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Kawaguchiya Firearms Co., Ltd.

NO. 3-4 CHOME, MUROMACHI, NIHOMBASHI,
CHUO-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"KAWAG" TOKYO

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June 5th, 1951.

TEST FIRING FOR RIOT-TYPE SHOT-GUN.

1. Gun tested : 12 Gage 20" barrel RIOT-TYPE SHOT-GUN(manufactured by KAWAGUCHIYA for TRIAL.
2. Shell used : Buck shot(0.0.) Shell.
3. Way of test: Trial firing for the Targets has been made in the distances as mentioned below:-

- (A) a.. 20 yards(10 Ken)
b.. 40 yards(20 Ken)
c.. 60 yards(30 Ken)
d.. 80 yards(40 Ken)
e.. 100 yards(50 Ken)

- (B) Putting a Pine Board 6 Bu(3/4 inch) thick right behind every target, the penetration test of pellets has also been made.

LIST OF TEST RESULT.

Ranges	Numbers of Shot in a Shell.	Shell	
		Dispersion	Piecing force
10 yards	9 pellets		
20 yards	"		
40 yards	"		
60 yards	"		
80 yards	"		
100 yards	"		

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WAY OF TEST.

Trial firing for the targets has been made in the distances as mentioned below:-

- A) a.. 20 yards.
- b.. 40 yards
- c.. 60 yards
- d.. 80 yards
- e..100 yards

- B) Putting a Pine Board 5 Bu(1.465 inch) thick right behind every target, the go-through test of pellets has also been made

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Then 7 June - 1300 hrs.

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April 14th, 1951

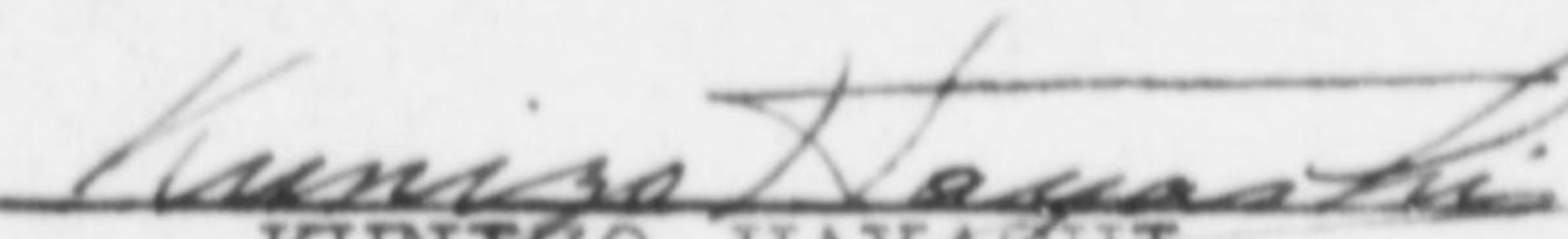
Lt. Col. William A Drowns
Prison Branch,
P.S.O., G.H.Q.,
Room 405, N.Y.K. Building.

Re: Trial making of Riot-type Shot Gun.

Referring to your inquiry for the above subject, we are pleased to inform you that we are now setting about the trial making as mentioned below and wish to note that our proposal in this connection made on March 26th should be cancelled accordingly.

1. Name of Article: 12 ga. 20" Barrel, Riot-type Shot Gun.
2. Quantity of Guns: Two(2) ea.
3. Charges for trial making: All to be borne by ourselves.
4. Expected time of completion: Within abt. 60 days.
5. Estimate of price and time of delivery covering 1,200 ea. Shot Guns.

We shall submit our estimate upon detailed cost calculations after the completion of trial making.


KUNIZO HAYASHI
President

Kawaguchiya Firearms Co., Ltd.

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April 13th, 1951.

Lt. Col. Drowns.
Prison Branch.
P.S.D. G.H.Q.

We have pleasure in submitting you to your reference and consideration a statement as to the history and contents of our firm as mentioned below and at the same time we wish to call your attention to your inquiry for Pump-guns.

1. Brief History of our Company.

ESTABLISHED in the 20th year of Meiji(1887).

CHIEF BUSINESS: Manufacturing and dealing in Sporting Guns as well as Explosives.

HEAD OFFICE: No.3-4 Muromachi, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo.

BRANCH OFFICE: In Osaka, Hakodate(Hokkaido) and Iwamizawa (Hokkaido).

FACTORIES: (In Tokyo Area).

For Metal Working: No.897 Kami-Renjaku, Mitaka-City.
(Manufacturing and repairing of Metal Goods,...in its neighbourhood all around).

For Wood Working: No.814 Kami-ishiiki, Koiwa-machi, Edogawa-ku, Tokyo.

For Repairing: One Gun Smith near Head Office and also one Factory at Azuma-cho, Mukojima, Tokyo.

2. Contents of Business:

Our business are divided into two sections as follows:

1. Selling to Coal and Metal Mines Explosives and Articles worked up with powders.
Electric Generators for igniting Detonators.

2. Making and Selling of Sporting Guns, Air-Guns and its accessories.

We have so far washed our hands of newly making of Guns except only Repairing to the extreme limit, according to the Prohibitive Direction for making Guns after the war. Consequently, our Mitaka Factory has been compelled to be closed.

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After the breakout of the Korean war, however, we have received through Procurement Section of the American 8th Army, the orders covering Making of Hand Guard Fronts and also Making of large number of M-1 Carbine Stocks, in result of which our business has gradually become to be restored to the state in pre-war time. Furthermore, in virtue of the Permissive Direction put in force in December 1950 for making Guns, we have started to reopen and well equip our Mitaka Factory since April 1st of this year, so that we are now putting there some of the skilled mechanics and additional instalments of available machines.

This factory, besides the making of Guns, aims to make the Kelmet Bearings for motor cars crank shaft, Machines of cutting Leathers and Tyres, all having the strict exactness as high as 5/1000 mm. in connection with the operations.

As regard to the management of our Company, we enjoy an unlimited credit having the financial accommodations from the Chiyoda Bank (one of so called "Three Diamond Banks" in Japan) and we are now carrying on business under very strong standing with the total yearly sales amounting to 4 billion.

3. Your inquiry for Pump Guns:

These guns have not ever been made in Japan and have the specific constructions that they have been nearly all studied and developed only in America. For making these guns in Japan, therefore, it is considered imperatively necessary to have the satisfactory trial making and proper time for the purpose accordingly. In case, however, the hurried delivery of the guns is required by you, we can possibly shorten the time of trial making by anticipating risks to some extent, but we are confident that it is best to set about the making just after frequent repetitions of the trial making and every occasional studies.

The plan of ours is as follows:

(1). 1st Trial Making for Samples:

To begin for one or two ea. right now.

(2). Monthly Production:

70 ea. or more if possible, in deference to your instructions. We shall do our utmost effort so as not to lose the superior workmanship to meet your requirement.

(3). Price:

To be made out according to Cost Calculations after Trial Making. Taking into consideration to the competitive prices of other makers, we should like to hear your suggestions about the

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reasonable price as you think proper.

4. Delivery Place and Packing when delivered:

These shall be decided according to your instructions.

5. Materials of Guns:

In case we could not obtain in Japan, we shall inform you to that effect after trial making and we shall be glad if you will kindly use your influence in our behalf in getting them upon acknowledgement of the reason of our impossibility. At the present time, however, we think we shall be able to get them all.

6. Shells:

We are ready to begin the making right away just as Samples and Terms as we previously submitted to you the other day.

We await with keen interest your favourable reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours very faithfully,

Kunizo Hayashi
KUNIZO HAYASHI
President

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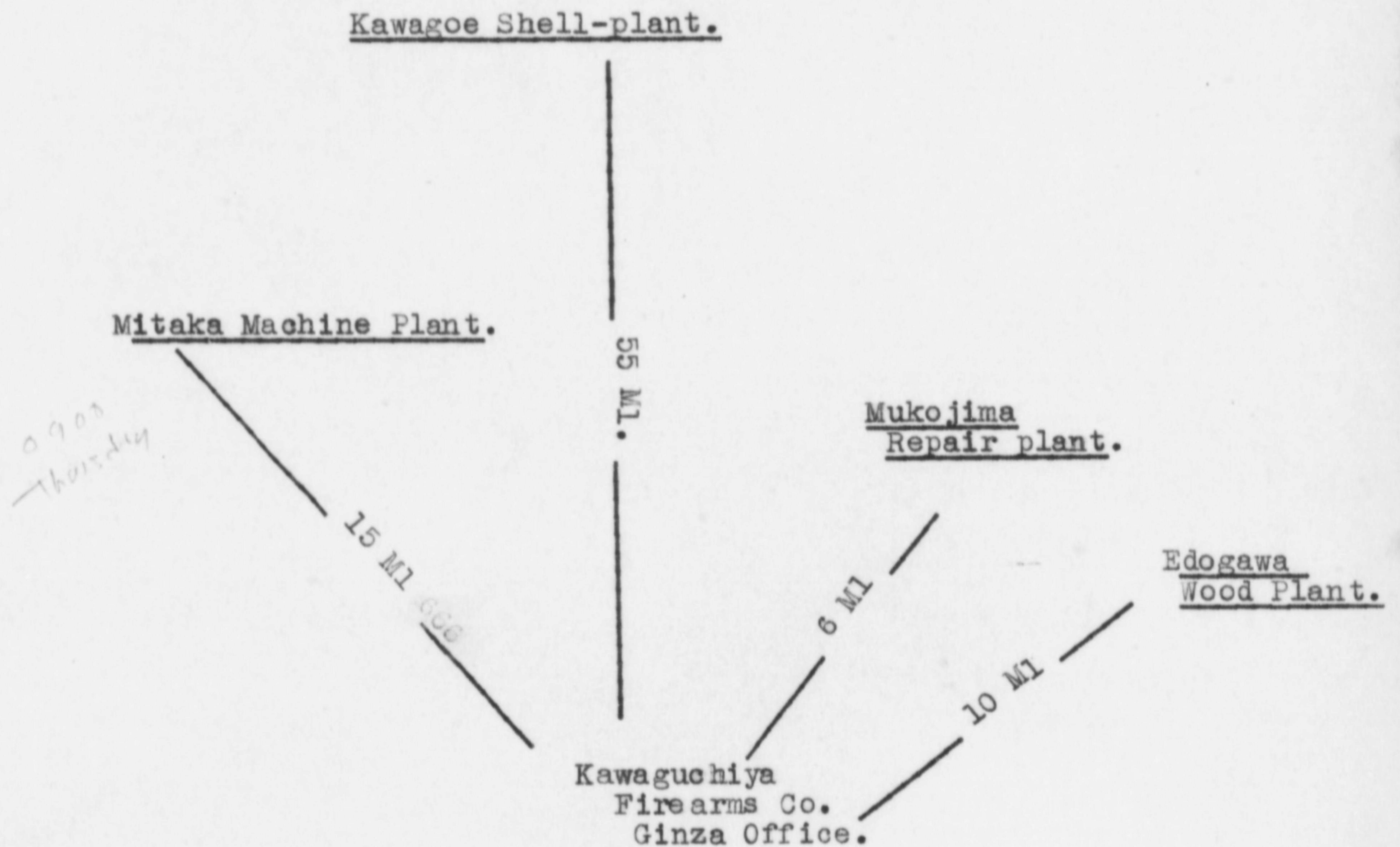
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MAP OF FACTORY

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Kawaguchiya Firearm Co, Ltd

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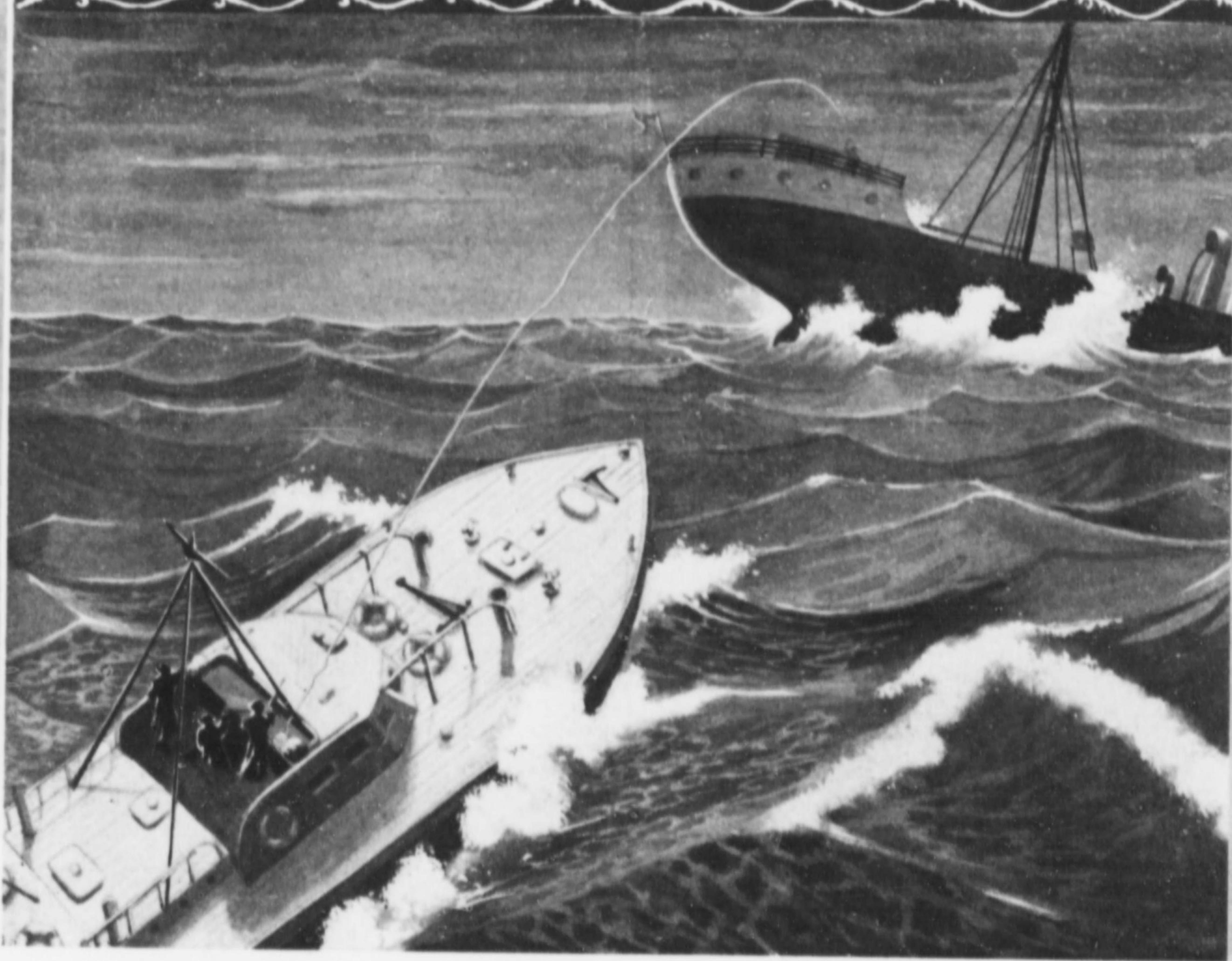
Brought samples of paper & brass
with price list for shellsNeeds more time on arms estimate
will notify later

Monday 1000 man will call

もやい索投射器

人命救助 =

連絡用 =



製造元

株式
會社

東京都中央区日本橋室町4~3

川口屋林銃砲火藥店

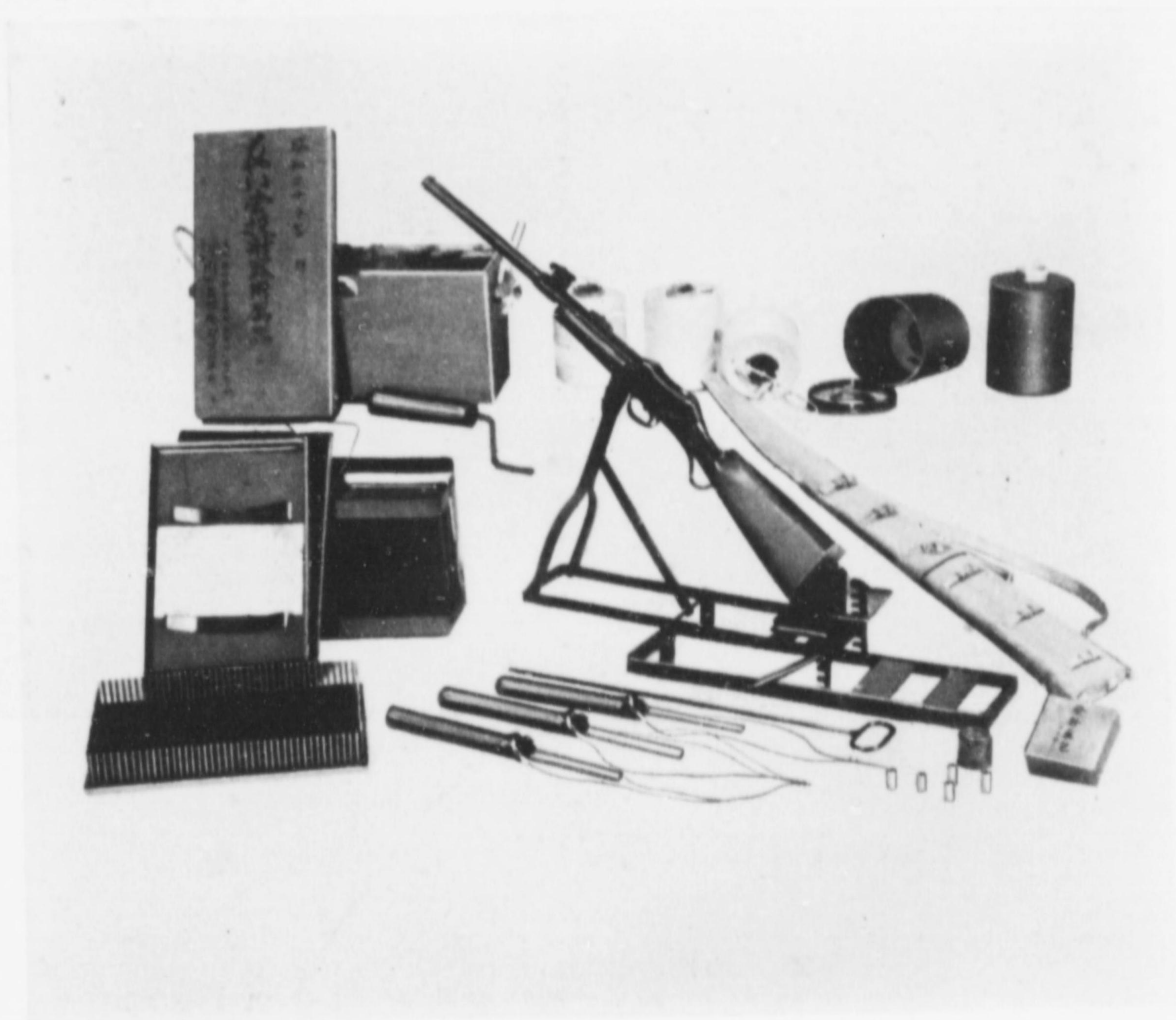
TEL 日本橋 (24) 0920~3

支店	{	大阪市南區西清水町30	TEL 南 4502
		函館市若松町96	TEL 函館 2221
		岩見澤市一條西2~8	TEL 岩見澤 23

我國の船舶界が水難により年々莫大な損害を蒙つて居りますことは、御承知の通りであります

此の損害を軽減することが出来ればと弊社は多年苦心研究の結果、今般總司令部並に關係官廳より「もやい索投射器」の製造販賣の許可を受けたのであります

本品の優秀な性能は必ず需要家各位の御満足と御賞讃を得られる事と確信して居ります



弊社製作の「もやい索投射器」は下記の如き優秀な性能を有して居ります

照準確實 引金を引いた瞬間高速度で発射された投射桿は短時間で目的物に到達しますから、ハンドレッドの様な風による偏向は殆どなく、特殊な迎角照準器は動揺する船上でも正確な発射が可能です

索は No. 1 の場合に 100 m No. 2 の場合に 150m の距離に達し、弾道は大きな拋物線を描きますから、大型船をも容易に超へ連絡出来ます

取扱簡易 狭い動揺する船上での取扱いに便利の爲重量は一人で容易に操作出来るもので又大きさも最少限の型で尙発射時の反動にも耐へる安定性を有します

優秀な材料で極めて堅牢に製作され、悪天候の際でも又荒い取扱いにも耐へますので初心者にも何等の危険なく御使用出来ます

経費僅少 発射薬包の外は繰返し御使用出来ますので維持費は極めて僅少で済みますし、又附属品のみの單獨納入も致します

「もやい索投射器」は船舶用の救助、連絡用品としての用途の他に陸上での土木工事、水力工事、電線架設、消防用 等各方面に甚だ有効に御利用出来ます

「もやい索投射器」一組内譯

名 稱	數 量	重 量	摘 要
もやい索投射器	1	3,360 g	
投 射 桿	3	@ 690×3=2070	
索 No. 1	3	@ 630×3=1890	徑 4.5 mm 150 m
索 No. 2	3	@ 250×3=750	徑 1.5 mm 200 m
索 筒	2	@1600×2=3200	
洗 矢	1	200	
捲 芯	3	@ 110×3=330	
捲 棒	1	700	
投 射 器 皮 袋	1	870	
附 屬 品 收 納 木 箱	1	4,800	
索 收 納 箱	3	@ 2400×3=7200	運搬棒付
索 折 疊 器	1	2,300	
發 射 藥 包 5 發 入 罐	4	@ 130×4=520	1 組分 20 發
發 射 台	1	7,100	

御一報下されば直ちに參上詳細なる使用法を御説明致します

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March 22nd, 1951.

Lt. Col. William A. Drown,
Prison Branch,
P.S.D., G.H.Q.

ESTIMATION FOR BUCK-SHOT.

1. Specification of Shell.

1. Gage: 12 Gage.
2. Length of Shell: 2-1/2".
3. Size and kind of Shot: 00 Buck, 9 Pellets(Riot Type).
4. Quality: Superior quality of cases and weather-proof,
Highest quality Primmer.

2. Quantity: 120,000 ea.

3. Price: Calculated according to the present market price as under:

- A. Paper-Shell(as per the samples herewith).
1 ea. Yen 63.00 Total: Yen 7,560,000.00
- B. Brass-Shell (as per the samples herewith)
1 ea. Yen 98.00 Total: Yen 11,760,000.00

4. Packing:

1. Each 10 shells packed with water-proof carton.
2. 10 cartons(containing 100 shells) kept in Tin-Can which is properly packed over within wooden box.
3. On the paper shells, the marks will be printed in accordance with your instructions.


5. Materials: Lead, Brass and other materials are to be supplied from the Japanese Government(The Ministry of Trade and Industry).

6. Partial payment: 1/2 of the contract amount to be paid in advance, when the contract is done.

7. Place of delivery: Kawaguchiya Firearms Co., Ltd., Ginza Office.

8. Time of delivery: After the conclusion of Contract,
A..(Paper cases) not later than 90 days.
B..(Brass cases) not later than 120 days.

9. Term of validity of Estimate: March 31, 1951.


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March 26th, 1951.

Lt. Col. William A Drown
Prison Branch,
P.S.D., G.H.Q.

Re: Riot Type Shot-Gun(Slide action hammerless
Repeating Shot-Gun.

Request for trial making.

Referring to your inquiry for the 1200 ea. of the above subject, we have investigated at our factory about the delivery time as well as calculations of the price, we have found that it is very difficult to furnish you our definite quotation unless otherwise we should investigate most tangibly as to the obtaining of materials and proceeding of making and other technical points. We should like therefore to do the trial making according to the following conditions if you will kindly favor us with your order.

Descriptions for trial making of Gun).

1. Type: 12 ga. Riot-type, 20" barrel Shot-Gun.
2. Quantity: 5 ea.
3. Time of delivery: 100 days(10th July, 1951) after setting about making.
4. Factory of trial making: Kawaguchiya Firearms Co., Ltd. Mitaka Plant.
5. Materials: Special high quality steel(pipe and others) which are very difficult to get by ourselves so that we wish to have them supplied by your-goodselves.

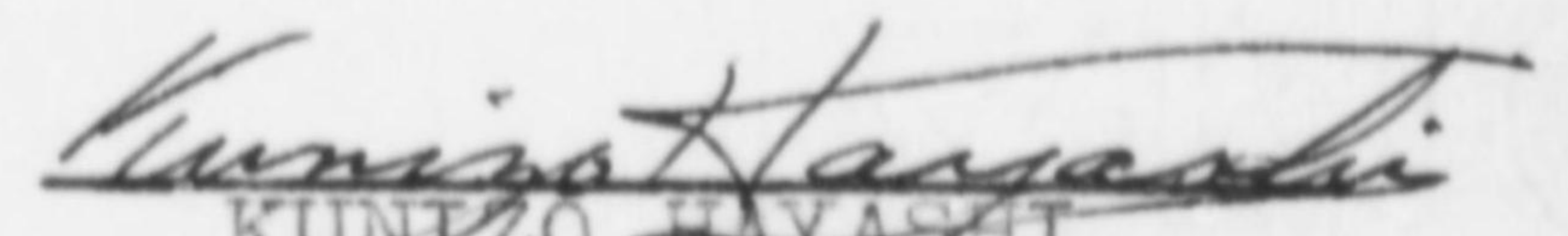
Remarks:

1. Regarding the time of delivery for 1200 ea. as ordered, we shall be able to furnish you with our firm estimate of the price before the trial making has been finished and your shot testing should be aproved satisfactory.
2. The guns and shells are required to be placed to our Kawaguchiya Factory.

Want order first - NG

If get order, stand expense of pilot models - OK

If no order; want pay for pilot - NG


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April 26th, 1951.

Lt. Col. William A Drowns.
Prison Branch.
P.S.D. G.H.Q.

Re: Riot-type Shotgun.

DATA.

Gauge of Bore	12 ✓
Boring of barrel(Riot-type)	Cylinder. ✓
Type of action	Slide. ✓
Type of firing mechanism	Hammerless.
Type of magazine	Tubular. ✓
Capacity of magazine	5 shells. ✓
Length of barrel(Riot-type)	20 in. ✓
Length of stock and receiver (approx)	20 in.
Length of assembled gun(Riot-type)	39½ in.
Weight of assembled gun, (without bayonet attachment, approx) ...	7½ lbs.

REMARKS.

The Riot-type gun is usually furnished with a 20" plain barrel, bored full cylinder. Some of these guns have a bayonet attachment and hand guard attached to the muzzle end of the barrel and the magazine, and a leather sling attached to a sling swivel on the bayonet magazine tube and the stock. If equipped with bayonet attachment it is solid-farme.

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