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PUBLIC WELFARE SECTION KANTO CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION APO 500

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18 August 1950

MEMO TO: Record

SUBJECT: Disaster Relief

- 1. Mr. Isomura, as chief of the To Welfare Bureau and representing the Governor of Tokyo-To, is the operating president of the Kanto Regional Disaster Relief Planning Board. Mr. Isomura reported the Board had received requests from Ibaraki Prefecture for assistance because of need resulting from the floods of August 5 and 6. Tank cars for transportation of pure water have been dispatched to Ibaraki. Arrangements were also made to send motor-driven boats to the scene to aid in rescue work. Eleven hundred blankets have also been sent to the Ibaraki Prefecture by the Kanto Regional Disaster Board.
- 2. Mr. Isomura indicated that the organizational structure of the Disaster Relief Planning Board has not been established. There are indications that prefectures have not been brought into the organization in such a manner that all prefectures and the To are organized to assist each other when disaster strikes, and the prefectures look toward Tokyo-To for assistance, rather than depending upon the Kanto Regional Disaster Relief Planning Board, of which each prefecture is a member.
- 3. It was suggested that Mr. Isomura plan meetings and conferences for the purpose of pointing out that each prefecture has specific responsibilities as a member of the regional planning board and that the practice of depending upon Tokyo-To should be eliminated.

ROBERT W. STEMPLE Chief Public Welfare Section

LIAISON OFFICE TOKYO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

10 August 1950

T.L.C.O. - R. No. 793

Report on the Natural Disasters SUBJECT:

: Headquarters, Kanto Civil Affairs Region (Att'n: Public Welfare Section) OT

1. Reference is made to memorandum, KCAR KPW 370.1; subject "Disaster Reports"; dated 29 March, 1950.

2. Enclosed herewith is the report of disasters suffered in Tokyo-To, as this office was asked to sumit it to your office by chief of Welfare Bureau, Tokyo-To.

OTO SHIRO KURO DA

Director of Liaison Office Tokyo Metropolitan Gov't.

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- Kind of disaster -----------------Flood
 - Places, In Adachi-Ku Umeda-cho, Senjutakasago-cho, Motoki-cho, Gotanno-cho, Itoyanishi-cho. In Katsushika-ku Kosuge-cho.
 - Date and Duration of Flood. From 30 July, 1950 2 August, 1950 To
- Casualties.

Dead None Injured Missing 11 -Homeless

The Number of Damaged Houses and Others. (C)

> The No. of houses flooded above the floor-level and sufferers.

· 1,320 units------5,846 persons. The No. of houses flooded below the floor-level. 9,400 units------39,400 persons.

(D) Immediately employing the measures by way of the Natural Disaster Relief Law, Tokyo-To began to extend relief to the sufferers. In this way, they were assured the foodstuff, as it was arranged on the scene and distributed among them.