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Government
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM

- 8 Apr 47 Request for Interpreters
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- 13 Oct 47 Special Rpt on Surveillance of Local Elections

SUBJECT: Welfare Section 2.0.1.

Welfare Section

1. To handle all complaints or visits from asylum directors and as a rule send them to the prefecture for settlement when our files show that organization is functioning properly and requests are reasonable (exercise no preference to any religious group).
2. To keep two Japanese files inspecting the various asylums and compile data on all the organizations for future military government activities.
3. To expedite and fairly clarify problems of foreign missionaries.
4. To maintain liaison with 2nd Division regarding religious institutions and asylums.

Welfare Relief Operations

To direct our staff in making spot checks of welfare cases in Osaka Prefecture. These reports constitute spot checks for monthly welfare reports and also statistical comparisons. Any violations of basic democratic procedure are investigated accordingly.

Welfare Relief Supplies

1. To receive monthly inventories of welfare relief supplies from the Welfare Section of Osaka Prefecture.
2. Inspect the warehouses storing relief supplies (spot check).
3. Check records of relief distribution to keep the officials honest.
4. Implement the provisions of OSAF Directive concerning distribution of clothing items. Attempts should be made that 15-20%

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM

10 October 1946

SUBJECT: Welfare Section S.O.P.

Welfare Asylums

1. To handle any complaint or visits from asylum directors and as a rule send them to the prefecture for satisfaction when our files show that organization is functioning properly and requests are reasonable (exercise no preference to any religious group).
2. To keep two Japanese girls inspecting the various asylums and compile data on all the organizations for future military government activities.
3. To expedite and fairly clarify problems of foreign missionaries.
4. To maintain liaison with 25th Division chaplains on religious institution asylums.

Welfare Relief Inspections

To direct four girls in making spot checks of welfare cases in Osaka Prefecture. These reports constitute spot checks for monthly welfare reports and also statistical compilations. Any violations of basic democratic procedure are investigated separately.

Welfare Relief Supplies

1. To receive monthly inventories of welfare relief supplies from the Economic Section of Osaka Prefecture.
2. Inspect the warehouses storing relief supplies (spot check).
3. Check records of relief distribution to keep the officials honest.
4. Implement the provisions of SCAP Directives concerning distribution of clothing items. Attempts should be made that 15-30%

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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8 April 1947

SUBJECT: Request For Interpreters

TO: Osaka Liaison Office
ATTN: K. Okazaki

It is requested that you supply 58 interpreters April 4, 5, and
6, for purposes of covering elections.

William F. Berry
Capt. William F. Berry
Osaka Mil Govt Team

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

12 April 1947

REPORT ON THE SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTIONS

- 000.1
- I Osaka Prefecture
 - A. 1,797,600 Registered voters
 - B. 1,059,019 Votes cast
 - C. Three people were found not registered but claiming to be.
 - II Sixty three surveillance teams covered the election.
 - A. 1061 polling stations in Osaka Prefecture.
 - 1. 936 polling stations visited by surveillance teams.
 - B. 192 ballot counting stations in Osaka Prefecture.
 - 1. 152 ballot counting stations visited (additional counting stations could not be observed because of the rapidity of counting votes)
 - III Several inspections proved availability of candidates purge questionnaires at Election Administration Committees Offices and at Screening Committees offices.
 - IV Publicity that candidates purge questionnaires are available at the offices of the Election Administration Committees' and at the Screening Committees offices was released to twenty three newspapers and to radio station "JOBK" in Osaka. In addition each political party and all candidates were well informed of the same and the information was used in campaign speeches.
 - V Approximately ten people were found examining Purge Questionnaires at both the Election Administration Offices and at Screening Committees Offices during half hour inspections by Military Government.
 - VI There were four candidates for governor in Osaka Prefecture.
 - A. Liberal, Akama Bunzo
 - B. Communist, Shida Shigeo
 - C. Socialist, Kozuki Tamotsu
 - D. Independent, Hayashi Kozo

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- VII Winning candidate for governor, AKAMA HUNZO, Liberal.
- VIII There were forty-one candidates for Mayors of cities in Osaka Prefecture.
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| A. | Socialist | (7) |
| B. | Progressive | (4) |
| C. | Communist | (8) |
| D. | Sanshoki Seinen To | (1) |
| E. | Democratic | (1) |
| F. | Liberal | (5) |
| G. | Kokumin Kyodote | (2) |
| H. | Independent | (13) |
- IX Winning candidates for Mayor by parties.
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|----|--------------------|-----|
| A. | Socialist | (2) |
| B. | Progressive | (0) |
| C. | Communist | (0) |
| D. | Sanshoki Seinen To | (0) |
| E. | Democratic | (1) |
| F. | Liberal | (1) |
| G. | Kokumin Kyodote | (0) |
| H. | Independent | (4) |
- X Number of candidates for Chiefs of towns and villages by parties.
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| A. | Socialist | (4) |
| B. | Liberal | (12) |
| C. | Democratic | (6) |
| D. | Co-Operative | (1) |
| E. | Communist | (4) |
| F. | Independent | (207) |
- XI Number of candidates elected by parties.
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| A. | Socialist | (1) |
| B. | Liberal | (11) |
| C. | Democratic | (5) |
| D. | Co-Operative | (1) |
| E. | Communist | (0) |
| F. | Independent | (131) |
- XII There were no women elected in Osaka Prefecture.
- XIII Total number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by parties.
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| A. | Progressive | (280) |
| B. | Liberal | (910) |
| C. | Socialist | (1,575) |

D.	Communist	(1,478)
E.	Co-Operative	(107)
F.	Democratic	(455)
G.	Independent	(1,362)

XIV There were an adequate number of polling places in Osaka Prefecture in the opinion of Military Government observers.

XV Four election bulletens are included with this report.

XVI Total number of pre-election meetings held by M.G. Team.

A.	with Election Administration Committee	(3)
B.	with officials	(3)
C.	with candidates	(3)

XVII To insure proper understanding of the coming elections and their significance in the rehabilitation of Japan, extensive publicity was released to make the public voting conscious. This program provided for the display of hanging banners, the exhibition of large bill boards, and circulars issued through neighbourhood associations. In addition over 46,000 posters were affixed in prominent places, and slides were distributed to the nine moving picture theatres to show on the screen.

To help publicize the election a contest was held for the best "Election Watchword". The winning entry "Raise up your country with the power embodied in one righteous vote", was used on many of the posters and banners.

Military Government helped to contribute to publicizing the elections by numerous press, and radio releases and close coordination with the election committees. In addition Military Government personnel initiated an extensive plan of questioning early in the campaign to gain information as to the best and most efficient means of releasing election information to the general public.

XVIII Number of violations reported to Military Government.

A.	Election campaign posters found within 360 yards of poll. (9 violations)
B.	Policeman found in poll. (1 violation)
C.	Voters allowed to leave room before dropping vote in box. (1 violation)
D.	Government official in poll without proper authority. (1 violation)
E.	Two voters allowed in the same voting booth at the same time. (1 violation)

REMARKS

Totals in this report do not include run off elections to be held in

Sakai, Kishiwada, and Takasaki cities; and in the villages of Yada, Kashiwara, Furuichi, Tadoka and Takaishi.

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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14 April 1947

SUBJECT: Election Report

TO: Commanding General
Hq Eighth Army
APO 343

Transmitted herewith are Election Reports for Osaka
Prefecture.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl.
Rpt covering 12
and 14 Apr 47

EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant

cc to Hq I Corps
APO 301

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
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14 April 1947

REPORT ON THE SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTIONS
(Additional Report on Cities over 100,000 Population)

- I Osaka City
- A. 819,286 Registered voters
 - B. 409,016 Votes cast
 - C. No persons claiming registration and found not registered.
- II Seventeen surveillance teams covered the election in Osaka City.
- A. 223 polling stations in Osaka City
 - 1. 223 polling stations visited.
 - B. 22 ballot counting station in Osaka City.
 - 1. 22 ballot counting stations visited.
- III There were five candidates for mayor of Osaka City.
- A. Socialist
 - B. Progressive
 - C. Communist
 - D. Sanshiki Seimoto
 - E. Democratic
- IV Winning candidate - Socialist, KOWDO HIRO
- V No violations reported to Military Government.

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14 April 1947

REPORT ON THE SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTIONS
(Additional Report on Cities over 100,000 Populations)

- I Sakai City
- A. 100,990 Registered voters
 - B. 62,163 Votes cast
 - C. Three people were found not registered but claiming to be.
- II Four surveillance teams covered the election in Sakai City.
- A. 47 polling stations in Sakai City.
 - 1. 47 polling stations visited.
 - B. 2 ballot counting station in Sakai City.
 - 1. 2 ballot counting station visited.
- III There were four candidates for mayor of Sakai City.
- A. Socialist
 - B. Communist
 - C. Independent (2)
- IV There will be a run off election on April 15 for YAMAGUCHI, KATSU and TSUJIMOTO, ZENSHICHI - both Independents.
- V Election campaign posters found within 100 yards of three separate polls but offense had been corrected upon later visits to same polls.

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14 April 1947

REPORT ON THE SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTION
(Additional Report on Cities over 100,000 Population)

- I Fuse City
 - A. 69,422 Registered voters
 - B. 38,912 Votes cast
 - C. Three people were found not registered but claiming to be.
- II Two surveillance teams covered the election in Fuse City.
 - A. 26 polling stations in Fuse City.
 - 1. 26 polling stations visited.
 - B. 3 ballot counting station in Fuse City.
 - 1. 3 ballot counting station visited.
- III There were three candidates for mayor of Fuse City.
 - A. Liberal
 - B. Socialist
 - C. Communist
- IV Winning candidate - Liberal, SHIOKAWA, SEIJO
- V Only violation reported was finding of campaign poster within 300 yards of poll. This offense had been corrected upon a later visit to the same poll.

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660**

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6 May 1947

SUBJECT: Election Report
TO: Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343

Transmitted herewith are Election Reports for Osaka Prefecture.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
Rpt

EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, FA
Adjutant

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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23 August 1947

SUBJECT: Elections

**TO: Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301
ATTN: Mil Govt Sec**

1. Reference is Letter, Headquarters I Corps, file AG 014 - BA, subject: Elections, dated 19 July 1947.

2. An election will be held in Osaka Prefecture to fill a vacancy created through the resignation of a town mayor.

- a. Date of election - 10 September 1947.
- b. Position to be filled - Mayor of Kadoma-cho.
- c. Number of observation teams required from tactical troops - None.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

**EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant**

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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13 October 1947
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SUBJECT: Special Report on Surveillance of
Local Elections

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

1. There was a special election held at Kashiwara-Cho on October 5, to select a new mayor to replace Mayor Kosaku Inui who resigned from office when one of his subordinates spent public funds without authorization.

2. The election was observed by Military Government and the following was noted.

a. Kashiwara-Cho

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| 1. Registered voters | 12,060 |
| 2. Votes cast | <u>6,757</u> |
| 3. People claiming registration but found not registered | none |

b. One surveillance team covered the election.

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| 1. Polling places in Kashiwara-Cho | 9 |
| 2. Polling places visited by surveillance team | 9 |
| 3. Ballot counting station in Kashiwara-Cho | 1 |
| 4. Ballot counting station visited by surveillance team | 1 |

c. The two candidates for mayor and votes received are as follows:

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| 1. Tsurukichi Masui, Independent | 4,072 |
| 2. Shiro Aoki, Independent | <u>2,540</u> |

d. There were an adequate number of polling places in the opinion of Military Government.

e. There were no violations reported to Military Government, however the military government observer noted one violation, the presence of an unauthorized policeman in poll. This violation was reported to the proper authorities.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

FRANK G. SEITZ
Lt. Col, Inf
Adjutant

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- 7 Aug 46 Complaint on TOMITA TOSHIE - Case No 1
- 7 Aug 46 Complaint on YAMAGUCHI TERUSHIRO - Case No 2
- 7 Aug 46 Complaint on MISHIMA TOSHI - Case No 3
- 7 Aug 46 Complaint on MISHIMA TOSHIO - Case No 4
- 7 Aug 46 Complaint on SANO SENOSUKE - Case No 5

- 21 Sep 46 Release of Prisoner

- 7 Feb 47 Location of Missing Persons
- ~~14 Feb 47 Personal Data re. Governors~~ *Cancelled*

- 25 Jan 47 Screening of Teachers
- 18 Feb 47 Investigation of Prefectural Branches of the Greater Japan Educ Assn
- 24 Mar 47 Repatriation of Seiji Higo

- 8 Mar 47 Location of American Born Japanese Children

- ~~14 Feb 47 Personal Data re. Governors~~
- 1 Mar 47 Personal Ltr to Col Tway to Col Partridge (Gov Kotaro Tanaka)
- 5 Apr 47 Reentry Permits into Philippines
- 25 Jun 47 Petition for Leniency (T. Hattori)
- 25 Jun 47 Personal History of Governor of Osaka Pref
- 1 Jul 47 Ltr of Transm - (Kokichi Nishigaki)
- 5 Dec 47 Kagawa, Leader Christian Church in Japan
- 30 Oct 47 *Report Central Post Agencies in Osaka*

- 24 Sep 46 Movement of Civilians
- 19 Nov 46 Recommended Replacement of Shigetaro Shirai of Osaka Teachers Screening Committee
- 14 Dec 46 Accomodation for Lady Artist
- 28 Dec 46 Kan Ichikawa, Former Chief of Educ Dept, Osaka City

of the distribution should be a gratis relief distribution.

5. Receive weekly reports from prefecture on welfare distribution (mostly repatriates).

Welfare Reports

To receive and re-submit welfare reports to higher headquarters (2 reports monthly).

Housing

1. To inspect the general nature of housing conditions and make plans for improvement.

2. To check enforcement of SCAP rules on the migration of populations.

3. To receive reports on housing conditions from prefecture and re-submit monthly reports to higher headquarters.

Miscellaneous

1. Handle education of Homei-In by lectures, etc.

2. Deal with miscellaneous welfare problems such as playgrounds, etc.

3. Inspect plans for the welfare program in the event of emergencies such as fire, earthquake, etc.

4. To check the validity and violations as shown in CCD info sheets.

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660**

Welfare
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7 August 1946

SUBJECT: Complaint on TOMITA TOSHIE - Case No. 1
TO : Head of Crime Prevention - Economics Section
THRU : The Japanese Liaison Office, Osaka

1. Information has been received regarding one TOMITA TOSHIE, 237 Katayama, Honmachi, Suita City, Osaka, who sent American DDT by parcel post on 24 June 1946.

2. TOMITA TOSHIE had full knowledge that the DDT she sent was American made and she was not supposed to handle it.

3. A full report will be submitted to this office not later than 13 August 1946, advising us the results of the investigation and report of action taken.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HARRY M. WEINREBE
Captain, CWS
Adjutant

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660**

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7 August 1946

SUBJECT: Complaint on YAMAGUCHI TERUSHIRO - Case No. 2
TO : Head of Crime Prevention - Economics Section
THRU : The Japanese Liaison Office, Osaka

1. Information has been received regarding one YAMAGUCHI TERUSHIRO, offering to trade, in cotton yarn, staple fibre and galvanized iron sheets, at black market prices.

2. The following is the quantity and prices of the goods offered:

						<u>Per Bale</u>
a.	Cotton yarn	10 s	Single	10 B/S	¥35,000	
b.	"	16 s	"	10 "	41,500	
c.	"	20 s	"	4 "	43,000	
d.	Staple fibre	20 denier	Single	3 "	25,000	
e.	"	16 "	"	1 "	26,000	
f.	"	16 "	"	3 "	26,500	
g.	"	20 "	"	3 "	26,500	

3. In addition he has 4,800 pounds of rayon. The price is about ¥2,700 per case containing 48 Kan.

4. Regarding galvanized iron sheets, he offers 1,000 sheets, his commission is about ¥7,500 per capita.

5. A full report will be submitted to this office not later than 13 August 1946, reporting the results of this investigation and what action was taken.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HARRY M. WEINREBE
Captain, CWS
Adjutant

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660**

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7 August 1946

SUBJECT: Complaint on MISHIMA TOSHIO - Case No. 3
TO : Head of Crime Prevention - Economics Section
THRU : The Japanese Liaison Office, Osaka

1. Information has been received regarding one MISHIMA TOSHIO for trading and offering to trade woolen yarn and other government controlled goods.

2. MISHIMA TOSHIO sent 120 pounds of woolen yarn to FUJII YOSHIMITSU and offered the following for sale:

- a) 30,000 galvanized iron sheets No.30
5 x 10 shaku.
These sheets have been delivered at
¥150 per sheet.
- b) 300 cotton work suits at ¥150 per suit.
- c) Shibaura made induction motor with the
following characteristic:

500 H.P.
3,300 K.W.
Rotation - 600
Price: ¥480 per H.P.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

**HARRY M. WEINREBE
Captain, CWS
Adjutant**

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660**

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7 August 1946

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SUBJECT: Complaint on MISHIMA TOSHIO - Case No. 4

TO : Head of Crime Prevention - Economics Section

THRU : The Japanese Liaison Office, Osaka

1. The attached letter disclosed information which should be cause for an investigation by your office.
2. A full report will be submitted to this office not later than 13 August 1946, advising us as to the results of the investigation and what action, if any, was taken.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

**HARRY M. WEINREBE
Captain, GWS
Adjutant**

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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8 August 1946

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SUBJECT: Complaint on SANO SENNOSUKE - Case No. 5
TO : Head of Crime Prevention - Economics Section
THRU : The Japanese Liaison Office, Osaka

1. Information has been received regarding one SANO SENNOSUKE, 16 Yamasaka-cho 5-chome, Higashi-sumiyoshi-ku, Osaka, offering a critical item as follows:

Commodities: Steel nails, 1" to 4" inclusive
Quantity: 350 kegs, abt. 15 tons
Prices: ¥1,100.- per keg
Terms of payments: 1/2 in Restricted Cheque and
1/2 in cash.

2. It is desired that a full report be submitted to this office not later than 17 August 1946, advising us as to the results of the investigation and what action, if any, was taken.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HARRY M. WEINREBE
Captain, GWS
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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21 September 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Prisoner

TO: Governor, Osaka Prison, Sakai City
Osaka, Japan

1. Reitetsu Yu, an inmate of Osaka Prison, was given a sentence of six months' confinement on 6 August 1946 which was suspended for one year, and expulsion to Formosa.

2. It is requested that Reitetsu Yu be released in the custody of Mr. Okawa Mitsugo, lawyer, until he is returned to Formosa.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL TRUXIS:

P. BURDICK
Capt, AUS
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 660

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7 February 1947

SUBJECT: Location of Missing Persons

TO: C.G. I Corps APO 301

1. Reference "SCAPIN-237, 4 November 1945. subject: Official Relations Between Japanese Government and Representatives of Neutral Nations"

a. Mr. HIROSHI GIRI (Japanese National), hereafter referred to as the husband, claims to have married Miss ELLEN ANTONETTE HOLESHEIMER (Dutch National) hereafter referred to as the wife, No. 18 BALISTRAT, GOEBING SOERABAIA, JAVA on 16 November 1942 in Soerabaia, Java.

b. Other facts given which might assist in locating the wife follows;

- (1) Wife's father A.W.K. HOLESHEIMER, same address as wife's.
- (2) Wife's aunt ANNA NERBAT No. 34 REGENTESSIAAN SOERABAIA, JAVA.
- (3) Mutual friend of husband and wife and wife's family: JARN HOUT No. 21 BILITONSTRAAT, GOEBING SOERABAIA, JAVA or No. 21 LOMBOKSTRAAT, GOEBING SOERABAIA, JAVA.
- (4) Wife's birth date: 16 November 1923.
- (5) October 1943 husband claims to have clandestinely met his wife and child in a concentration camp in Soerabaia. At that time he was told that she was to leave for the central part of Java in the immediate future.
- (6) October 1943 is the last time the husband has seen or heard from his wife.

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2. Mr. Hitoshi Giri requests information leading to the whereabouts of his alleged wife.

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Edward B. Millett
EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant

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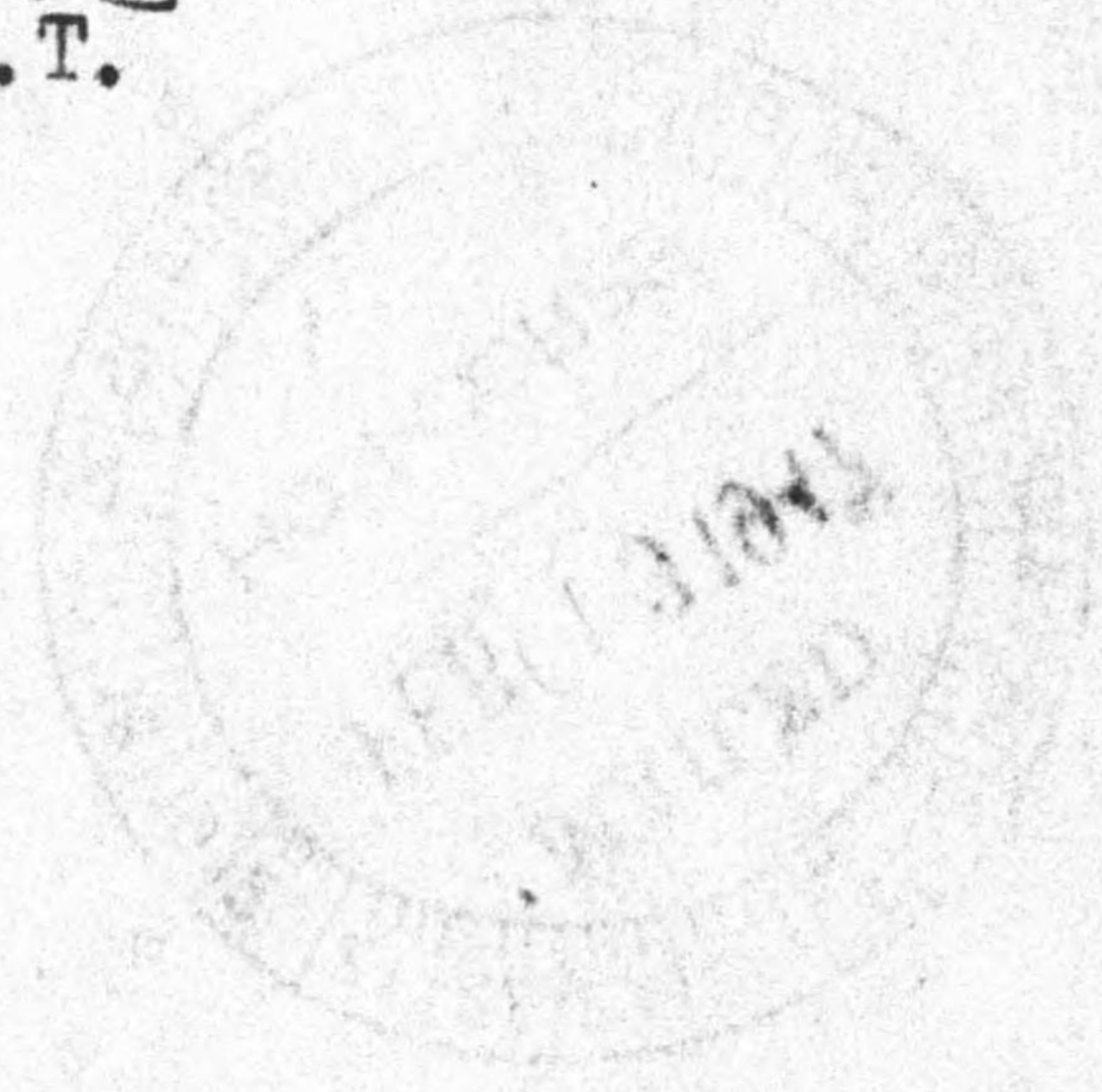
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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 13 FEB 1947

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

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Ltr, Hq Osaka Mil Govt, APO 660, dtd 7 Feb 47, subj: "Location of Missing Persons"

AG 383.6 (MG-L)

2nd Ind.

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500

Request by Japanese national for information concerning Dutch national wife is forwarded for your consideration.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS, APO 500, 16 July 1947

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

Memorandum Netherlands Military Mission, file L.1/4497, 9 July 1947, concerning subject Dutch national is attached hereto.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

1 Incl
Memo from Neth. Mil. Mission, L.1/4497, 9 July 47.

M. F. Noyes
M. F. NOYES
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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Ltr, Hqs Osaka Military Government Team, APO 660, dtd 7 Feb 47,
subj: Location of Missing Persons

AG 383.6(MG-L)

4th Ind

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

21 JUL 1947

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

Attention is invited to the inclosed memorandum.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

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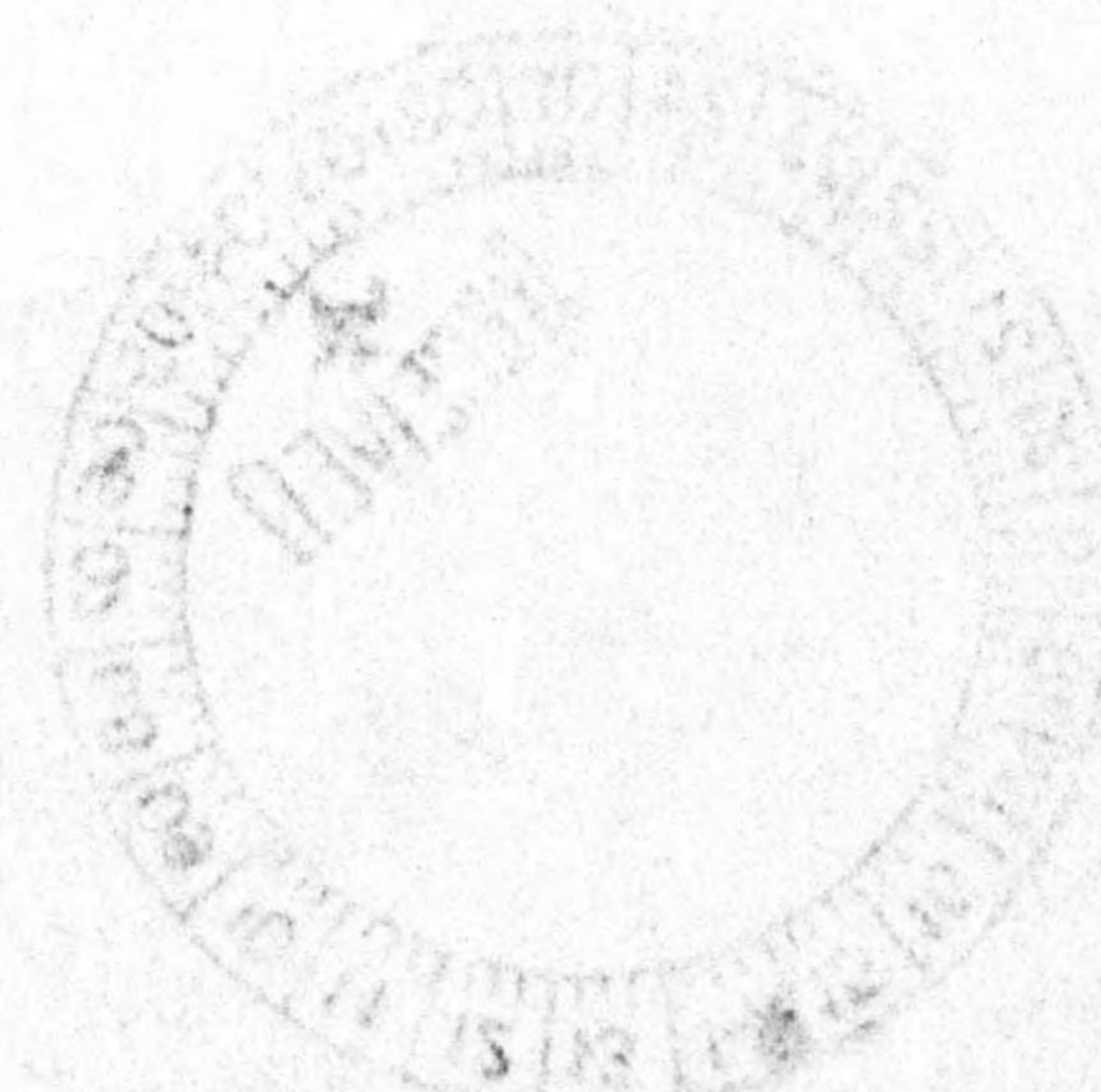
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TO: CO, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 660

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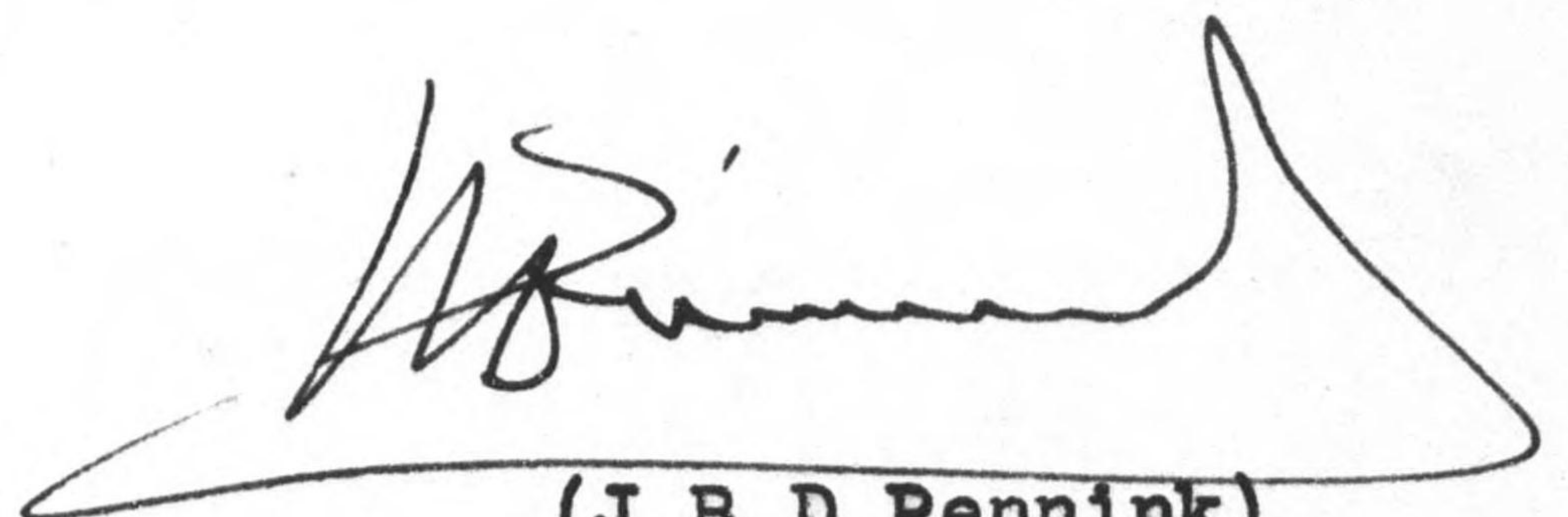
NETHERLANDS MILITARY MISSION
JAPAN
ROYAL NETHERLANDS LEGATION

No. L. 1/4497

Tokyo, July 9th 1947. ✓

With reference to your memorandum of February 27th, subject: Location of missing persons, in particular about Miss Ellen Antoinette Holesheimer, a Dutch national, I beg to submit herewith the following information received from the Netherlands Indies Government.

Miss Holesheimer was married on November 6th 1946 to Corporal M. Ruffi at Soerabaia, Java. According to her statement she was never legally married to Mr. Hitoshi Giri, a Japanese national. The above statement is confirmed by the Chief of Police at Soerabaia, who states that during the Japanese occupation it was not permitted to Japanese to marry persons of another race, in particular Europeans. It never happened once that in those days a Japanese was married legally to a subject of the Netherlands East Indies. Also if Miss Holesheimer had been legally married to a Japanese citizen she would never have been placed in a women's camp. The conclusion therefore is that she was not married to Hitoshi Giri and was perfectly entitled to marry a Dutch citizen.



(J.B.D. Pennink)
Adviser political and
economic affairs.

General Liaison Section G2-
of General Headquarters
Attention Colonel B.T. Pash
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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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25 January 1947

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SUBJECT: Screening of Teachers

**TO: Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301
Military Government Section
ATTENTION: CI & E Division**

1. Enclosed herewith are statistics on the screening of teachers in the primary, secondary and higher schools of Osaka Prefecture.

2. Figures on resignations in the higher schools and complete figures on the universities will be given by telephone as soon as they are received.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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As indicated

EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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18 February 1947

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SUBJECT: Investigation of Prefectural Branches of the
Greater Japan Education Association.

TO: Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301
ATTENTION: CI & E, Military Government

1. Reference is made to letter, file AG 0008-BA, Hqs, I Corps, Subject: Investigation of Prefectural Branches of the Greater Japan Education Association, dated 14 January 1947.
2. There is a Kyoiku Kai in Osaka Prefecture. This Association was a branch of the Dai Nippon Kyoiku Kai (now called Nippon Kyoiku Kai) until September 1946. Since that time the association was reorganized and it is now an independent organization.
3. In addition to the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai, there are seventeen local Kyoiku Kai, that is, one (1) for each of the ten (10) cities and seven (7) "gun" in this prefecture. These local Kyoiku Kai are for all practical purposes independent organizations, but they cooperate with the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai and contribute 200 yen a year each to its support.
4. The membership of the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai is made up entirely of teachers at the present time. The membership of some local Kyoiku Kai, however, consists of teachers, some parents, and a few patrons.
5. All teachers in all schools from the kindergarten to the University in this prefecture are nominally members of the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai. In the local Kyoiku Kai only a part of the local teachers are members.
6. The membership dues of the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai are paid by each school on the basis of the number of classes in the school. For example, a school with one (1) to four (4) classes pays 100 yen. One with five (5) to fourteen (14) classes pays 150 yen.

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 660, subj: Investigation of Prefectural Branches of the Greater Japan Education Association, dtd 18 Feb 47.

Schools with more than fifteen (15) classes pay 200 yen. All universities and "Semmon Gakko" pay 200 yen. No membership dues are presently paid to the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai directly by individual teachers.

7. The income of the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai for the current fiscal year (April 1946 - March 1947) was derived from four sources, as follows:

a. From the headquarters of the Nippon Kyoiku Kai. Beginning with the next fiscal year income from this source will cease.

b. From the prefectural government.

c. Membership dues, as described in paragraph six (6).

d. Business income derived from royalties on books, the sale of magazines, the sale of school supplies, commissions on the sale of life insurance policies, etc.

8. The Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai has very little policy, apart from the holding of occasional lectures for teachers, the granting of a few very small scholarships for teachers, and the awarding of small prizes to schools and students for meritorious records during the year. No particular influence on this policy is known to have been exerted by any special individual, although the Speaker of the Prefectural Assembly, in his capacity as President of the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai may be presumed to exercise some influence because of the subsidy received by the Association from the Prefectural Assembly.

9. The financial administration of the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai is carried on by two independent departments; (a) General Affairs Department and (b) Welfare Department. As of 31 January 1947, the books of the General Affairs Department showed a cash balance of 25,685 yen and frozen deposits amounting to 39,882 yen. The existence of the Welfare Department as an independent financial unit was discovered at the last moment. A financial statement has been requested and will be forwarded as soon as the figures have been received and checked.

10. The Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai compiled a budget for the current fiscal year, but owing to the reorganization it was not carried out.

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The main items of income and expenditure up to 31 January 1947 follow:

Income

a. From Hqs Nippon Kyoiku Kai	22,394.00
b. From Prefectural Assembly	21,090.00
c. From schools (membership dues)	51,698.00
d. Business income (sale of books, association magazine, school supplies, life insurance, etc.)	<u>124,124.00</u>
Total	219,306.00

Expenditure

a. Office expenses (salaries, etc.)	156,881.00
b. Business expenses (printing, lecture meetings, prizes, etc)	34,339.00
c. Official meetings	<u>6,754.00</u>
Total	197,974.00

It will be seen from the above that roughly ninety (90) per cent of the income of the Association is used for salaries and other business expenditure. During the current year only a total of 7,892 yen was spent for teachers' lecture meetings and prize awards. The actual amount used for lecture meetings was in fact 2,845 yen.

11. There is now no formal connection with the Tokyo Office of the Nippon Kyoiku Kai. However, the Chief of the General Affairs Section of the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai, who is also a member of the Board of Directors, is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Nippon Kyoiku Kai.

12. Educational services performed by Osaka Kyoiku Kai during the current year consisted of three lecture meetings for teachers on the teaching of history and geography and two 2-day summer courses for teachers, one on Mt. Koya and the other on Mt. Hiei. A monthly educational magazine is published. Four children's books were published during the year. No grants were made for teachers' studies nor were any student scholarships given.

13. The officers of the organization consist of a President,

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two (2) Vice-Presidents, a Board of Directors of twenty (20), of whom three (3) constitute a standing committee, three (3) auditors, and a Board of Counsellors consisting of seventy (70) members. All of these officers are elected for two years by a general meeting of representatives from all member schools, each school sending one delegate to the meeting.

14. No "professional" organizations other than the Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai have begun to function importantly in this prefecture. However, the Osaka Military Government Team has been working for three months with a Committee of 100 Teachers from all parts of the prefecture on educational problems. This Committee will report 7 March on plans for professional unions on all levels and the organization of an Educational Council for the prefecture.

15. The Osaka-fu Kyoiku Kai is not a serious professional educational organization, but rather an organization designed to assist the education department of the prefecture in carrying out odd jobs connected with schools. It helps to provide uniforms, athletic equipment, and school medicines, to assist in the rationing of food to the schools, occasionally to assist schools in some building project, etc. The magazine published by the Association is not a serious magazine for educators, nor are the very small scholarships occasionally given to teachers of any real help in assisting research.

16. According to general opinion the Kyoiku Kai in this prefecture are not bad, but are of very little use. It is felt by many, however, that there is a place for some such organization, and steps have been taken in various cities to transform the Kyoiku Kai into Koen Kai (Aid Associations). These associations would consist of parents and would be headed up by prominent citizens interested in education. Their chief work would be to aid schools, teachers, and students where aid was needed and to organize public opinion in support of educational projects of a general nature. It is felt by this Team, however, that such "Aid Associations" would militate against the effectiveness of Parent-Teachers Associations, and it is recommended that they be discouraged. It is further recommended that the Kyoiku Kai be discontinued and that plans be made for the creation of truly professional organizations (as distinct from teacher organizations affiliated with the labor movement), working under the direction of a broad and active educational council. Such

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of Prefectural Branches of the Greater Japan Education
Association, dtd 18 Feb 47.**

**organizations could carry out truly professional projects, while
Parent-Teacher organizations could function somewhat as they do
in the United States.**

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

**EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant**

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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24 March 1947

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SUBJECT: Repatriation of Seiji Higo

TO: Senior Military Government Officer
Northern Ryuku Islands
Naze, Amani O'Shima

1. Seiji Higo left this Prefecture on 20 March 1947 for his home.
2. Subject person is still blind and has requested that he be allowed to return to Japan for treatment for his eyes.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F.A.
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NORTHERN RYUKYU ISLANDS
NAZE, AMAMI O'SHIMA

JTS/ak

27 November 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Seiji Higo.

TO : Senior Military Government Officer
Kagoshima, Kyushu,
Japan

1. Request your assistance in arranging for the repatriation of Seiji Higo who is now living with one Mr. Yoshiguma Tsuchi, No. 4 - 70 Noe Higushino Cho, Joto Ku, Osaka City.
2. Subject person is blind and his immediate family contend he has not applied for application to be repatriated at this time. His home address is No. 1117 Agina, Tatsugo Mura, O' Shima Gun.
3. Request you inform this Headquarters of action taken.

FRED M. LABREK
Major. CE
Commanding

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HQ, KAGOSHIMA MIL GOVT TEAM, APO 929, 20 December 1946

TO: Commanding Officer, Osaka Military Government Team,
Osaka, Honshu, Japan
Through Channels

Forwarded.

RUSSELL E. McMURRAY
Lt Col . INF
Commanding

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Mil Govt Northern Ryukyu Islands, Naze, Amami
Oshima, subj: "Repatriation of Seiji Higo", dtd
27 November 1946.

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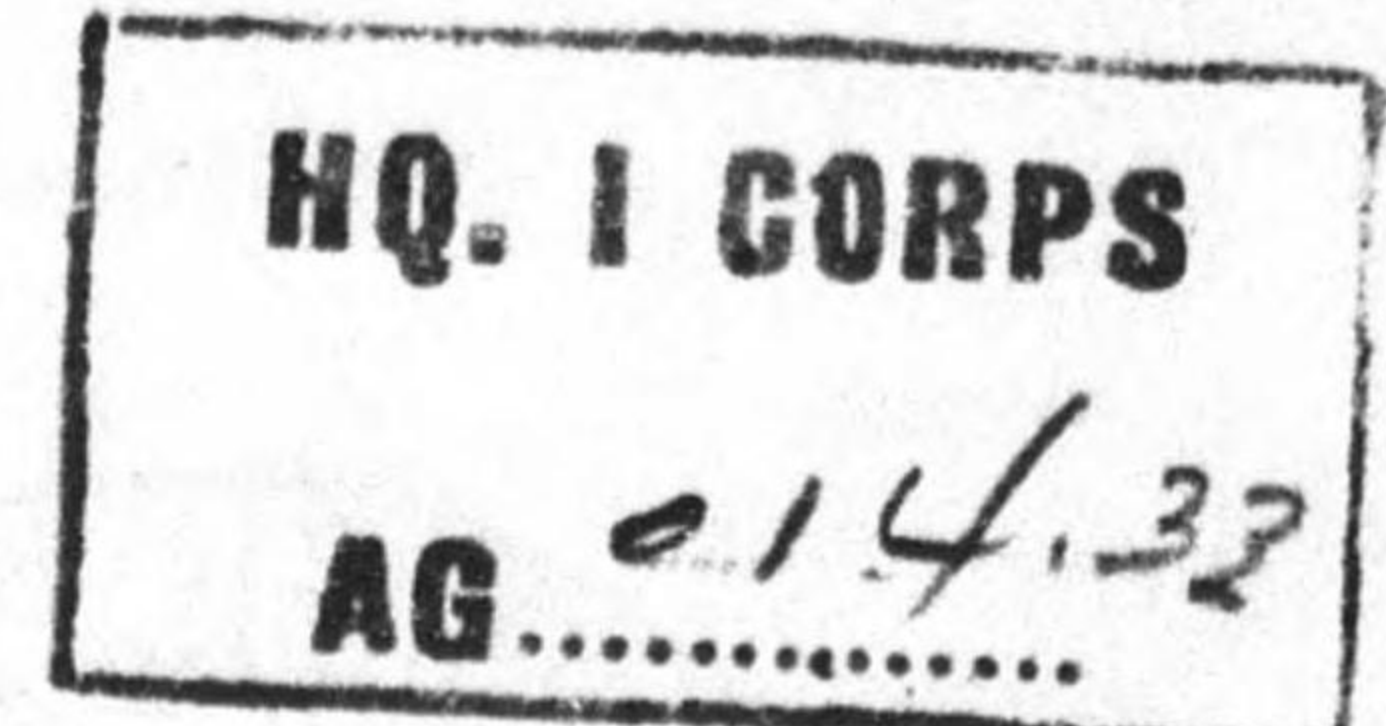
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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 30 December 1946

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

Forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



Charles D. Allen / aff.
CHARLES D. ALLEN
Captain, INF
Adjutant.

AG 014.33

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

8 JAN 1947

TO: CO, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 660

It is desired that you investigate the circumstances of Seiji Higo, determine his desires as to repatriation, and make appropriate recommendation to this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

H B Taylor
H. B. TAYLOR
MAJOR, A.B.D.
ASST. ADJ. GEN.

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Mil Govt Northern Ryuku Islands, Naze, Amami O'Shima,
subject: "Repatriation of Seigi Higo" dtd 27 November 1946.

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Hq. Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 660, 15 January 1947

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

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1. Subject Seigi Higo desires repatriation but did not register because of his blindness.

2. Prefectural Authorities have been requested to contact subject person and effect his repatriation under provisions of Par. 4, A. G. 014.33 (16 Dec 46) G. C. (SCAPIN 1407) subject: Termination of Mass Repatriation from Japan, dtd 16 December 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Edward B. Millett
EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F.A.
Adjutant

AG 014.33 - BA

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 23 JAN 1947

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343.

For your information and consideration.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. B. Taylor
H. B. TAYLOR
MAJOR, A.G.D.
ASST. ADJ. GEN.

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Ltr, Hq Mil Govt Northern Ryukyu Islands, Neze, Amami Oshima, subj
"Repatriation of Seiji Higo," dtd 27 Nov 46.

AG 383.6 (MG-I)

6th Ind

27 JAN 1947

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500

Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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R. SCHAFER
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Mil Govt Northern Ryukyu Islands, Naze, Amami O'Shima, 27 November 1946, subject: "Repatriation of Seiji Higo", to Senior Mil Govt Officer, Kagoshima, Kyushu, Japan.

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AG 014.33 (27 Nov 46)GA 7th Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS, APO 500, 31 January 1947

THRU: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

Request reply be made direct to originator when repatriation of Seiji Higo is effected.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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R. G. HERSEY
Lt. Col AGD
Asst Adj Gen

AG 383.6 (MG-I) 8th Ind

4 FEB 1947

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

Forwarded for necessary action in compliance with 7th indorsement. *N-m*

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:



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R. SCHAFER
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

HQ. I CORPS
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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Mil Govt Northern Ryukyu Islands Naze, Amami O' shima,
subj: "Repatriation of Seiji Higo", dtd 27 Nov 46.

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 12 FEB 1947

TO: CO, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 660

For compliance with 7th indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

H. B. Taylor
H. B. TAYLOR
MAJOR, A.B.D.
ASST. ADJ. GEN.

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

FSJ/kn

8 March 1947

SUBJECT: Location of American Born Japanese Children.

TO: The Foreign Service of the United States of America
Yokohama Division,
Diplomatic Section, GHQ SCAP,
American Consulate Building, APO 943
ATTENTION: U. Alexis Johnson, American Consul

1. In compliance with your request, 28 February 1947, the following information is submitted concerning the whereabouts of the American born Japanese children listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Theodore Keichi NIIYA	Nov. 14, 1927	Honolulu, T.H.
Lilian Junko NIIYA	Feb. 27, 1930	Pahao, Puna, T.H.
Beatrice Eiko NIIYA	Feb. 18, 1933	Pahao, Puna, T.H.
Ernest Junichi NIIYA	Oct. 24, 1934	Pahao, Puna, T.H.

2. Upon investigation, it was found that the guardians, Shisuya and Fumio Ogawa, and Chiyo Machida, of 40 Katsuyama-dori, 8-chome, Higashinari-ku, Osaka, together with the children moved from this address prior to the war and their present whereabouts is unknown.

3. In this connection we have asked the Japanese police to make further investigations and should anything develop from this investigation, we shall notify your office immediately.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)
MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION

February 13, 1947

014

Lt Col Thomas D. Tway
Osaka Military Government Team
APO 660

Dear Lt Col Tway,

My office is compiling a "Who's Who" of our prefectural governors. The information we are in need of includes such facts as the governor's name, permanent domicile, date he assumed office, length of time he has resided in prefecture, his civilian occupation or profession, places of residence outside Japan with periods of such residence, and any other information of a similar character.

Please send us this information at your earliest convenience.

When changes in the governorship are made, we shall need this data on the new governor.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Partridge
Frank H. Partridge
Colonel, Infantry

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

HBO/tm

14 February 1947

014

SUBJECT: Personal Data re. Governors
THRU: Director General, Osaka Liaison Office
TO: Governor, Osaka-fu

1. It is requested that this office be furnished with the following information with reference to the Governors of Osaka-fu from 1 January 1946 to present date:

- a. Name.
- b. Permanent domicile.
- c. Date he assumed office.
- d. Age when he assumed office.
- e. Length of time in office.
- f. Length of time he has resided in Prefecture.
- g. His civilian occupation or profession.
- h. Places of residence outside Japan with periods of such residence.
- i. Marital status.
- j. Education.

2. When changes in Governorship are made, please furnish the same information on new Governor.

FOR COMMANDING OFFICER:

EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

CAB/rj

5 Apr 47

SUBJECT: Reentry Permits into Philippines

**TO: Commanding General
Headquarters Eighth Army
APO 343
ATTN: Yokohama Division of the Diplomatic Section
GHQ SCAP**

1. Attention is invited to copy of letter from your headquarters dated 20 January 1947, addressed to Mrs. Sofia Calica Kondo.
2. Mrs. Kondo has requested this Headquarters to mail the necessary papers in compliance with your letter, so that reentry permit may be extended for one year.
3. Mrs. Sofia Kondo has a second child that was born on 18 February 1947 for whom she desires to obtain entry papers into the Philippines. Please advise how to proceed to obtain this.
4. It is requested that your reply be sent to this office so that Mrs. Kondo may be contacted.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Copy Ltr Dtd 20 Jan 47
" " Marriage Certificate
" " Birth Certificate
Ruth Kondo
Reentry Certificate

EDWARD B. WILLETT
Major, FA
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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25 June 1947

SUBJECT: Petition for Leniency

TO: Provost Court #1
Osaka

Transmitted herewith is a petition by Mr. T. Hattori,
presented to this office through the prefectural liaison
office.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl:
As indicated.

EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant

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**HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660**

JBS/ee

25 June 1947

SUBJECT: Personal History of Governor of Osaka Prefecture

**TO: Commanding General, I Corps
APO 301
ATTN: Mil Govt Section**

Transmitted herewith are a photograph and personal history of Mr. Bunzo Akama, present Governor of Osaka Prefecture.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

**Incls:
As indicated.**

**EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant**

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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1 July 1947

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Commanding Officer
Kyoto Military Government Team
APO 713

1. Transmitted herewith is the opinion of this office concerning Translation 5153.
2. Returned herewith is the basic communication, a letter of transmittal concerning Kokichi NISHIGAKI, 3-chome Honmachi, Kita-ku, Osaka.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incls:
As indicated.

EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant

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**HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25**

JBS/myt

30 October 1947

SUBJECT: Report on Central Government Agencies in Osaka

**TO: Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301
ATTN: Mil Govt Sec**

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Attached hereto is a report concerning the twenty-six (26) Central Government Agencies located in Osaka City as well as a report of the sections of the Prefectural Government which have been and which at the present time are qualified to handle the functions now being handled by the Central Government Agencies.

**MALCOLM E. CRAIG
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding**

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

JEB/myt

5 December 1947

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SUBJECT: Kagawa, Leader Christian Church in Japan

TO: Commanding General
I Corps,
APO 301

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Reference, ICO-29, search of records and institutions in Osaka reveal that Kagawa, Japanese national, purported leader of pre-war Christian church in Japan is not being held for trial before any court, Military or Japanese in Osaka Prefecture.

THOMAS D. TWAY
Lt. Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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24 September 1946

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SUBJECT: Movement of Civilians
THROUGH: Commanding Officer
Hyogo MG Team
Kobe, Japan
TO : Mayor of Amagasaki City, Hyogo, Japan

1. An employee of the Hitachi Shipbuilding K.K.,
Osaka, Japan, Mr. Abe Shuzo has his permanent residence
at

Aichi Ken
Yokaiichi Shi
Nishishinshi 558-1

2. The Hitachi Shipbuilding K.K. is engaged in scrapping
vessels under direction of the Naval Mission in Japan,
and Mr. Abe Shuzo's services are declared essential by the
company representatives.

3. Mr. Abe Shuzo desires to move to Amagasaki-shi, Tsuka-
guchi, Nishinoguchi 969-49 with his family, three(3) in all.

4. Request favourable consideration for approval of this
move.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

P. BURDICK
Capt., AUS
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

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19 November 1946

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SUBJECT: Recommended Replacement of Shigetaro Shirai of Osaka
Teachers Screening Committee

TO: Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301

ATTENTION: CI & E Mil Govt Sec

1. It has come to the attention of this Team that Mr. Shigetaro Shirai, a member of the Teachers Screening Committee of Osaka Prefecture, is desirous of reviving the Shuyo-dan, an organization which flourished before the war and which had for its object general spiritual discipline. While the avowed objects of this organization were friendship and hard work, it appears that the work of the organization was supported by big companies like Sumitomo for the purpose of keeping their workers in line. Students were also taken to various centers for purposes of hardening their bodies and disciplining their spirits. It is felt, therefore, that Mr. Shirai's attitude at this time, when efforts are being made to emancipate the spirit of the Japanese from old feudalistic disciplines, leaves something to be desired and that a younger and more progressive teacher might better serve the purposes of the Screening Committee.

2. It is recommended, therefore, that Mr. Shigetaro Shirai be removed from the Teachers Screening Committee of Osaka Prefecture.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant

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14 December 46

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SUBJECT: Accomodation for Lady Artist

**TO: P.M.A. Hamilton
WFS/LK
Headquarters BRINDIV**

1. Reference your letter about a lady artist coming to Osaka.
2. We must have the following information:
 - a. Nationality
 - b. Length of stay
 - c. Who she is going to deal with, i.e., American or Japanese
 - d. Date of arrival
3. With the above information we can accomplish the necessary arrangements.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

**EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant**

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WVS/UK.
C/o Welfare,
H.Q.,
BRINDIV.
9th December 1946.

Dear Sir,

On the staff of the WVS/UK we have one lady artist who has made pictures of which she is extremely anxious to have prints made, and she has been told that she will be best able to get this work done in Osaka.

I shall be indeed grateful if this lady might be allowed to come to Osaka, and have accommodation arranged for her. I believe there is no British element there and therefore I am writing to you to see if you can make the arrangements, or advise me to whom I should apply.

Yours sincerely,

P.M.A. Haniff

Organiser

W.V.S./U.K. Japan.

The Commanding Officer,
Osaka Military Government Team,
Osaka.

14 DEC 1946

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

28 December 1946

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SUBJECT: Kan Ichikawa, Former Chief of Education Department,
Osaka City

TO: Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301

1. Reference is made to letter, File AG 000.8-BA, Headquarters I Corps, subject: "Investigation of Japanese Schools", dated 1 October 1946.

2. Mr. Kan Ichikawa, subject of the complaint made by representatives of the Teachers' Association of the National Schools of the city of Osaka, resigned as Chief of the Education Department of Osaka City on 9 October 1946. The reason given by Mr. Ichikawa for his resignation was that he was responsible for dismissing the principals of eighty-nine (89) elementary and fifteen (15) secondary schools and some 3,000 teachers of schools which were destroyed.

3. Further investigation of Mr. Ichikawa disclosed the fact that while he was Chief of the Education Department of Osaka City he was concurrently Chief of General Affairs of the Education Society, Osaka Branch. This position he has retained, and so he continues to occupy one of the important educational posts in Osaka City.

4. The Education Society (Kyoiku Kai) of Osaka has branches in every ward and every elementary school of the city. The current budget was estimated at 220,000 yen, of which 120,000 yen was to come from the annual fees of members and 100,000 yen from the City Assembly. The society is, therefore, a semi-official organization.

5. The Education Society of Osaka is also an affiliate of the Japan Education Society (Nippon Kyoiku Kai), and Mr. Kan Ichikawa has been appointed a member of the Board of Directors of this national organization. Mr. Ichikawa's influence, therefore, in the educational world of Japan is potentially very considerable. Accordingly, an investigation of his war record has been made and the results of this investigation are submitted herewith.

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6. Mr. Ichikawa was, according to many informants, very patriotic and very active in the war effort. He was, according to his own admission, an admirer of Hitlerism because of its principles in regard to the education of youth. Believing in the Hitler principles of discipline for youth, Mr. Ichikawa was an active leader in the Seinenendan (Youth organization) of Osaka, a branch of the Dai Nippon Seinenendan. On orders from the Kambusho, and also because of his own convictions, he said that he advocated strong determination, unity of purpose and support of the total war effort while hostilities were in progress.

7. In the letter of complaint against Mr. Ichikawa it was stated that he had said publicly, "If the occupation forces come, give instruction in democratic ideals and in liberal education. When the occupation forces return, give ultra-nationalistic and super-state education. Education with two principles is necessary". When asked whether he had made the foregoing statement, Mr. Ichikawa admitted having made it before a small group of principals, but said he had retracted it a week later privately. The fact that he made the statement is considered damaging evidence against him.

8. When questioned as to which ideas and practices should be eliminated from the Japanese educational system, Mr. Ichikawa had nothing to say. Asked what was good in the Japanese educational system, he said that he thought the principles enunciated in Emperor Meiji's Rescript on Education were sufficiently broad and democratic to serve as a basis for future education in Japan. In addition, he said that he considered Japan to be in somewhat the same position as Denmark after her defeat some seventy-five (75) years ago, and thought Japan might well emulate Denmark's example and try by means of education to build up a sound economy and society.

9. Mr. Ichikawa was a teacher for twenty-two (22) years - two years in primary schools, ten years as a teacher of the Japanese language and Chinese Classics in secondary schools, and ten years as a teacher of the Japanese language and Chinese Classics in high schools and private universities. His thoughts are, therefore, unquestionably slanted towards the past, and it is doubtful whether he will be able to cooperate sincerely with the occupation forces or with progressive Japanese elements in their efforts to democratize Japanese education.

10. Mr. Ichikawa was Chief of the Education Department of Osaka City from May 1940 until October 1941, and was necessarily persona grata to the militarist groups in power. He, therefore, stands for totalitarian education in the eyes of the Japanese educational world, although no evidence has been found to show that he was a vicious extremist.

11. Taking everything into consideration and in view of SCAP's intention to eliminate all war leaders from positions of influence, it is recommended that Mr. Ichikawa be prohibited from holding any post in the Nippon Kyoiku Kai or its branches and that he further be prohibited from holding any teaching position in Japanese schools.

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