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HEADQUARTERS
WAKAYAMA CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM
APO 25

26 August 1949

SUBJECT: Communist Subsidation of Teachers

TO : Chief
Kinki Civil Affairs Region
APO 25
Attn: Civil Education Section

1. In compliance with request of your headquarters an investigation of the information reported in paragraph 8., Section 3-1, Wakayama Civil Affairs Activities for July 1949, was conducted by the Civil Education Officer. The information referred to is the report that Communists were subsidizing teachers specified amounts for various degrees of cooperation.

2. The mayor of Tanabe City, Wakayama Prefecture, the source of the report to Civil Affairs, was personally contacted on August 25. Additional information obtained from the mayor was as follows:

a. He had heard from two persons that "the Communists are very much interested in Japanese education." He could not recall their identities.

b. He had heard from one person during an informal conversation at a meeting to the effect that Communists were subsidizing teachers monthly as follows:

¥ 3000 if they didn't oppose and if they would teach Marxist principles.

¥ 7000 if they were active in party affairs.

¥12000 if they assumed leadership in party affairs.

The mayor "couldn't remember" the person's identity or the particular meeting but in answer to leading questions replied that he was an intellectual person and that he "may have been an official" and also that he was a person not in a position to have first-hand knowledge of the matter.

c. All of the above assertions referred to Japan as a whole and had not been localized.

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3. Due to the mayor's apparent reluctance to disclose persons from whom he received the information it was impossible to pursue the matter farther through him.

4. Reliable educators in the Tanabe area were contacted including a former employee of Civil Education Section. None had heard of Communists subsidizing teachers and they discounted the probability.

5. Although the mayor's statements were believed to have had some foundation at the time of the original interview, due to his position and to figures he quoted, it appears that they were based upon rumor. The report will be considered as such by this headquarters until such time as substantiating evidence obtained through future investigation might prove otherwise. Any subsequent information discovered will be duly reported.

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