	
27.357.0	
27.259.2	
31.555.9	
27.867.1	
28.548.7	
33.360.0	

CERTIFIED CORRECT COPY:

William D. Christberg
 WILLIAM D. CHRISTBERG
 Captain, FA

RICHARD V ENRIGHT
 1st Lt, Inf
 Mint Custodian
 25th Inf Div

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CERTIFICATE OF INVENTORY

9 March 1946

I certify that the following inventory is correct:

Eighty-eight (88) ingots of silver, each weighing (approx.)
thirty-three (33) kilograms, and four (4) small bars, weighing
(approx.) one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) kilogram each.

The above silver ingots were turned over to 25th Division
authorities.

/s/ T. Hirano.
Managing Director
Alchi Aircraft Co.

CERTIFIED CORRECT COPY:

William D. Christy
WILLIAM D. CHRISTYBERG
Captain, F. A.

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FROM: 97th CIC Metropolitan Unit, APO 713 201800-ITEM

TO: Commanding General
25th Infantry Division
APO 25
Attn: Col. Freeman, Div. Arty.

SUBJECT: Silver Seized from Aichi Aircraft Company

1. A confidential informant of this detachment volunteered the information on 19 February 1946 that the Aichi Aircraft Company had several million yen worth of silver stored in its office building, formerly the Mampei Hotel, at Toshin-cho, Higashi-ku, Nagoya. Investigation was initiated by this detachment.

2. On 19 February 1946 two officials of the Aichi Aircraft Company were questioned. Hirano, Tsuneki, 1 chome, Horiwari Cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya, Managing Director, admitted that ingots of silver were in the building stored on the 6th floor. Aoki, Komataro, 1 chome, Horiwari Cho, Chikusa, Nagoya, President of the company until 18 February 1946 admitted that silver was present in the company's office building but disclaimed all knowledge of the amount, location, source, or disposition of the silver. He said that the silver was to have been used by the company in the manufacture of airplane engines for Imperial navy bombers. On 20 February 1946, Hirano, Tsuneki was questioned further and stated in substance as follows: The silver seized was the property of the Aichi Aircraft Company, having been purchased in 1943 and 1944 from Matsumura Shoten, Ginza, Tokyo, a company which deals in gold and silver ingots, for use in aircraft engines. The company has received since the close of the war no directive concerning the turning in of precious metals; he had no intention of hiding the silver from the U. S. Army.

3. On the afternoon of 19 February 1946 under the direction of officer of the 97th CIC Metropolitan Unit, members of this detachment and Military Police of the 89th Field Artillery Battalion seized as war material 88 ingots of silver, each ingot marked "Imperial Mint, Osaka", each weighing approximately 33 kilograms, and 4 small bars weighing approximately 2 kilogram each, from the 6th floor of the Aichi Aircraft Company Building. This silver was loaded into a truck belonging to the Aichi Aircraft Company, placed in the custody of the 89th Field Artillery Military Police and on 20 February 1946 turned over to the G-2 Section of the 25th Infantry Division for disposition.

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4. On 20 February 1946, Captain Craig A. Taylor, G-2 Section, 25th Infantry Division, disclosed that on the industrial survey questionnaires filled out by the Aichi Aircraft Company in January 1946, no stock of silver was reported.

5. Investigation is continuing.

Albert Hann
1st Lt., QMC
Commanding

CERTIFIED CORRECT COPY:

William D. Christensen
WILLIAM D. CHRISTENSEN
Captain, FA

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HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO 25, (Nagoya, Honshu)

21 Feb 1946

CERTIFICATE OF JOINT INVENTORY

1. On the afternoon of 19 February 1946, under the direction of officer of the 97th CIC Metropolitan Unit, members of this detachment and Military Police of the 89th Field Artillery Battalion seized as war material 88 ingots of silver, each ingot marked "Imperial Mint, Osaka", each weighing approximately 33 kilograms, and 4 small bars weighing approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ kilogram each, from the 6th floor of the Aichi Aircraft Company Building. This silver was loaded into a truck belonging to Aichi Aircraft Company, placed in the custody of the 89th Field Artillery Military Police, and on 20 February 1946 turned over to the G-2 section of the 25th Infantry Division for disposition.

2. The silver seized was the property of the Aichi Aircraft Company, having been purchased in 1943 and 1944 from Matsumura Shoten, Ginza, Tokyo, a company which deals in gold and silver ingot, for use in aircraft engines.

3. The undersigned certify that the above has been inventoried and find the above figure correct. Further that the silver is stored in the vault of the Yamato Building, Nagoya.

CRAIG A. TAYLOR
Capt., F.A.
G-2 Section

ALBERT HANAN
1st Lt., QMC
97th CIC

CERTIFIED CORRECT COPY:

WILLIAM D. CHRIETZBERG
Captain, FA

C O P Y*Incl 14³*

28 August 1946

HISTORY

1. Locati-on at which shipment and portien them of were seized:

The Aichi Kigyo Company
(EX. The Aichi Aircraft Company)
7-2, Toshin-cho, Higashi-ku, Nagoya

2. Origin of ownership: Matsumura Noble Metal Handling Shop (4-1, Ginza, Kyobashi-ku, Tokyo.) and an other.

3. What it was being used for if anything:

To use for the bearing metal of master rod of aero-engine.

The Aichi Kigyo Company

Junichi Kanda
Junichi Kanda
Managing Director

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Incl 15³

H I S T O R Y

Name of Factory: Gifu Office, Kawasaki Sangyo Co. Ltd.
(Kawasaki Aircraft Mfg. Co. Ltd.)

Address: No.106 Toa-cho, Naka-cho, Inaba-gun,
Gifu Pref.

Date: 29 August, 1946

Item: Silver Alloy

Total Weight: 10,050 grams

Amount: 5 Pieces

Former Owner: Unavailable

Date of Silver picked up:
29 August, 1946

The history of this silver alloy could not be available
due to bombing by air-raids.

(Signature)

K. Tanaka *K. Tanaka*
Head of Gifu Office

July 7

I N V E N T O R Y

Name of Factory: Gifu Office, Kawasaki Sangyo Co. Ltd.
 (Kawasaki Aircraft Mfg. Co. Ltd.)

Address: No.106 Toa-cho, Naka-cho, Inaba-gun,
 Gifu Pref.

Date: 29 August, 1946

Item: Silver Alloy

Weight: 10,050 grams

Size & Amount:

A-piece:	3mmX152mmX364mm	1,750 gram
B-piece:	3mmX152mmX370mm	1,800 gram
C-piece:	3mmX152mmX320mm	1,500 gram
D-piece:	0.4mmX149mmX3,586mm	3,000 gram
E-piece:	0.4mmX149mmX2,432mm	2,000 gram
Total Weight:		10,050 grams

(Signature)

K. Tanaka
 K. Tanaka
 Head of Gifu Office

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

RWC/fsn

AG 410.2 - BA

11 September 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure of Precious Metals

TO: Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, APO 24
Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25

1. Authority is letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, AG 386.7 (MG), subject as above, dated 9 September 1946. It is desired that you take into custody and deliver to the Imperial Mint at Osaka such of the precious metals listed below as are in your area of responsibility. None of the firms indicated has been licensed to use precious metals during the third quarter of 1946.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>I.J.G.</u> <u>INVENTORY</u> <u>NO.</u>	
24	65	COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SECTION, ECONOMIC DEPT. NAGASAKI PREFECTURAL OFFICE, NAGASAKI CITY
		Gold Alloy Bullion - - - - - 1,100 grams
		Silver Alloy Bullion - - - - - 360,000 grams
		Gold Coins - - - - - 85 coins
		Japanese silver coins: (¥1 coins) - - - - 118 coins
		Foreign silver coins - - - - - 1,263 coins
SHIKOKU	67	PUBLIC OFFICE OF SAKANACHO, SAKANACHO, NAKAGUN, TOKUSHIMA KEN
		Gold Alloy Bullion - - - - - 146 grams
		Silver Alloy Bullion - - - - - 10,237 grams
IX	68	TOKYO PRISON, KOSUGE MATI, KATSUSIKAKU, TOKYO-TO
		Gold Coins (Foreign) - - - - - 140 grams
		Gold Bullion - - - - - 1 gram
24	69	KITAMATSURA DISTRICT OFFICE, HIRADO, KITAMATSURA, NAGASAKI PREFECTURE
		Silver Alloy Bullion - - - - - 38,750 grams

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Ltr, Hq I Corps, file AG 410.2 - BA, subj: "Seizure of Precious Metals",
 dtd 11 Sept 1946.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>I.J.G. INVENTORY NO.</u>		
IX	74	THE COUNTY OFFICE, MINAMIAIZU; KOO 4227 SZU NEGUYA OAZU TAJINA, TAZIMAMACHI, MINAMIAIZUGUN, FUKUSHIMA KEN.	
		Japanese Silver coins - - - - -	2,178 coins
24	85	ABURATSU POLICE OFFICE, HIRANO ABURATSU-CHO, MINAMINAKA-GUN, MIYAZAKI KEN.	
		Gold Bullion - - - - -	56 grams
		Gold Alloy Bullion - - - - -	779 grams
		Silver Alloy Bullion - - - - -	30,019 grams
		Japanese Silver Coins - - - - -	3,556 grams
SHIKOKU	88	TOKUSHIMA TECHNICAL COLLEGE, 1, 2-CHOME, MINAMI-TOSANJIMA, TOKUSHIMA	
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	552 grams
IX	90	MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, No 2, 3-CHOME, KASUMIGASEKI, KOJIMACHIKU, TOKYO	
		Gold Bullion - - - - -	20,550 grams
		Gold Alloy Bullion - - - - -	29,970 grams
IX	91	CENTRAL INSPECTION INSTITUTE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, No. 1, 6-CHOME, KOBIKICHO, KYOBASHIKU, TOKYO.	
		Gold Bullion - - - - -	501 grams
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	725 grams
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	200 grams
IX	92	TOKYO COMMUNICATION BUREAU, No. 1, 2-CHOME, OTE-MACHI, KOJIMACHIKU, TOKYO.	
		Gold Alloy Bullion - - - - -	521 grams
		Silver Alloy Bullion - - - - -	450 grams
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	534 grams

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CHUGOKU	94	TAMASHIMA HEAD MONOPOLY BUREAU, TAMASIMATHIYO, ASAGUCHIGUN, OKAYAMA KEN	
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	63 grams
IX	1066	EDOGAWA CHEMICAL WORKS, LTD., TOKYO FACTORY 2900 NIJUKU-MACHI, 5-CHOME, KATSUSHIKA-KU TOKYO	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	7,850 grams
IX	1067	HOKUSHIN ELECTRIC WORKS, LTD 312, SHIMOMARUKO-CHO, KAMATA-KU, TOKYO	
		Gold Alloy Bullion - - - - -	4,688 grams
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	11,000 grams
		Silver Alloy Bullion - - - - -	63,184 grams
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	738 grams
		Platinum Alloy Bullion - - - - -	431 grams
IX	1068	DAIICHI PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY, LTD 1, 2-CHOME, EDOBASHI, NIHONBASHI-KU, TOKYO	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	24,264 grams
<i>27th Inf</i>	25	1078	OGAKITEKKOSHO KAGAMIGAHARA FACTORY 1312, AMAIKE, NAGAMORINOISSIKI, GIFU CITY GIFU PREFECTURE
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	247,568 grams
IX	1079	TOKYO PRECISION INSTRUMENT CO., LTD. 31, 4-CHOME, HIGASHI KAMATA, KAMATA-KU, TOKYO.	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	197,790 grams
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	203 grams
IX	1080	MITUWA INDUSTRY CO., LTD 216 KOMAGOMEHAYASHI-CHO, HONGO-KU, TOKYO	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	18,187 grams

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IX	1082	SHOWA YUSHUTSU KIKINZOKU KOGEIHIN KENKYUSHA No. 84, MORIKAWACHO, HONGO-KU, TOKYO Silver Bullion - - - - - 15,000 grams
IX	1084	THE DAISHI BANK, LTD, 1 BANKO 7 BANCHO HIGASHIBORIMAEDORI, NIIGATA CITY. Gold Bullion - - - - - 1,698 grams Gold coins (457 coins) - - - - - 6,142 grams Silver bullion - - - - - 488 grams Silver coins (22 coins) - - - - - 1,229 grams
IX	1088	CHUGAI DENGYOSHA CO., LTD. 3-5310, MOTOKICHO, ADACHI-KU, TOKYO Silver Bullion - - - - - 3,000 grams
IX	1089	MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES, LTD 321 SHIMOMARUKO-CHO, KAMATA-KU, TOKYO Silver Bullion - - - - - 351 grams
IX	1092	YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD. No. 1, 1-CHOME, HONKOKUCHO NIHONBASHI-KU, TOKYO Foreign Gold Coins - - - - - 329 coins Foreign Silver Coins - - - - - 1,294 coins
IX	1092	YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD, YOKOHAMA BRANCH YOKOHAMA Japanese Gold Coins (1040 gr) - - - - - 36 coins Japanese Silver Coins (155 gr) - - - - - 12 coins Foreign Silver Coins - - - - - 130 coins
IX	1093	FUJI COMMUNICATION APPARATUS MFG CO, LTD 1015 KAMIKODAMAKA KAWASAKI, KANAGAWA, PREFECTURE

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Gold Bullion - - - - - 45 grams
Gold Alloy Bullion - - - - - 1,124 grams
Silver Bullion - - - - - 142,962 grams

IX 1099 THE YASUDA BANK, LTD.
55 DIAMONCHO, NAGANO

Japanese Silver Coins (5412 gr) - - - 1,181 coins

CHUGOKU 1100 THE YAMAGUCHI BANK, LTD.
68-1 KANNONZAKI-CHO, SHIMONOSEKI, YAMAGUCHI
PREFECTURE.

Japanese Silver Coins (3712 gr) - - - - 116 coins

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25 1104 NISSAN CHEMICAL CO., LTD, OSAKA WORKS
KASUGADE PLANT, KASUGADE-CHO, KONOYAMA-KU,
OSAKA

Platinum Bullion - - - - - 15,286 grams

24 1104 NISSAN CHEMICAL CO, LTD, OSAKA WORKS
TSURUSAKI PLANT, TSURUSAKI-CHO, OITA GUN,
OITA

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Platinum Bullion - - - - - 24,591 grams

IX 1105 KIRIU BRANCH, WORKS OF THE DAINISEIKO-SHA
JOINT STOCK CO., No. 193, MIYOSHI-CHO,
KIRIU, GUMMA-KEN

Silver Bullion - - - - - 12,231 grams

IX 1106 THE YASUDA BANK, LTD., UTSUNOMIYA BRANCH,
446 DAIKU-CHO, UTSUNOMIYA CITY, TOCHIGI
PREFECTURE.

Japanese Silver Coins (one Yen coins) - 300 coins

Foreign Silver Coins - - - - - 180 coins

24 1110 SATSUMA KOGYO CO, LTD.
1380 YAKUSHIMACHI KAGOSHIMA CITY

Gold Alloy Bullion - - - - - 1,308 grams

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<u>AREA</u>	<u>I.J.G. INVENTORY NO.</u>		
IX	1111	THE SAITAMA BANK, LTD. 162 TAKASAGOCHO, URAWA CITY	
		Japanese Gold Coins (1596 gr) - - - - -	158 coins
IX	1114	NIPPON MINING CO., LTD HITACHI SMELTERS, HITACHI CITY, IBARAKI PREFECTURE	
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	3,733 grams
		Platinum Alloy Bullion - - - - -	240 grams
35th Inf 25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD, SANJO WORKS 18 NISHINOKYO, KUWABARACHO, NAKAGYOKU, KYOTO	
		Gold Bullion - - - - -	876 grams
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	115,150 grams
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	3,500 grams
35th Inf 25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD, GOJO WORKS 11 UMAZUKA-CHO, SAIN, UKYOKU, KYOTO	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	3,130 grams
35th Inf 25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD., FUSHIMI WORKS 30 TAKEDA MUKAIDAI-MACHI, FUSHIMIKU, KYOTO	
		Gold Bullion - - - - -	123 grams
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	6,302 grams
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	1,580 grams
35th Inf 25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD, NISHIPJI WORKS, 16 NISHINOKYO, KAMIAICHO, NAKAGYOKU, KYOTO	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	2,000 grams
35th Inf 25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD, OGAWA WORKS, OGAWACHO, OGAWAKAMIDACHURI SAGARU, KAMIGYOKU, KYOTO	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	1,000 grams

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| 25 | 1115 | SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD, EBISUGAWA WORKS,
EBISUGAWA, KAWABATA-HIGASHIIRU, SAKYOKU, KYOTO |
| | | Platinum Bullion - - - - - 3,196 grams |
| 24 | 1119 | SAGA KOHGYOH BANK, LTD
115 TOJIN MACHI, SAGA-SHI, SAGA KEN |
| | | Japanese Silver Coins (3403 coins) - - 38,515 grams |
| 24 | 1119 | SAGA KOHGYOH BANK, LTD, IMARI BRANCH
IMARI CITY, SAGA PREFECTURE. |
| | | Japanese Silver Coins (337 coins) - - - 5,820 grams
Foreign Silver Coins (32 coins) - - - weight unknown |
| 24 | 1119 | SAGA KOHGYOH BANK, LTD, HASHIMA BRANCH
KASHIMA CITY, SAGA PREFECTURE |
| | | Japanese Silver coins (1055 coins) - - 9,860 grams
Foreign Silver coins (258 coins) - - - weight unknown |
| 24 | 1119 | SAGA KOHGYOH BANK, LTD, ARITA BRANCH,
ARITA CITY, SAGA PREFECTURE |
| | | Japanese Silver Coins (29 coins) - - - - 999 grams
Foreign Silver Coins (5 coins) - - - - - weight unknown |
| IX | 1120 | CENTRAL MATERIALS UTILIZATION ASSOCIATION
c/o TOKYO HOZEN COMMERCIAL SCHOOL
No. 170, 2-CHOME, NISHI-OKUBO, YODABASHI, TOKYO |
| | | Gold Bullion - - - - - 28,415 grams
Japanese Gold coins - - - - - 137 coins
Silver Bullion - - - - - (about) 23,625 grams
Platinum Bullion - - - - - (about) 5,815 grams |
| IX | 1120 | CENTRAL MATERIALS UTILIZATION ASSOCIATION
BANK OF JAPAN, MUROMACHI, NIHONBASHIKU, TOKYO. |
| | | Silver Bullion - - - - - (about) 1,237,000 grams |

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AREA	I.J.G. INVENTORY NO.		
SHIKOKU	1120	CENTRAL MATERIALS UTILIZATION ASSOCIATION VILLAGE OFFICE OF KAMA MIYOSHIGUN, TOKUSHIMA PREFECTURE.	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	-(about) 11,737 grams
IX	1121	SHOFU INDUSTRIAL CO, LTD, TOKYO BRANCH 6th Floor, KURAMAE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, 2-CHOME, SHINBASHI KYOBASHI-KU, TOKYO.	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	50,000 grams
IX	1120	CENTRAL MATERIALS UTILIZATION ASSOCIATION MUNICIPAL OFFICE OF KAWAGUCHI, SAITAMA PREFECTURE.	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	(about) 30,000 grams
24	1123	KITSUKI TOWN HALL, KITSUKI, KAYAMI, OITA PREFECTURE	
		Gold Bullion - - - - -	34 grams
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	11,586 grams
4th Inf	25	1124	KUWAHATA ELECTRIC ENGINEERING WORKS, No. 8, 2-CHOME, IZUO TAKENOCHO, TAISHOKU, OSAKA.
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	1,407 grams
4th Inf	25	1125	NOMURA BANK, LTD 31, Bingomachi, 2-CHOME, HIGASHIKU, OSAKA
		Japanese Silver Coins (9,520 grams)- - -	112 coins
		Foreign Silver Coins - - - - -	498 coins
4th Inf	25	1127	TOA HITSUJYUJIN NONYU CO, LTD. 152 HAYASHIJI SHINKE CHO, IKUNO KU, OSAKA
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	117,868 grams
35th Inf	25	1131	NIPPON YAKIN K.K., KYOTO PLANT 22 KAMACHOSHI-CHO, KAMITOBATA, SHIMOKYO-KU, KYOTO
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	47,251 grams

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IX	1138	HOKKAI SHOKUHIN KOGYO K.K. 142 YUNOKAWA-MACHI, HAKODATE-SHI, HOKKAIDO	Japanese Gold Coins (1,465 gr) - - - - - 260 coins
24	1141	NIPPON TUNGSTEN CO., LTD. 401 SUMIYOSHI, FUKUOKA	Silver Bullion - - - - - 110,000 grams
24	1142	THE FUKUOKA BANK, LTD 18 SHIMOSHINKAWABATA-MACHI, FUKUOKA CITY	Japanese Silver Coins (1,148 gr) - - - - - 41 coins Foreign Silver Coins (7,962 gr) - - - - - 689 coins
24	1143	YASUDA BANK, WAKAMATSU BRANCH 780 HONMACHI, WAKAMATSU, FUKUOKA PREFECTURE	Japanese Silver Coins (2234 gr) - - - - - 86 coins Foreign Silver Coins - - - - - 86 coins
IX	1144	CHIBA BANK, LTD 64 TORIMACHI, CHIBA	Silver Coins (Japanese & Foreign) undetermined amount
27th Inf	25	1145	MIKAMI SEIKO CO., LTD, ENGINEERING WORKS 9-3 CHOME, TENZINKYO, SHOWAKU, NAGOYA
			Silver Bullion - - - - - 180,054 grams Silver Alloy Bullion - - - - - 208,182 grams
35th Inf	25	1153	KYOTO ENGINEERING WORKS, MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES, KAWASHIMA MIE-CHO, UKYOKU, KYOTO
			Silver Bullion - - - - - 26,705 grams Silver Alloy Bullion - - - - - 426,550 grams
CHUGOKU	1155	1155	mitsui mining co, HIBI SMELTER 448 HIBI TAMANO, OKAYAMA
			Platinum Bullion - - - - - 663 grams

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<u>AREA</u>	<u>I.J.G. INVENTORY NO.</u>	
24	1158	THE JUHACHI BANK, LTD, 1,107 TSUKI-MACHI, NAGASAKI
		Japanese Silver Coins - - - - - 3,615 coins
		Foreign Silver Coins - - - - - 6,339 coins

2. It is further desired that a report be submitted to this headquarters not later than 28 September 1946 indicating accomplishment of all transfers.

3. Any discrepancies between amounts listed above and those actually taken into custody will be thoroughly investigated and the report of findings submitted to this headquarters. Completion of such investigations, however, is not required by 28 September 1946. A statement that investigation is underway is sufficient for the initial report.

4. Reports of any metals which have been moved out of your area of jurisdiction should be made to this headquarters without delay.

5. Three certified true copies of receipts received during these movements will be submitted to this headquarters. It is not necessary that such receipts be included in making the report to this headquarters required by paragraph 2, above.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

/s/ Lawrence E. Nobles
 /t/ LAWRENCE E. NOBLES
 Colonel, AGD
 Adjutant General

CERTIFIED CORRECT COPY:

WILLIAM D. CHRIETZBERG
 Captain, FA

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HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 25, 27 September 1946

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1. The attached inclosures are the reports forwarded in compliance with paragraph 1c and 2, Section II, Inclosure 10, Annex 10 to Administrative Order 24, Headquarters I Corps, dated 16 July 1946, covering the precious metals taken into custody by elements of the 25th Division from the installations listed below and delivered to the Osaka Imperial Mint for safe keeping.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>I.J.G. INVENTORY NO.</u>		<u>AMOUNT SEIZED</u>
25	1078	OGAKITEKKOSHO KAGAMIGAHARA FACTORY 1312, AMAIKE, NAGAMORINOISSIKI, GIFU CITY GIFU PREFECTURE	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	247,948.6 grams
25	1104	NISSAN CHEMICAL CO., LTD, OSAKA WORKS KASUGADE PLANT, KASUGADE-CHO, KONOHAMA-KU, OSAKA	
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	28,336.5 grams
Reference IJG Inventory No. 1104, listing 15,286 grams of platinum, the amount actually seized was 28,336.5, an overage of 13,050.5 grams. Further investigation of this discrepancy is presently in progress.			
25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD, SANJO WORKS 18 NISHINOKYO, KUNABARACHO, NAKAGYOKU, KYOTO	
		Gold Bullion - - - - -	876.0 grams
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	125,073.1 grams
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	3,500.0 grams
25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD, GOJO WORKS 11 UMAZUKA-CHO, SAIN, UKYOKU, KYOTO	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	3,114.8 grams

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<u>AREA</u>	<u>I.J.G. INVENTORY NO.</u>		<u>AMOUNT SEIZED</u>
25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD., FUSHIMI WORKS 30 TAKEDA MUKAIDAI-MACHI, FUSHIMIKU, KYOTO	
		Gold Bullion - - - - -	125.0 grams
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	6,301.2 grams
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	1,579.8 grams
25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD, NISHIPJI WORKS 16 NISHINOKYO, KAMIAICHO, NAKAGYOKU, KYOTO	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	2,032.5 grams
25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD, OGAWA WORKS OGAWACHO, OGAWAKAMIDACHURI SAGARU, KAMIGYOKU, KYOTO	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	1,007.0 grams
25	1115	SHIMADZU SEISAKUSHO, LTD, EBISUGAWA WORKS EBISUGAWA, KAWABATA-HIGASHIIRU, SAKYOKU, KYOTO	
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	3,192.9 grams
25	1131	NIPPON YAKIN K.K., KYOTO PLANT 22 KAMACHOSHI-CHO, KAMITOBATA, SHIMOKYO-KU, KYOTO	
		Platinum Bullion - - - - -	46,866.7 grams
25	1153	KYOTO ENGINEERING WORKS, MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES, KAWASHIMA NIE-CHO, UKYOKU, KYOTO	
		Silver Bullion - - - - -	26,697.5 grams
		Silver Alloy Bullion - - - - -	426,950.0 grams
25	1145	MIKAMI SEINO CO., LTD, ENGINEERING WORKS 9-3 CHOME, TENZINKYO, SHOWAKU, NAGOYA	
		Silver Bullion and Silver Alloy Bullion - - - - -	134,415.2 grams

Of the total amount, 388,236 grams of silver bullion and silver alloy bullion reported on IJG Inventory 1145, 134,415.2 grams have been delivered to the Custodian of the Osaka Imperial Mint. A discrepancy of 253,820.8 grams.

Preliminary report of investigation is attached as Inclosures 20 and 21. Detailed investigation is underway and will be forwarded.

25 1124 KUWAHATA ELECTRIC ENGINEERING WORKS
No. 8, 2-CHOME, IZUO TAKENOCHO,
TAISHOKU, OSAKA.

Silver Bullion - - - - - 1,405.4 grams

Discrepancy in weight of I.J.G. Inventory No. 1124 is so small that it appears to be due to difference in scales and investigation is not recommended.

25 1125 NOMURA BANK, LTD
31, BINGOMACHI, 2-CHOME, HIGASHIKU,
OSAKA

Japanese Silver Coins (9,520 grams) - - 118 coins
Foreign Silver Coins - - - - - 536 coins

Discrepancy in count of coins in IJG Inventory No. 1125 is accounted for as follows:

a. 118 Japanese coins includes 6 coins owned by a branch of the NOMURA BANK properly reported on an inventory by the bank to the Bank of Japan in December 1945, according to bank records. Apparently this was omitted by the Bank of Japan in making up their inventory or included on a separate inventory. Further investigation is not recommended.

b. 536 foreign coins were seized instead of 498 listed in IJG Inventory No. 1125. Records of the bank show a report was made to the Bank of Japan in December 1945 which included:

Manchurian	276
Korean	99
Chinese	<u>439</u>
Total	814

This report was incorrect, however, as supporting inventories of the bank show foreign coins as of that date as follows:

Manchurian	276
Korean	99
Chinese	<u>163</u>
Total	538

The difference in Chinese coins is 276, indicating that the Manchurian coins (276) had been included under both listings.

The records indicate, therefore, that 538 coins should have been available for seizure instead of the 536 actually seized. This discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that one bag labeled as containing 163 Chinese coins, alleged value of 60 yen 85 sen, actually contained 161 coins. The discrepancy is so small that further investigation is not recommended.

25 1127 TOA HITSUJYUHIN NONYU CO, LTD.
152 HAYASHIJI SHINKE CHO, IKUNO KU, OSAKA

Silver Bullion - - - - - 117,869.5 grams

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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JAMES F. MCBROOM
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen.

- 31 Incls:
- 1 - History Report of Silver Bullion, Ogakitekkosho Kagamigahara Factory, dtd 18 Sept 46 (2 copies)
- 2 - Inventory Report of Silver Bullion, Ogakitekkosho Kagamigahara Factory, dtd 18 Sept 46 (2 copies)
- 3 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 22 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 4 - Inventory of Metals Seized, 18 Sept 46 from Nissin Chemical Co, Osaka (2 copies)
- 5 - History of Bullion Seized from Nissan Chemical Co, dtd 18 Sept 46 (2 copies)
- 6 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 18 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 7 - History Report of Metals Seized from Shimadzu Seisakusho, Ltd, Sanjo Works (2 copies)
- 8 - Inventory of Metals Seized from Shimadzu Seisakusho, Ltd, Sanjo Works, (2 copies)
- 9 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 20 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 10 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 20 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 11 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 20 Sept 46 (3 copies)

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- 12 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 20 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 13 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 20 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 14 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 20 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 15 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 20 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 16 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 20 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 17 - Ltr Company "D" 35th Inf, Subj: Discrepancies between IJG Inventory and Osaka Mint Inventory, dtd 21 Sept 46 (2 copies)
- 18 - History Report of Silver Bullion, Mikami Seiko Co, Ltd, Nagoya, dtd 20 Sept 46 (2 copies)
- 19 - Inventory, Mikami Seiko Co Ltd, Engr Works, dtd 20 Sept 46 (2 copies)
- 20 - Report of Investigation, 27th Inf, dtd 21 Sept 46 (2 copies)
- 21 - Ltr Hq 8th Army, Subj: Quartermaster Directive on the Mfg of Percolators, dtd 11 May 46 (2 copies)
- 22 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 22 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 23 - Inventory, Metals Seized 19 Sept 46 from Kuwahata Elec Engr Works, Osaka (2 copies)
- 24 - Ltr 4th Inf, Subj: History of Silver Bullion Seized from Kuwahata Elec Engr Works, Osaka (2 copies)
- 25 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 19 Sept 46 (3 copies)
- 26 - Inventory of metals seized 19 Sept 46 from Nomura Bank Ltd., Osaka (2 copies)
- 27 - Ltr 4th Inf, Subj: History of Coins Seized from Nomura Bank Ltd., Osaka, dtd 19 Sept 46 (2 copies)
- 28 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 19 Sept 46, (3 copies)
- 29 - Inventory of metals seized 21 Sept 46 from Toa Hitsujuhin Nonyu Co., Ltd, Osaka (2 copies)
- 30 - Ltr 4th Inf, Subj: History of Silver Bullion Seized from Toa Hitsujuhin Nonyu Co Ltd, dtd 21 Sept 46 (2 copies)
- 31 - Certificate of Receipt, Asst Mint Custodian, dtd 21 Sept 46 (3 copies)

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

14007 1946

TO: CG, 25th Inf Div, APO 25

1. Returned for clarification. It is impossible for this headquarters to determine, from the evidence presented, the status of the metals described. It is also impossible to recognize definitely any violations of ordinances or directives.

2. It is desired that you conduct further investigation to show:

a. Source of metals described in paragraphs 1 and 4, basic communication.

b. Precisely what SCAPIN or Japanese Ordinance, if any, has been violated.

3. In formulating your recommendations, which will accompany return of this correspondence, reference should be made to the following:

a. Memorandum for the Imperial Japanese Government, file AG 410.2 (26 Apr 46) CPC (SCAPIN-1098-A), subject: "Reports of Precious Metals", dated 26 April 1946.

b. Memorandum for the Imperial Japanese Government, file AG 410.2 (10 Sep 46) CPC/GP (SCAPIN-1193) subject: "Purchase of Precious Metals", dated 10 September 1946.

c. Letter, GMSG SCAP, file AG 410.2 (18 Sep 46) CPC/GP, subject: "Testing of Precious Metals at Osaka Mint", dated 18 September 1946, which was forwarded to you by 2nd indorsement, dated 9 October 1946.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

4 Incls:

1. Letter "Purchase and Sale of Precious Metals"
2. Previously listed as "Erroneously listed" - not received this headquarters
3. Letter from Minister of Finance
4. Receipts for gold and silver
5. Statement by Lt McNeese



C O P YGENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

AG 130 (1 Mar 46) ESS/FI

APO 500
1 March 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

THROUGH : Central Liaison Office, Tokyo.

SUBJECT : Purchase and Sale of Precious Metals.

1. Reference is made to CLO Memorandum No.1188 (2.1) dated 18 December 1945, subject: "Control of Financial Transactions." and to Memorandum for the Imperial Japanese Government, this Headquarters, file AG 130 (22 Sept. 45) ESS/FI, dated 22 September 1945, subject: "Control of Financial Transaction."

2. You are authorized to purchase from producers, processors and other sources newly mined and other precious metals through your authorized agent, the Bank of Japan. Prices paid will be those established in Memorandum to the Imperial Japanese Government this Headquarters AG 123 (19 Jan. 46) ESS/FI, dated 19 January 1946, subject: "Revision of the Purchase Price of Gold and Silver Payable the Government." Precious metals so purchased will be deposited in the Bank of Japan. Further transactions in or transfers of precious metals purchased by you will be subject to the prior approval of this Headquarters.

3. You are also authorized to permit producers, processors and other owners or custodians to sell to you precious metals, the purchase of which is authorized in paragraph 2 above.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

/s/ B.R. Fitch,
/t/ B.R. FITCH,
Brigadier General, AGD,
Adjutant General.

CERTIFIED CORRECT COPY:

William D. Christberg
WILLIAM D. CHRISTBERG
Captain, F.A.

C O P Y*Incl 1/2*

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JAPANESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT

Finance Department No. 1265

TO: Mint Superintendent, Tanabumi Kokubu

Permission is granted to attached application.

The amount: 905 grams gold and
868.305 grams silver

Date 4th May 1946

Minister of Finance
Keizo Shibuzawa (signed)

Encl. #3 = English (PI)

JAPANESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT

Procedure Plan for Bullion Purity Certification

The following procedures are to be used when the bullion purity certification is requested by those named on list attached according to the Refinery and Purity Certification regulations.

1. The bullion will be weighed under the witness of the supplier, after which a warehouse receipt is issued and the bullion stored in the Business Affairs vault.

2. After weighing the bullion the Business Affairs Office will make a "Bullion Test Report" to the Head of the Test Section, with the purity of the bullion according to the supplier's analysis written in the "Remarks" column of the report.

3. The Head of the Test Section will determine the purity without smelting unless considered necessary to smelt or use other methods and after the purity is written and signed the report will be sent back to the business affairs section.

4. The Business Affairs Section will then stamp the purity and the Mint Certificate on the bullion.

5. These procedures are for the purity certification for the following suppliers only:

Toa Kogyo K.K. (East Asia Mining Co., Ltd.)
Ishihara Sangyo K.K. (Ishihara Industries Co., Ltd.)
Fujita Kogyo K.K. (Fujita Mining Co., Ltd.)
Mitsubishi Kogyo KK (Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd.)
Dowa Kogyo K.K. (Dowa Mining Co., Ltd.)

Nippon Kogyo K.K. (Japan Mining Co., Ltd.)
Furukawa Denki Kogyo K.K. (Furukawa Electric Industries Co.)
Mitsui Kezan K.K. (Mitsui Mines Co., Ltd.)
Ika Kogyo K.K. (Ika Mining Co., Ltd.)

INCL #3 ² English (p2)

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Chi N. 12

Bill
: Silver Bullion

384,655.5 grams

I hereby request the following transaction according
to "The Gold and Silver Refinery and Purity Certification"
regulations:

Gold
Silver

Date 28th May 1946

TO: The Mint Superintendent, Tanefumi Kokufu

FROM: Matsunosuke Okamoto
Osaka Refinery, Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd.
1 Shinkawasaki-cho, Kita-ku
Osaka-shi

384,655.5 grams

Incl 4a ² *avglik*

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Paid up rough estimate.

Ghi No. 11

Bill
: Gold Bullion

18,072.4 grams

I hereby request the following transaction according to "The Gold and Silver Refinery and Purity Certification" regulation:

Gold
Silver

Date 28th May 1946

TO: The Mint Superintendent, Tanefumi Kokufu

FROM: Masatsune Akamoto
Osaka Refinery, Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd.
1 Shinkawasaki-cho, Kita-ku
Osaka-shi

18,072.6 grams

Incl 4th² English

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Chi No. 10

Bill
: Silver Bullion

766,770.5 grams

I hereby request the following transaction according
to "The Gold and Silver Refinery and Purity Certification"
regulation:

Gold
Silver

Date 24th May 1946

TO: The Mint Superintendent, Tanefumi Kokufu

FROM: Masatsune Okamoto
Osaka, Refinery, Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd.
1 Shinkawasaki-cho, Kita-ku
Osaka-shi

766,770.5 grams

Send 4c² english

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Paid up rough estimate.

Chi No. 7

Bill
: Gold Bullion

I hereby request the following transaction according to "The Gold and Silver Refinery and Purity Certification" regulations:

Gold
Silver

Date 20th May 1946

TO: The Mint Superintendent, Tanefumi Kokufu

FROM: Masatsune Okamoto
Osaka Refinery, Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd.
1 Shinkawasaki-cho, Kita-ku
Osaka-shi

20,171.9 grams

Just 4d roughish

Chi No. 6

Bill
: Silver Bullion

737,646.5 grams

I hereby request the following transaction according to "The Gold and Silver Refinery and Purity Certification" regulations:

Gold
Silver

Date 13th May 1946

TO: The Mint Superintendent, Tanefumi Kokufu

FROM: Masastune Okamoto
Osaka Refinery, Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd.
1 Shinkawasaki-cho, Kita-ku
Osaka-shi

737,635.3 grams

Send 4e ✓ English

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Chi No. 8

Bill
: Silver Bullion

756,107.0 grams

I hereby request the following transaction according
to "The Gold and Silver Refinery and Purity Certification"
regulation:

Gold
Silver

Date 21st May 1946

TO: The Mint Superintendent, Tanefumi Kokufu

FROM: Masatsune Okamoto
Osaka Refinery, Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd.
1 Shinkawasaki-cho, Kita-ku
Osakayshi

756,107.0 grams

Serial 4 for English

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Paid up rough estimate.

Chi No. 9

Bill

: Gold Bullion

11,779.8 grams

I hereby request the following transaction according to the "Gold and Silver Refinery and Purity Certification" regulations:

Gold
Silver

Date 24th May 1946

TO: The Mint Superintendent, Tanefumi Kokufu

FROM: Masatsune Okamoto
Osaka Refinery, Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd.
1 Shinkawasaki-cho, Kita-ku
Osaka-shi

11,780.3 grams

Incl 4g English

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Paid up rough estimate.

Chi No. 5

Bill

: Gold Bullion

20,329 grams

I hereby request the following transaction according to
"The Gold and Silver Refinery and Purity Certification"
regulation:

Gold
Silver

Date 13th May 1946

TO: The Mint Superintendent, Tanefumi Kokufu

FROM: Maatsune Okamoto,
Osaka Refinery, Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd.
1 Shinkawasaki-cho, Kita-ku
Osaka-shi

20,328.7 grams

Incl 4a - English

Chi No. 4

Bill
Silver bullion

I hereby request the following transaction according to "The Gold and Silver Refinery and Purity Certification" regulations:

Gold	None
Silver	Request purchase after purity is certified.

Date 7th May 1946

TO: The Mint Superintendent, Tanefumi Kokufu

FROM: Tokuzo Saite, Head of the Business Section
Osaka Office, Mitsui Mining Co., Ltd.
Osaka Branch Office Mitsui Products
Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka-Shi

7,934,789.5 grams

Rec'd 4i 2 English

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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25 TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

5 September 1946

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I caught the Japanese weighing up the following items and a check of my records show that these items have not been turned in to me.

243 pieces of Silver Coins in a coin collection box

3 small boxes of Silver

2 large boxes of Silver

17 strips of Silver of various lengths

1 bag of Silver Coins

/////////Last Item/////////

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J. McNEESE
1st Lt., Inf.
Asst Mint Custodian
25th Inf. Div.

Incl 5²

410.2 Precious Metals

BASIC: Ltr, Hq 4th Infantry, Subj: Discovery of Precious Metals,
dtd 10 Sept 46.

AG 410.2 - JMS/dt

5th Ind

HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 25, 23 October 1946

TO: Commanding Officer, 4th Infantry, APO 25.

1. Forwarded for compliance with 4th Indorsement.
2. This Headquarters has added Inclosures 6, 7 and 8 which are the references referred to in paragraph 3 of 4th Indorsement for your use in complying with the 4th Indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MULLINS:

JAMES F. MCBROOM
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

8 Incls:

Incls 6, 7 and 8 added.

- 6 - Memorandum for Imperial Japanese Government, AG 410.2 (26 Apr 46)CPC (SCAFIN-1098-A) subj: "Reports of Precious Metals", dtd 10 Sept. 46.
- 7 - Memorandum for Imperial Japanese Government, AG 410.2 (10 Sept 46) CPC/GP (SCAFIN-1193) subj: "Purchase of Precious Metals", dtd 10 Sept 46.
- 8 - Ltr, GHQ SCAP, file AG 410.2 (18 Sept 46) CPC/GP, subj: "Testing of Precious Metals at Osaka Mint", dtd 18 Sept 46.

Basic letter not received.

BASIC: Ltr, Hq 4th Infantry, Subj: Discovery of Precious Metals,
dtd 10 Sept 1946

AG 410.2 - JMS

6th Ind

Headquarters 27th Infantry, APO 25, 18 February 1947

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
(Attn: Japanese Material Section)

1. Further investigation has been made concerning source of metals mentioned in basic communication and to determine whether or not any SCAP directives have been violated, and the following report is submitted herewith.

2. Information obtained from Mr. Y Naito, Asst. Chief of Metal Section, Imperial Mint, Osaka, and inspection of certain records thereat indicates that gold "bars" listed in paragraph 1, basic communication were delivered to the Imperial Mint between 15 April 1946 and 12 Aug 1946 by this Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd., Osaka, for the purpose of Purity Certification prior to sale to the Imperial Japanese Government under the provisions of paragraph 2, Memorandum for the Imperial Government, file AG 130 (1 Mar 46) ESS/FL, dated 1 March 1946. Delivery of these 24 gold "bars", plus five additional ingots delivered to the Imperial Mint by the same purpose between 23 August 1946, total 29 ingots, to the Bank of Japan was effected on 11 December 1946. The procedure is in accordance with that outlined in Ltr, GHQ, SCAP, file AG 410.2 (18 Sept 46) CPC/GP, dated 18 September 1946. (See Inclosure 8) Attached as Inclosure 9 is schedule of dates of delivery of these 29 gold ingots to the Imperial Mint.

3. On 11 December 1946, the Imperial Mint effected delivery to the Bank of Japan of 901 silver ingots which had been previously delivered to the Mint by the Mitsubishi Mining Co., Ltd., and the Mitsui Mines Co., Ltd., during the period 27 April 1946 to 26 September 1946 for the purpose of Purity Certification prior to sale to the Imperial Japanese Government in accordance with paragraph 2, Memorandum for the Imperial Japanese Government, file AG 130 (1 Mar 46) ESS/FL, dated 1 March 1946, and paragraph 2, Memorandum for the Imperial Japanese Government, file AG 410.2 (10 Sep 46) CPC/GP, (SCAPIN 1193), dated 10 September 1946. The silver "bars" mentioned in paragraph 1, basic communication, were included amongst the 901 ingots mentioned above and had been delivered to the Mint by the above mentioned corporations during the period 27 April 1946 to 12 August 1946.

Seventeen of the ingots so delivered to the Bank of Japan were the same ingots (IJG 1201) referred to in Ltr, this headquarters, dated 6 February 1947, and par 2j, 1st Ind., Hqs Inf., dated 12 November 1946, to Ltr., Hqs 25th Inf Div., file AG 410.2 subject: Seizure of Precious Metals, dated 7 October 1946. The procedures cited above are in accordance with SCAPIN 637-A, SCAPIN 1193, and Ltr, GHQ, SCAP, file AG 410.2 (18 Sept 46) GPC/GP, dated 18 September 1946. (See Inclosures 1, 7 and 8) Attached as Inclosure 10 is schedule of delivery of these 901 silver ingots to the mint.

4. Mr. Y Naito states that the silver wire listed in Par 1, basic communication, and those items listed in par 4, basic communication, were reported on hand by the mint in accordance with SCAPIN 1098-A (Inclosure 6). Pursuant to Ltr, Hq 25th Div, file AG 410.2, 7 Oct 46, subject: "Seizure of Precious Metals", representatives of the 4th Infantry seized from the mint the items listed on IJG Inv 123 and delivered said items to Custodian, Imperial Mint, Osaka where they were received as Lot 195. Mr. Naito states that this lot includes the silver wire listed in Par 1, basic communication, and those items listed in Par 4, basic communication.

5. Further investigation is deemed unnecessary as apparently no SCAPINS or Japanese Ordinances have been violated.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JOHN F BURNS
Captain 27th Infantry
Adjutant

10 Incls (2 Incls added)
Incl 9 - Sched of Del of
Gold Ingots to Mint
Incl 10 - Sched of Del of
Silver Ingots to Mint

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq 4th Inf, subj: Discovery of Precious Metals, dtd 10
Sept 1946

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7th Ind

JMS/nd

Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, APO 25, 24 February 1947

TO: Commanding General I Corps, APO 301

Forwarded in compliance with 4th Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

10 Incls
n/c

ROBERT W. CRAVEN
Lt Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

AG 410 - BA

8th Ind

RAS/nd

Hq I Corps, APO 301, 3 MAR 1947

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

19 Incls:

Incl 2 - not received this headquarters

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M.G.

HEADQUARTERS 27th INFANTRY REGIMENT
APO 25 (Yagamigahara Airfield, Honshu)

9 September 1946

SUBJECT: Report on Silver

TO : Commanding General 25th Infantry Division
APO 25
Attention: Japanese Material Section

1. Reference is made to Field Message, dated 20 August 1946, your headquarters, addressed to this command.

2. In compliance with the instructions contained in the above reference this headquarters investigated the silver coin located at Koyo Paper Mfg. Co. Ltd., No 404 Nakasiku, Gutsu-machi, Ihara-gun, Shizuoka Prefecture. The inventory listed 203 coins of total weight 100 grams to be located there, 203 coins of total weight 997.4 grams were taken into custody and delivered to the Imperial Mint of Osaka. Investigation of the discrepancy disclosed that the scale used to weigh the coins during preparation of the inventory is graduated in "mome" (One Mome = approx. 3.75 grams.) The weight of the coins was 267.7 mome, or, after mathematical conversion, 1004 grams. The scale was in poor condition and had not been tested in over two years. When tested by this headquarters the scale registered approximately one tenth mome per mome overweight.

3. Investigation was made of the Silver Alloy Bullion at Aichi Kogyo Co., No. 72 Toshi-cho, Higashi-gun, Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture. This silver was seized 19 Feb. 46 by the 97th CIC and Military Police of the 89th Field Artillery Battalion. On 20 Feb. 46 this silver was turned over to the G-2 Section of the 25th Inf Div for disposition. The silver was stored in the Yamato Building, Nagoya, but had been removed before the team reached there. A receipt for the silver dtd 9 March 1946 and signed by Captain Craig A. Taylor, F.A., G-2 Section, and a joint inventory dtd 21 Feb 1946, signed by Captain Taylor and Lt. Hannan, 97th CIC are inclosed in this letter.

4. Investigation was made of the silver alloy located at Kawasaki Aircraft Mfg Co., Gifu Factory, Kita Kakizawa, Mikokino, Sohara-cho, Inaba-gun, Gifu Prefecture. The inventory listed five pieces of total weight 10,050 grams. Five pieces of total weight 10,020 grams were taken into custody and delivered to the Imperial Mint of Osaka. Investigation of the discrepancy disclosed that the scale used in weighing the silver during preparation of inventory was an Asahi Model of 105 Kg capacity with a sensitivity of 500 grams. Weights of over 500 grams require an estimated interpolation on the part of the individual doing the weighing. The smallest unit used in weighing was 250 grams; therefore the weighing party estimated 50 gram increments. The error in estimation accounts for the discrepancies between the silver as inventoried and delivered.

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FOR THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER:

BERNARD BIG
Captain, 27th Infantry
Adjutant

9 Incl;

- 1: 5 copies of History Report of Silver Coins in Shizuoka Pref.
- 2: 5 copies of Inventory of Silver coins in Shizuoka Pref.
- 3: 5 copies of History Report of Silver Alloy Bullion in Aichi Pref.
- 4: 5 copies of inventory Silver Alloy Bullion in Aichi Pref.
- 5: Receipt of Silver Alloy Bullion in Aichi Pref. From Hqs 25th Inf Div.
- 6: Joint Inventory of Silver Alloy Bullion in Aichi Pref. from Hqs 25th Inf Div.
- 7: 5 copies of history Report of Silver Alloy in Gifu Pref.
- 8: 5 copies of Inventory of Silver in Gifu Pref.
- 9: Certificate of Receipt by Osaka Imperial Mint.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
APO 25 (Kagamigahara Airfield, Honshu)

9 September 1946

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation of Silver Bullion
(Tokyo Shibaura Electric Company, Ltd., Ohito Works number 570, Ohito Aga, Ohito-Che, Tagata-gun, Shizuoka Prefecture)

TO : Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25
ATTENTION: Japanese Material Section

1. In compliance with an Imperial Decree the Tokyo Shibaura Electric Company directed the Ohito Works, a subsidiary firm, to submit an inventory of their stock of precious metals. This was accomplished by the Ohito Works, a total of 380,100 grams of silver bullion being reported.

2. The manager of the Ohito works states that he was not ordered to cease operations by the central office, nor was he informed that further consumption of the reported 380,100 grams of silver was prohibited.

3. On 17 December 1945 an office identified as "25th Division Headquarters Military Department" under the direction of 1st Lt. O. H. Snyder authorized the Shizuoka Prefectural Government to allow Ohito Works to continue production of certain vital civilian goods. The governor of Shizuoka Prefecture gave a written authorization to the Ohito works to continue manufacture of the following items: Veeder type counter, flashlight case, control switch for refrigerator, camera body and parts, name plate, lamp bulb manufacturing machine, fluorescent lamp fixture, electrical accessory, electric clock assembly, cinema projector, Japanese typewriter, automobile tail light parts, and electric switches.

4. Production of approved items was continued and silver included on the inventory was used in the manufacture. At the time pick up of silver was made by the 27th Infantry the balance on hand was 235,896 grams. This silver was delivered to Osaka Imperial Mint.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That an investigation be initiated at the central office of the Tokyo Shibaura Company to determine the following:

1. Was the Ohito Works notified that the stock of precious metals at their plant were to be held intact pending delivery to a representative of the Occupational Forces;

2. To determine the person or persons who failed to notify the Ohito Works that their stocks of precious metal were frozen; or

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3. To determine the person or persons at the Ohito Works who received notification that their stocks of precious metals were frozen and who failed to act in compliance therewith.

It is recommended that the offenders in this instance be brought to trial before a Military Provost Court.

It is further recommended that future investigation be conducted by one unit having investigatory jurisdiction over both the central office of the Tokyo Shibaura Company and the Subsidiary plant Ohito Works.

HAROLD W. GINGRICH
Captain 27th Infantry
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IMPERIAL MINT OF OSAKA
25 TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 25
(Osaka, Honshu)

6 September 1946

CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPT

LOT NO. 121

I certify that on this date I received from T/Sgt. George
H. Faatzmann, 4th Inf. Regt., the following item:

One (1) box containing Silver Wt. 3,936.5 grams
//////////Last Item//////////

William J. McNeese
WILLIAM J McNEESE
1st Lt., Inf.
Asst Mint Custodian
25th Inf. Div.

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410.2

HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General
(Kokura, Kyushu)

AG 410.2 - B

A. P. O.
5 September 1946SUBJECT: Transfer of Precious MetalsTO : Commanding General, I Corp. APO 301,
(Attn: Military Government Section)

1. Reference is made to letter AG 410.2 - BA Subject: "Seizure of Precious Metals", Headquarters I Corp, dated 25 July 1946, in which the 24th Infantry Division was instructed to take into custody and deliver to the Imperial Mint, Osaka, stocks of precious metals.

2. Paragraph 2 of referenced communication listed the following locations and stocks of precious metals.

a. I. J. G. Inventory No. 23
Court Clerk, Kagoshima District Court
Kagoshima City

Gold Bullion	285 grams
Gold Coins (1 Japanese, 1 American)	2 coins

These items were delivered to the Imperial mint by 1st Lt. Archer W. Anderson, 21st Infantry, 24th Infantry Division, 23 August 1946. Associated receipts are attached as inclosure No. 1.

b. I. J. G. Inventory No. 31
Mayor, Shimabara City
No. 519 Izumimachi, Shimabara,
Nagasaki Prefecture

Gold Bullion	644 grams
Silver Bullion	114.315 grams

These items were delivered to the 24th Infantry Division by 2nd Lt. Richard J. Vogel, 34th Infantry Regiment, and were in turn delivered to the Imperial Mint by 2nd Lt. Robert K. Hall, Hq 24th Infantry Division, 31 August 1946.

Ltr. Hq 24th Inf. Div. file AG 410.2 - B "Transfer of Precious Metals" dated 5 September 1946.

2. b. (Cont)

Metal was in form of scrap and no accurate inventory by piece exists. Associated receipts are attached as inclosure No. 2.

c. I. J. C. Inventory No. 53
Commerce and Industry Section
Economic Department
Prefectural Office, Miyazaki Ken

Gold Bullion	3,944,622 grams
Silver Bullion	72,208 grams
Silver Coins (Japanese)	8,400 grams

An investigation by the 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division revealed that these items were shipped to the following address by the Miyazaki Prefectural Government, June 21, 1946. Letter of explanation and signed inventory are attached as inclosure No. 3.

The Central Busshi-Katsuyo-kyo-kai
Detached Office in the Honjo Factory
Ishifuku-Kinzoku-Kogyo Co., Ltd.
Kanzawa-Cho 2 chame
Honjo Ward, Tokyo

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

/s/ D. E. Young
/t/ D. E. YOUNG
Captain AGD
Asst Adj Gen

3 Incl

BASIC: Ltr. Hq 24th Inf Div, subj: "Transfer of Precious Metals",
dtd 5 September 1946.

AG 410.2 - BA

1st Inf

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 10 SEP 1946

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference: letter, your headquarters, file AG 386.7 (MG).
subject: "Seizure of Precious Metals", dated 23 July 1946. Necessary
action in the 24th Division Z/R has been completed.

2. Forwarded in accordance with your radio, cite D99313 HQ. 7/5

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

3 Incls:

1. Certificate of Receipt, dtd 23 Aug 46 (dup)
2. Certificate of Receipt, dtd 31 Aug 46 (dup)
3. Certificate of Receipt, dtd 31 Jul 46 (dup)

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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4 SEP 1946

AG 410.2 - BA

SUBJECT: Request for Information on Disposition of Precious Metals

TO: Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, APO 24

1. Reference is made to letter, GHQ, SCAP, file AG 410.2, subject as above dated 20 May 1946, which was forwarded to you by 10th indorsement on 31 July 1946.

2. Information is desired as to when compliance with the reference may be expected.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

O. H. Schmidt

O. H. SCHMIDT
MAJOR, AGD
ASST-ADJ-GEN.

AG 410.2-F 1st Ind

Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, APO 24, 12 Sept. 1946.

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.

Correspondence mentioned in paragraph 1 of basic communication was returned to you via registered mail on 7 September 1946 together with three copies of the report of investigation made by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

D. E. Young

D. E. YOUNG
Captain AND
Asst Adj Gen

HQ. I CORPS
AG 410.2

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

RWC/hy

4 SEP 1946

AG 410.2 - BA

SUBJECT: Request for Information on Disposition of Precious Metals

TO: Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, APO 24

1. Reference is made to letter, GHQ, SCAP, file AG 410.2, subject as above dated 20 May 1946, which was forwarded to you by 10th indorsement on 31 July 1946.

2. Information is desired as to when compliance with the reference may be expected.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

O. H. SCHMIDT
MAJOR, AGD
ASST. ADJ. GEN.

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1st Ind

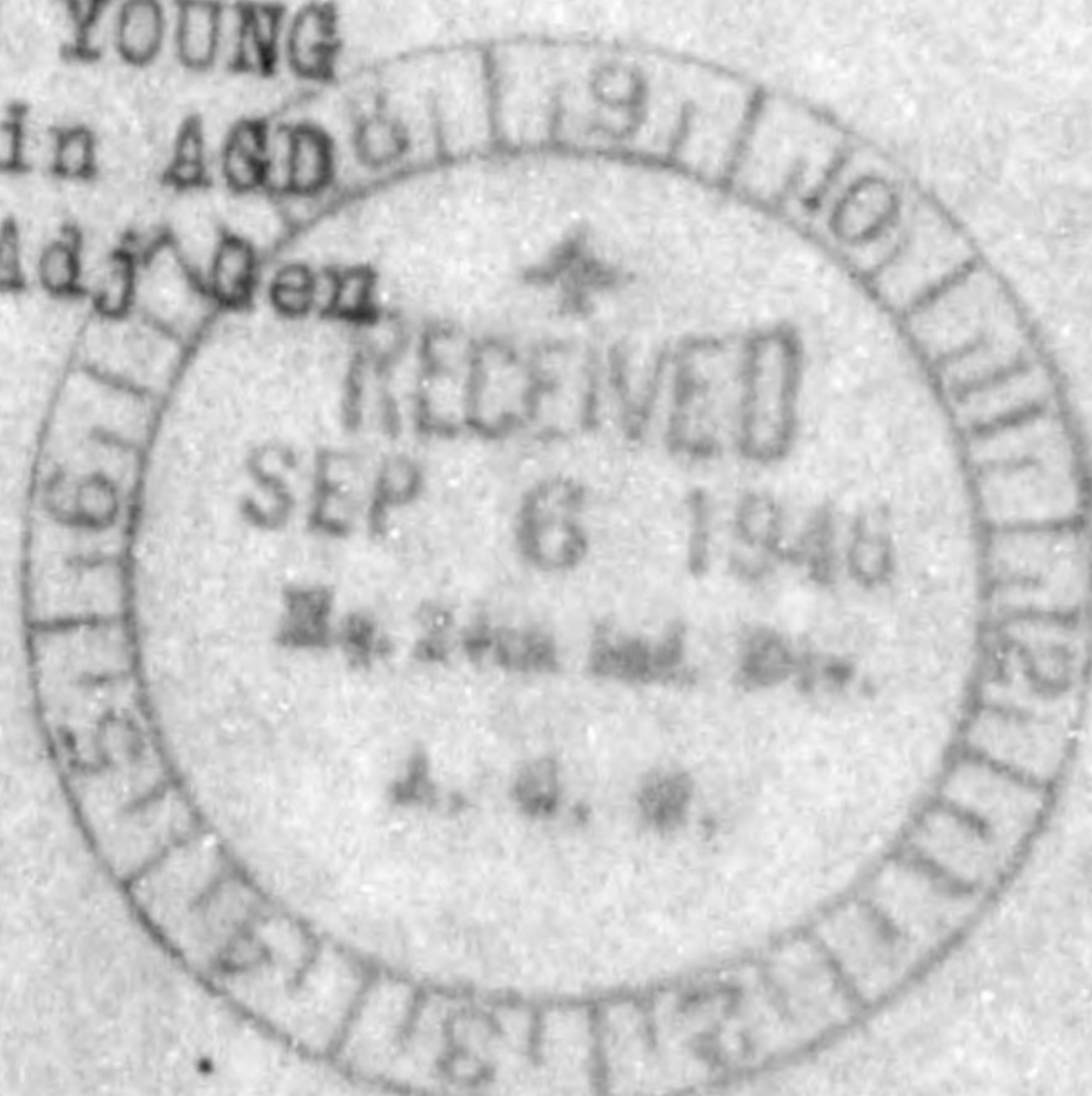
Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, APO 24, 12 Sept. 1946.

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.

Correspondence mentioned in paragraph 1 of basic communication was returned to you via registered mail on 7 September 1946 together with three copies of the report of investigation made by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

D. E. YOUNG
Captain AGD
Asst Adj Gen



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12 Sept 1946*

AG 410.2-F 1st Ind

Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, APO 24, 12 Sept. 1946.

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.

Correspondence mentioned in paragraph 1 of basic communication was returned to you via registered mail on 7 September 1946 together with three copies of the report of investigation made by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

D. E. YOUNG
Captain AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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MIE MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 710

4 September 1946

SUBJECT: Storage of ⁴Precious MetalsTO : Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division Artillery,
APO 25.

1. Transmitted herewith is letter in duplicate from Kobe Steel Works, Ltd., Yamada Plant, reporting possession of 25,521.0 Grams of Platinum.

2. The manager is the only person in control of the vault in which the Platinum is stored and as he is frequently away on business trips he requests 24 hours advance notice of the arrival of the reconnaissance team so that he may arrange to be present. He may be reached by telephone through his interpreter Hiroshi Kawato at Toba 9 Japanese commercial lines.

FRANK L. BOCK
Lt. Col., Inf.
Commanding

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BASIC: Ltr, Mic Mil Govt Team, APO 710, dtd 4 Sept 46, subject:
"Storage of Precious Metals"

M.G.

CMS/arb

Hq, Tokai-Hokuriku Mil Govt Region, APO 710, 10 September 1946.

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

Forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
Not previously listed
Ltr in duplicate from
Kobe Steel Works, Ltd.
Yamada Plant

LEE A. McDONALD
Capt, AUS
Adjutant

AG 410.2 - BA

2nd Ind

RWC/md

Hq I Corps, APO 301, 16 SEP 1946

TO: CG, 25th Inf Div, APO 25.

1. Forwarded for your information and necessary action.
2. The platinum described in the inclosure will be taken into custody and delivered to the Imperial Mint at Osaka for safe keeping in accordance with established procedures.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

1 Incl:
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General
(Kokura, Kyushu)

A. P. O. 24
4 September 1946

AG 410.2 - B

Subject: Transfer of Silver Bullion

TO : Commanding General, I Corp, Apo 301
(Attn: Military Government Section)

1. Reference is made to I Corp Radio CITE KFX 04756 dated 24 August 1946 which directs this headquarters to take into custody and deliver to the Imperial Mint, Osaka, 50,000 grams of silver bullion located at the Nippon Nitrogenous Fertilizer Company, Minamata Factory, Minamata-cho, Ashikata-gun, Kumamoto Prefecture.

2. In compliance with part three (3) of referenced communication it is reported that action required has been completed and associated receipts are hereby submitted.

3. It was learned that the intended use of the silver was lining for acetic acid pipes in the chemical plant. The silver was allocated from the Munitions Department in April 1945, and was received from Nippon Soko K. K. Konohana Branch, Osaka, on the 29 November 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

HQ. I CORPS
AG 410.2

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D. E. YOUNG
Captain AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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- 1 Receipt to owners
- 2 Inventory
- 3 Receipt from Mint

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