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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS Civil Afrairs Section APO 500

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17 MAR 1950

SUBJECT: Inquiry from Korean Government

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Kinki Civil Afrairs Region APO 25

1. Reference your letter, File No. 091, subject "Conscription Notice to Korean Resident in Japan", dated 16 February 1950.

2. A copy of the Korean Diplomatic Mission note to Diplomatic Section, GHQ, SCAP, dated 10 March 1950 is inclosed for your information.

FOR THE CHIEF, CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION:

1 Incl Ltr fr Korean Diplomatic Mission dtd 10 Mar 50

The Korean Diplomatic Mission in Japan presents its compliments to the Diplomatic Section of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of its notes of February 21, 1950, and February 27, 1950, concerning certain communications from Korea to the Mayor of Nagoya and certain other individual in Japan.

The Diplomatic Section is informed that the complete information and enclosures contained in the above notes have been forwarded to the competent authorities of the Republic of Korea for investigation.

The Diplomatic Section will be informed of the actions taken as soon as such information is available to the Mission.

March 10, 1950

To the

Diplomatic Section of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, Tokyo.

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HEADQUARTERS KINKI CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

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24 February 1950

JCP Reactions to Attorney-General's

Notification on 14 February 1950

TO:

Chief

Civil Affairs Section

GHQ, SCAP APO 500

- 1. Newspapers and radio broadcasts on or about 13-14 February 1950, reported the Attorney-General's Office to be considering action against six Communist organizations for failure to register in accordance with Cabinet Order 64, 1949. One of the six organizations, i.e. the Fuse City Committee of Osaka Prefecture, is within the jurisdiction of Kinki Civil Affairs Region.
- 2. Submitted herewith for your information is a report prepared by the Fuse Municipal Police on the reactions of the Fuse City JCP Committee to the notification.
- 3. It may be noted that members of the party presented six propositions to the Public Hearing Section of Fuse City. (Paragraph I, 1, a-f of Inclosure 1.) The Chief of the Section replied as stated in paragraph 3, a-d; whereupon the Party posted a wall newspaper, as reported in paragraph 4.

FOR THE CHIEF:

1 Incl: Fuse Municipal Police Report

STERLIN C. MOORE Major INF Deputy Chief

HEADQUARTERS KINKI CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

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24 February 1950

Kyoto Mayoralty Election

TO:

Chief Civil Affairs Section GHQ, SCAP APO 500

- 1. Attached hereto as Inclosure 1 is a statistical report on the election of Mayor of Kyoto City, held 8 February 1950. This report follows the pattern of MG-22 Rl formerly submitted on all elections.
- 2. Incidents observed by the surveillance teams have been the subject of a number of telephone conversations between the Legal and Government Sections of this and your headquarters, and will not be summarized in this report.
- 3. It may be noted from Inclosure 1 that of the three candidates, only Mr. Takayama was a party nominee. The other two candidates ran as Independents; however, Mr. Tabata (reportedly a member of the Democratic-Liberal Party) and Mr. Watsuji (reportedly a member of the Democratic Party) sought the conservative vote. During the campaign there was considerable publicity to the effect that Mr. Takayama was a coalition candidate of the left wing parties, including the JCP; at the same time there were newspaper reports that Mr. Takayama was the Socialist Party candidate, and as such, did not solicit JCP backing. Just how much of this was political doubletalk is not known; however, the two Independent candidates divided the conservative vote and Mr. Takayama, with left wing backing, won the election. The JCP was vociferous in its praise of their part in Takayama's election.
- 4. Shortly after the election, Mr. Takayama paid a courtesy call to this headquarters. Following exchange of pleasantries, the Chief of the regional team asked Mr. Takayama about his official obligations to the JCP for their support in the election, to which Mr. Takayama replied, "I can well understand your concern about any political

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obligations which may be owed to the Communist Party; however, I am not under obligation to the JCP. At the time of nomination of candidates, the JCF did not feel sufficiently strong to enter a candidate who had any possibility of being elected. They adopted the candidate of the Socialist Party as their own. The Socialist Party and I personally disclaimed any request for aid from the Communist Party. For myself, I am not a Communist. I am a Christian and my family has long been associated with the Doshisha University in Kyoto, and were among the first Christians in Kyoto. There is no obligations owed to the JCP."

- 5. A few days after the election, reports reached this headquarters that the Uzumasa Police Station in Kyoto was conducting an investigation of election irregularities in connection with Mr. Takayama's campaign. The police report is attached hereto as Inclosure 2. In summary, the Mayor-elect, who is advisor to the Japan Farmers' Union, Uzumasa Chapter, convened with officers and members of the Union on 13 January. He is alleged to have made a speech at this meeting in which he announced that he was going to accept the Socialist Party nomination as candidate, and solicited their favors. This occurred almost one week before the legal date for filing papers of nomination and the official opening of the campaign, the 19th of January. Persons who were present at the meeting have been interrogated by the police and their statements of what Mr. Takayama said are not in agreement. Some of those present state that Mr. Takayama asked for their votes in the forthcoming election; others deny that Mr. Takayama made any such request. As of 21 February Mr. Takayama himself had not been interrrogated in this matter. The case is now in the hands of the Kyoto District Procurator, who has informed this headquarters that upon completion of the investigation, the Procurator will seek the advice of the High Procurator of Osaka, and possibly the Attorney-General on final disposition of the case.
- 6. About the 14th of February, reports were received by this headquarters that Mr. Watsuji's campaign had also attracted police attention. Mr. Watsuji had the support of Governor Kimura. The reports inferred that Governor Kimura, through Mitsugu Ogawa, chief secretary of the Governor's office, had been instrumental in collecting large sums of money from prominent Kyoto businessmen in behalf of Mr. Watsuji's campaign. A report of the Kyoto Metropolitan Police is attached hereto as Inclosure 3. As of 21 February three persons are under detention for investigation. To date the Governor has not been questioned. Governor Kimura has informed this headquarters that he has an appointment to see the District

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Procurator, Sunday, 26 February. The Kyoto District Procurator has stated that before any final disposition of the Watsuji case is made, further advice may be sought from the High Procurator's Office in Osaka, and possibly the Attorney-General's Office in Tokyo. The District Procurator left Kyoto for conferences in Tokyo 22 February.

- 7. Governor Kimura visited this headquarters 23 February to discuss post-election maneuvering in Kyoto City. He was quite concerned over the tactics being used and commented on the fact that only Mr. Takayama and Mr. Watsuji's campaigns had been scrutinized by the law enforcing agencies. Nothing has been said about Mr. Tabata (Deputy Mayor prior to the election) and it is Governor Kimura's theory that there is a plan to unseat Mayor Takayama for election law violation, and to discredit Mr. Watsuji and the Governor, leaving the way open for Mr. Tabata at the next election. Further comments of Governor Kimura are set out in Inclosure 4.
- 8. Governor Kimura said he had no fear of judicial review of his conduct in supporting Mr. Watsuji, but that the prior conduct of the police and procurators, and the sensational publicity given by the press might do irreparable damage to his political reputation. He requested Civil Affairs to:
- a. Advise the Procurators to conduct their investigation of his office in secrecy;
- b. Advise that the Covernor will not be taken into custody for interrogation; and
- c. Request the Procurator to submit the results of his investigation to Civil Affairs for further instructions.
- 9. Civil Affairs did not accede to these requests, and further advised the Governor that Civil Affairs had consistently followed the policy of non-interference in the administration of justice unless irregularities were observed on the part of the Japanese agencies. After discussing the irregularities or differences, a report is then made to GHQ, SCAP.
- 10. The Governor further stated that although the total legal expenses for the Kyoto mayoralty election was less than \$200,000, every one of the three candidates, including Mr. Tabata, had far exceeded that sum in his campaign. In response to that statement, the Governor was advised

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to make his proof available to the District Procurator, as the laws apply equally to all persons. If the Procurator and police failed to accept that evidence, Civil Affairs would welcome a report.

11. Surveillance will be continued and your headquarters informed of developments.

5 Incls:

1. Summary of election

2. NRP report

3. Kyoto Police report

4. Gov. Kimura's statement

5. Newspaper clippings

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