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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
 United States Army
 Office of the Commanding General
 APO 343

A.G. 004.64(MG-EM)

11 February 1948

SUBJECT: Plant Not Meeting Criteria for Reparations Removal

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

The Kawasaki Kokuki KK (Kobe Plant) (13-22), Hyogo Prefecture, does not meet the criteria for selection of plants for reparations removals. It is desired, therefore, that the local Japanese government agency in Hyogo Prefecture and the owner of the plant be simultaneously notified of its release from custody and control.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

R. SCAHFER
 Lt Col, AGD
 Asst Adj General

AG 004 - BA

1st Ind

ABH/mss

Hq I Corps, APO 301,

TO: CO, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, APO 317

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HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

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P-15

18 December 1946

SUBJECT: Application and Recommendation for the Removal of
Kawasaki Kokuki Kabushiki Kaisha, Kobe Kojo, from
Operational Directive No. 5.

TO : Commanding Officer
Kinki Military Government Region
APO 301

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, same subject, dated 9 November 1946.
2. Additional information on the same subject received from the Central Liaison Office, Tokyo, is submitted herewith for consideration.

/s/ Peter W. Scott
/t/ PETER W. SCOTT
Lt Col Inf
Commanding

1 Incl:
As indicated above
(5 copies)

BASIC: Ltr, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, subj: "Application and Recommendation for the Removal of Kawasaki Kokuki Kabushiki Kaisha, Kobe Kojo, from Operational Directive No. 5.", dtd 13 Dec 46.

AG 004 - BA

1st Ind

EHN/yo

Hq I Corps, APO 301. 23 DEC 1946

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference: letter, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, subject: "Application for Reconversion and Removal of Kawasaki Kokuki K.K., Kobe Kojo, from Operational Directive No. 5", dated 9 November 1946, and 1st indorsement this headquarters to your headquarters, AG 004 - BA, dated 15 November 1946. MG

2. In reference letter, this headquarters recommended that subject plant be removed from the list of plants subject to reparations.

3. Transmitted herewith are letters of recommendation from the Central Liaison Office of the Imperial Japanese Government, supporting the petition and recommendation which were inclosed to reference correspondence.

4. This headquarters remains of the opinion that the Kobe Kojo is improperly listed as an aircraft plant. Removal of this plant from the reparations list is recommended.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
n/c

004

HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

ABH/di

P-15

19 November 1946

SUBJECT: Application and Recommendation for the
Removal of Kawasaki Kokuki Kabushiki Kaisha,
Kobe Kojo, from O. D. 5.

TO : Commanding General
I Corps,
APO 301

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, same subject, dated 9 November 1946.
2. Additional information on the subject received from the Central Liaison Office is submitted herewith.

/s/ Peter W. Scott
/t/ PETER W. SCOTT
Lt Col Inf
Commanding

3 Incls:

1. Letter of Recommendation from Central Liaison Office (5 copies)
2. Letter of Recommendation - Commerce & Industry Ministry. (5 copies)
3. Application of Kawasaki Kokuki K. K. (5 copies)

BASIC: Ltr, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, P-15, subj: "Application and Recommendation for the Removal of Kawasaki Kokuki Kabushiki Kaisha, Kobe Kojo, from O. D. 5", dtd 19 Nov 46. M/S

AG 004 - BA

1st Ind

EHN/ckv

Hq 1 Corps, APO 301, 25 NOV 1946

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference: letter, Hyogo Military Government Team, subject: "Application for Reconversion and Removal of Kawasaki Kokuki K.K., Kobe Kojo, from Operational Directive No. 5, dated 9 November 1946, and 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 004-BA, dated 15 November 1946.

2. In reference letter, this headquarters recommended that subject plant be removed from the list of plants subject to reparations.

3. Transmitted herewith are letters of recommendation from the Central Liaison Office and the Commerce and Industry Ministry of the Japanese Government, supporting the petition and recommendations which were inclosed to reference correspondence.

4. This headquarters remains of the opinion that the Kobe Kojo is improperly listed as an aircraft plant. Removal of this plant from the reparations list is recommended.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

3 Incls:
n/c

004

**HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317**

ABH/di

P-15

9 November 1946

SUBJECT: Application and Reconversion for the
Removal of Kawasaki Kokuki Kabushiki
Kaisha, Kobe Kojo, from Operational

TO : Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301

1. The enclosed application has been investigated by this team through Japanese sources and the information contained therein was found to be accurate.
2. Subject plant was founded in 1931 to produce castings and forgings for rolling stock both railroad and auto.
3. Production from 1931 to 1942 consisted of motor trucks, buses, passenger cars, and castings for autos, such as engine blocks, and special castings for the Kawasaki Locomotive Works which is located adjacent to the subject plant.
4. In 1942 the machine tools of the subject plant were removed to the Akashi Plant of Kawasaki where they have been inventoried and the Kobe Plant embarked on a program of producing aircraft castings and forgings.
5. The factory was issued a reconversion permit in May 1946, although no physical reconversion was necessary, and since that time has produced castings and forgings for auto trucks, ships, locomotives, and household use.
6. From the above facts it can be seen that subject plant does not meet the criteria established by O.D. 5/5 and the removal of this plant is recommended.

2 Incls;
See attached list

PETER W. SCOTT
Lt Col Inf
Commanding

BASIC: Ltr. Hyogo Mil Govt Team, P-15, subj: "Application and Recon-
version for the Removal of Kawasaki Kokuki Kabushiki Kaisha,
Kobe Kojo, from Operational", dtd 9 Nov 46.

AG 004 - BA

1st Ind

EHN/ln

Hq I Corps, APO 301.

15 NOV 1946

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. The Kawasaki Kokuki K.K., Kobe Kojo (Kobe Forging and Casting Plant) is listed as Plant No. 22, Hyogo Prefecture, as a former aircraft factory. The Kawasaki Company has submitted an application that the Kobe Kojo be removed from the list of plants subject to reparations.

2. The Kawasaki Kokuki K.K. was organized in 1931 for the purpose of manufacturing rolling stock for both railway and automobile equipment. During the war, the Kobe Kojo undertook the casting and forging of parts of aircraft engines. This production consisted primarily of such parts as pistons, connecting rods, cylinder blocks and similar items. The majority of the heavy tools of this plant were moved to the Akashi Kojo of the parent company in 1942, where they are included at present in the inventory of the plant.

3. The Kobe Kojo was not designed originally as an aircraft producer, and its production of aircraft parts during the war was primarily in the nature of a diversion from the normal operation of this company. The criteria which defines aircraft plants, listed in Section III, paragraph 1b, (1) and (2), Operational Directive No. 5/5, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 24 September 1946, does not apply to this plant. It is the recommendation of this headquarters that the Kobe Kojo be removed from the list of plants subject to reparations. MG

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls,
n/c

BA 23538

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 901, Subj: "Application and Recommendation
for the Removal of Kawasaki Kokuki K.K., Kobe Kojo, from O.D.
5." dtd 8 Nov 46.

Index to Inclosures:

1. Application and letter of transmittal from Adjustment
Division of Commerce & Industry Ministry.
(5 copies)
2. Letter of Recommendation - Kinko Regional Bureau of
Commerce & Industry Ministry.

HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

HEM/ckw

12 MAY 1946

MG

AG 004 - BA

SUBJECT: Application for Reconversion.**TO:** Commanding Officer, 94th Military Government Group,
APO 660.

1. Reference is made to letter this headquarters, AG 004-BA, subj: "Application for Reconversion Permit Submitted by Kobe Casting and Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Co., Ltd.," dated 3 April 1946 and indorsements thereto, copies of which are attached hereto as inclosure 1. A reconversion permit was issued by this headquarters under date of 15 May 1946, two copies and original of which are inclosed hereto. The original permit is to be forwarded to subject company.

2. In accordance with paragraph 2 of 3rd indorsement of above reference, the continued operation of the subject plant will in no way be construed as a guarantee of release from the requirements of directives of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, nor from reparations liability. The subject plant is permitted to continue operations only under restrictions and will be under obligation to preserve equipment and machinery for reparations use.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

- 2 Incls:
1. Application (trip)
2. Permit (trip)

BA 4658

HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

GLS/fsn

Ref: IG - 355

AG 004 - BA

MAY 15 1946

SUBJECT: Permit for Reconversion from War Production and for Resumption of Production of Essential Civilian Commodities.

TO: Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Co., Ltd., Kobe Casting
(Name and Address of Firm)
and Forging Plant.
1, 2-chome, Wadayama-dori, Hyogo-ku, Kobe.1. a. In accord with paragraph 3, b, Directive Number Three (3) from the Supreme Commander to the Imperial Japanese Government, dated 22 September 1945, the Kobe Casting & Forging Plant
(Name of Firm)is permitted to immediately start production of Parts for railway
(Name of Items)~~equipment, automobile, bicycle, ship, farm implement, and~~~~household utensils. (a) Steel forgings. (b) Aluminum castings.~~~~(c) Cast iron. (d) Copper Alloys. (NOTHING FOLLOWS)~~b. Maximum production currently authorized is ~~per annum~~~~(a) 830 T. (b) 120 T. (c) 370 T. (d) 160 T.~~

2. The acquisition of material, parts and sub-assemblies as well as the disposition of finished products, and the establishment of sales prices will be in accord with the regulations of the Imperial Japanese Government.

3. Until otherwise directed by this headquarters, a monthly report in English of each item, by name, type and quantity produced by each factory, sub-contractor subsidiary within this factory's control will be delivered to this office by the fifteenth (15) day of the following month. MG

4. It is understood that this permit for reconversion is issued subject to any and all directives affecting reconversion, ultimate disposition or otherwise, which have been issued or may hereafter be issued by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

Info copy to:

SCAP (Attn: ESS) (1) (w/incl)
SCAP (Attn: G-2) (1) (w/incl)
CG Eighth Army (1) (w/incl)
(Attn: Mil Govt)
CO 94th MG Hq Group (1)
Kyoto Liaison Office (1)
Governor of Prefecture concerned (1)
CO 30th MG Company1 Incl:
Annex 1.

HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

EHN/fu

Permit No: IG - 355

ANNEX 1.

Although your plant is listed as a plant restricted for reparations purposes, this permit is being issued, permitted interim operation. Permission to continue operation does NOT in any way constitute removal of your establishment from the list of plants subject to reparations purposes. It must be understood that this permit grants you authority to operate only until such time as your plant equipment may be removed for reparations use.

Ltr Hq I Corps, AG 004 - BA, dated 13 Apr 46, Subj: "Application for Reconversion Permit Submitted by Kobe Casting and Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Limited."

AG 004.04 (MG)

3rd Ind.

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343.

10 MAY 1946

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.

1. Attention is invited to the 2nd indorsement.
2. The continued operation of the Kobe Casting and Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Limited, is approved. However the plant will continue to be subject to custody and control as outlined in Operational Directive Number 5.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

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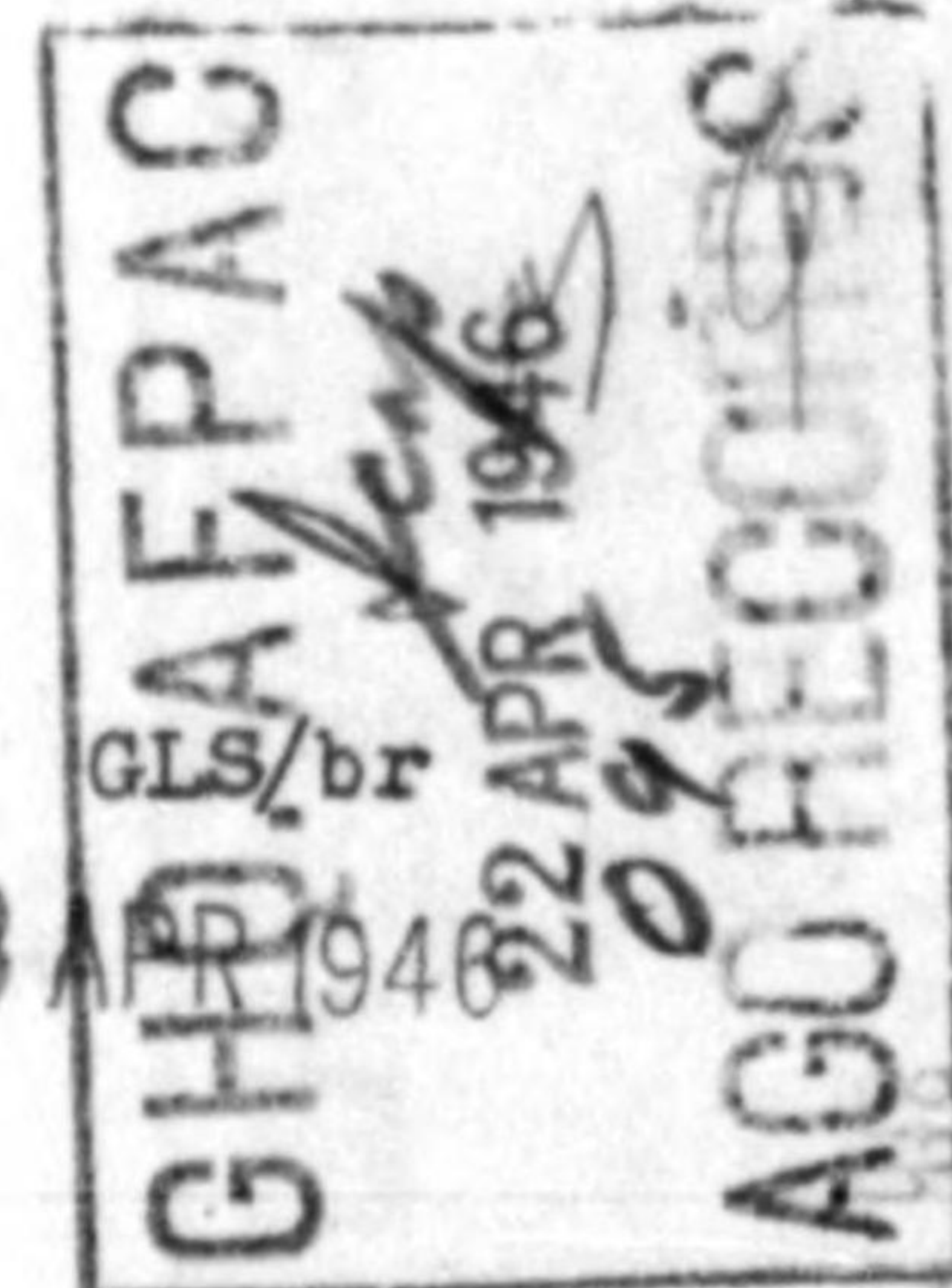
2 Incls
n/c

James H. Nash
JAMES H. NASH
1st. Lt., CAC
Actg. Asst. Adjutant General.

BA 4039

HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

AG 004 - BA



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SUBJECT: Application for Reconversion Permit Submitted by Kobe Casting and Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Limited.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343.

1. Reference is made to:

a. Letter from this headquarters to Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 319.1-BA, subject same as above, dated 12 Jan 46, and indorsements and attachments thereto, appended as inclosure 1.

b. Letter from this headquarters to Headquarters 107th Military Government Company, file AG 004-BA, subject: "Application of Kobe Forging and Casting Plant of Kawasaki Aircraft Industrial Plant for Permission to Operate", dated 22 Feb 46, and indorsements thereto, appended as inclosure 2.

2. Subject plant is listed in inclosure 2 of Operational Directive 5.

3. Plant has not previously obtained a reconversion permit, but this failure was not the fault of the concern. Application for permit was filed by the company in Nov 45 with the Prefectural Government, and because of delay in the government office, the application was never received by any Military Government Unit.

4. Under basis of informal advice from Military Government Officers, the company proceeded with its reconversion plans.

5. In Jan 46, prior to the issuance of Operational Directive 5, the application of this company was forwarded to Eighth Army Headquarters without full information, requesting advice as to whether or not this company would come within the intent of the forthcoming directive. In this connection, your attention is invited to basic communication of inclosure 1 and 1st indorsement thereto, from your headquarters, which denied issuance of permit on the grounds that this plant was listed by Operational Directive 5, which was issued between the time

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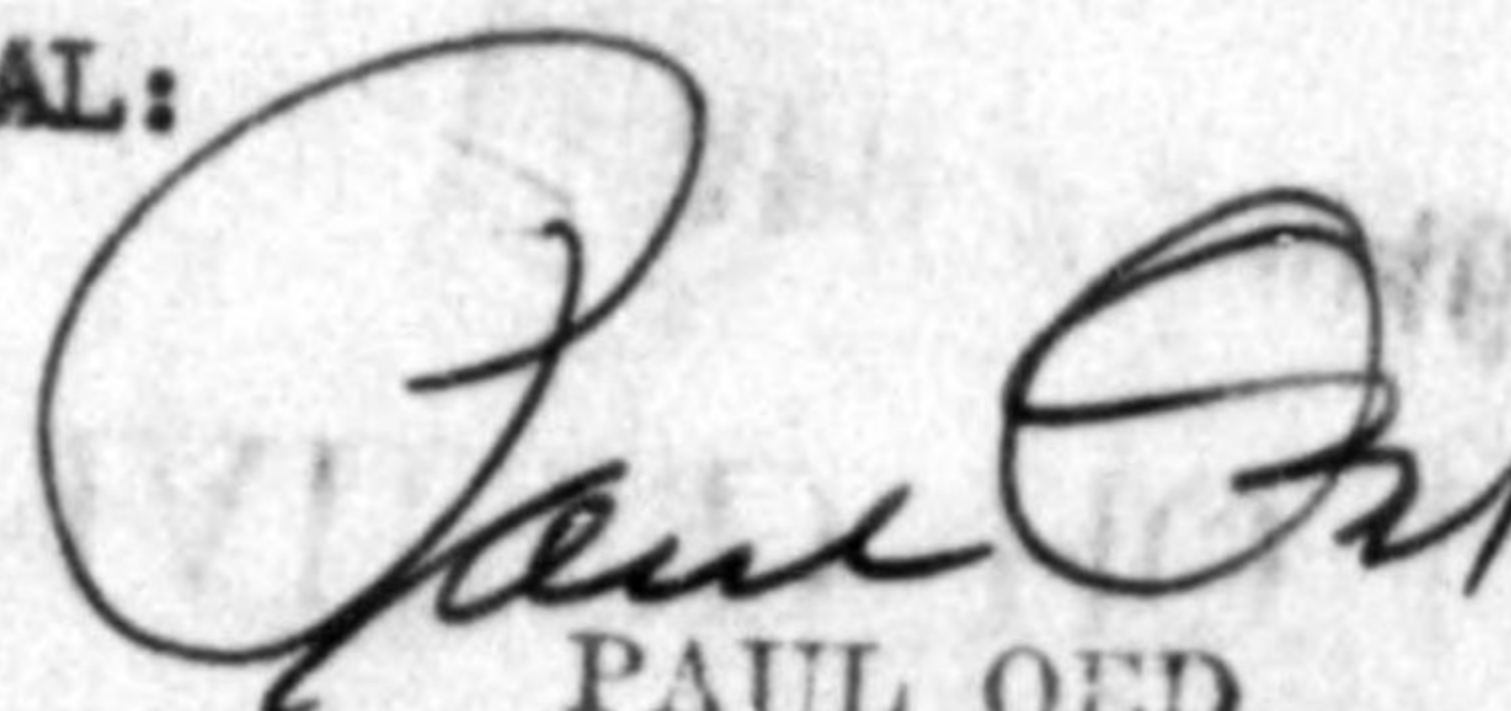
Ltr, Hq I Corps, AG 004-BA, subj: "Application for Reconversion Permit Submitted by Kobe Casting and Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Limited", dtd 3 APR 1946

of writing of basic communication of inclosure 1 and writing of your 1st indorsement.

6. Since that time, additional information has been received and investigation made of this plant. Partial results of investigation are found in 2nd indorsement to basic communication of inclosure 2 from the 31st Military Government Company to the 107th Military Government Company, dated 6 Mar 46.

7. It is recommended that, in view of the circumstances in this case, and the need for the product which the company will manufacture, your headquarters reconsider the matter and authorize the issuance of a reconversion permit with the understanding that the company will still be subject to reparations removals at such time as may be determined by appropriate allied authorities.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



PAUL OED
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General

2 Incls:

1. Ltr, Hq I Corps to Hq Eighth Army, AG 319.1-BA, subj as above, dtd 12 Jan 46, and indorsements & attachments thereto.
2. Ltr, Hq I Corps to Hq 107th MG Co, AG 004-BA, subj: "Appl of Kobe Forging & Casting Plant of Kawasaki Aircraft Ind Plant for Permission to Operate", dtd 22 Feb 46, and indorsements thereto.

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

GLS/rk

8400

AG 004 - BA

13 APR 1946

SUBJECT: Missing Inclosures to Letter.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTENTION: Military Government Section

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file AG 004 - BA, subject: "Application for Reconversion Permit Submitted by Kobe Casting and Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Limited", dated 3 April 46, copy of which is inclosed hereto with attachments.

2. Inclosures to the above reference were missing when received by your headquarters. Complete set of inclosures is being forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

HB Taylor
H. B. TAYLOR
MAJOR, AGD,
ASST. AD., Gen.

1 Incl;
As indicated

8th ARMY FILE NO. AG 004-01

L3143

Ltr Hq I Corps, AG 004 - BA, dated 13 April 46, Subj: "Application for Reconversion Permit Submitted by Kobe Casting and Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Limited."

G.O. AF PAC
 22 APR 1946
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AG 004.04 (MG)

1st Ind.

19 APR 1946

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343.

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500.

1. Submitted in compliance with instructions contained in sub-paragraph 2d, letter your headquarters, file AG 004 (13 Jan 46)ESS/IN/GD, dated 13 January 1946, subject: "Preservation of Japanese Industrial Facilities."
2. The recommendation contained in paragraph 7 of the basic communication is approved by this headquarters.
3. The continued operation of this plant in the production of castings and forgings for railway equipment, automobiles, bicycles, ships, farm implements, and household ware is considered necessary for restoration of the minimum civilian economy of Japan.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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2 Incls
n/c

James H. Nash
 JAMES H. NASH
 1st. Lt., CAC
 Actg. Asst. Adjutant General.

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq I Corps, AG 004-BA, dtd 13 Apr 46, Subj: "Application for Reconversion Permit Submitted by Kobe Casting and Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Limited".

AG 095 (13 Apr 46) ESS/IN

2nd Ind.

9489

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS, APO 500,
4 May 1946

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343.

The recommendation contained in paragraph 7 of the basic communication is approved.

By Command of General MacARTHUR:

A. J. Pehe
for J. W. MANN.
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

2 Incls:
n/c

HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honahu)

GLS/tf

AG 332.5 - BA

20 APR 1946

SUBJECT: Request for Additional Information Regarding
Kawasaki Aircraft Company, Kobe Branch

TO: Commanding Officer
94th Military Government Group
APO 660

1. Reference is made to your letter from 31st Military Government Company, dated 26 March 1946, subject: "Reports as Required by Operational Instructions No. 1, and 1st indorsement thereto from your headquarters, dated 29 March 1946.

2. Reports submitted by reference 1 above, regarding subject company, indicates that the establishment is currently in operation. Records at this headquarters do not indicate that this establishment is in possession of a reconversion permit.

3. It is desired that the 31st Military Government Company reply, through channels to this headquarters, at the earliest possible date, submitting a report which will cover the following points:

a. Reasons for this plant being in operation without a reconversion permit.

b. Definite recommendation for or against continued operation.

c. If recommendation required by b, above is favorable, it will be accompanied by standard application for reconversion filed by the company as required by Operational Instructions No. 1, this headquarters, paragraph 5 b, (4)

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

GLS/fsn

AG 004 - BA

22 FEB 1946

SUBJECT: Application of Kobe Forging and Casting Plant of Kawasaki Aircraft Industrial Plant for Permission to Operate.

TO: Commanding Officer, 107th Military Government Company, APO 660.

1. Reference is made to the following:

a. 1st Indorsement, AG 004.04 (MG), Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 29 January 1946, and attachments thereto, appended as inclosure 1.

b. Letter from Masao Matsui, Manager and Superintendent of subject company, addressed to: Major Schmidt, Military Government, Kyoto, under date of 6 February 1946, to which is attached a revised application from subject company, appended as inclosure 2.

c. Listing of machinery in plant of subject company, submitted simultaneously with inclosure 2, mentioned in b, above, appended as inclosure 3.

d. Certificate of 7 February 1946 (in original Japanese with English translation attached) from Yukio Kishida, Governor of Hyogo Prefecture, appended as inclosure 4.

2. As indicated by statements appearing in inclosures 1 and 4, the company did, in November of 1945, attempt to secure a permit to reconvert. Had the application been presented to Military Government agencies directly, the permit would probably have been issued at that time. This fact, however, should not necessarily influence your present decision.

3. The company submitted its application through Military Government channels in late December, 1945, and on 12 January, this headquarters submitted the application by letter to Headquarters, Eighth Army, for opinion. Eighth Army denied permission to operate (see incl. 1).

4. The denial was made without full information, as now presented (inclosure 2, 3 and 4), being available, and later discussions with representatives of Eighth Army Headquarters indicate a more liberal attitude toward permitting resumption of operation by private establishments listed by Eighth Army Operational Directive No. 5.

BASIC: Ltr, Hq I Corps, APO 301, file AG 004 - BA, subj: "Application of Kobe Forging and Casting Plant of Kawasaki Aircraft Industrial Plant for Permission to Operate", dtd 22 Feb 46.

5. It is requested that you cause to be made a physical inspection of the subject plant, and a report through channels to this headquarters which will cover the following points:

- a. Verification of the plant inventory as submitted in inclosure 3.
- b. An estimate of the need for the proposed product of this company to civilian economy in this area.
- c. A statement of the progress, if any, of reconversion accomplished thus far.
- d. An estimate of the condition of the machinery in the plant.
- e. A definite recommendation either for or against the granting to the company of permission to operate.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HUNT:

4 Incls:
As indicated par 1 above.

W.A. Sweeten
W. A. SWEETEN
Lieut. Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General

1st Ind

Hq, 107th Mil Govt Hq & Hq Co, APO 660 (Osaka, Japan), 26 Feb 46

TO: CO, 31st Mil Govt Hq & Hq Co, APO 660 (Kobe)

Reference basic letter. For information and action pertaining to your command.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ATWOOD:

4 Incls
as ind.

Burlock
HEN LOCKE
Maj, AC
Resources & Ind. Officer

BASIC: Ltr, Hq I Corps, APO 301, file AG 004 - BA, Subject:
"Application of Kobe Forging and Casting Plant of Kawasaki
Aircraft Industrial Plant for Permission to Operate",
dtd 22 Feb 46.

2d Ind AVJ/hdk
31st Mil Govt Hq & Hq Co, APO 660 (Kobe, Honshu) 6 March 1946

TO: CO, 107th Mil Govt Hq & Hq Co, APO 660 (Osaka)

1. In compliance with paragraph 5 of basic communication,
the following information is submitted:

a. The plant inventory as submitted in Inclosure 3 is
quite accurate. No discrepancies were noted when inspection of
this plant was made.

b. The proposed product of this plant is deemed essen-
tial to the automobile industry of this area. They have a back-
log of orders from several automobile manufacturing companies,
which is appended as Inclosure 5.

c. The progress made by this company toward reconversion
consists only of cleaning up the debris and repairing of machinery
damaged by bombing.

d. The machinery in the plant is approximately 50% oper-
ative at the present time. Of the remaining 50%, 25% is repair-
able and the remainder is beyond repair.

2. Recommend that this plant be allowed to operate and man-
ufacture automobile parts, bicycle parts, electrical equipment
for locomotives, kettles, and small farming implements, with the
understanding that they may be stopped at any time.

4 Incls - n/c
1 Incl added
As indicated in Par.
1b above

Peter W. Scott
PETER W. SCOTT
Lt Col, Infantry
Commanding

3d Ind

Hq, 107th Mil Govt Hq & Hq Co, APO 660 (Osaka, Japan), 11
Mar 46

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301 (Kyoto)

Forwarded with information requested in basic.

For the Commanding Officer:

5 Incls
n/c


BEN LOCKE
Maj, AC
Resources & Ind. Officer

Keep this for our files
in case - do not forward to
107th J. L.S.

9 February 1946

Maj. Schmidt;

This was brought in by a messenger, yesterday at 14:30.

Kawasaki's Kobe Forging and Casting plant had bad luck with their application, as you can see from the explanatory covering the letter. I wonder if you cannot do something to help them out.

4 of the 5 plants of Kawasaki, which they wish to retain for civilian production have been granted permits long ago:

Takatsuki plant,
Hokuban Gear Cutting plant
Oxygen Mfg. plant
and Akashi Body plant.

SCAP turned down the application cold without knowing the unfortunate circumstances.

Kawasaki have made a very intelligent list of machinery from which we can see exactly what machinery were used for the production of Aero parts and what machinery were used for production of other item also what machinery are required in order to turn out the items they have orders for at present.

[Signature]
(Dresser)

E X P L A N A T I O N

- 1. X in blue indicates MACHINERY exclusively used for making aeroplane parts
- 2. □ in blue indicates MACHINERY used for locomotive and auto parts as well as aeroplane parts
- 3. ○ in red indicates MACHINERY necessary to fulfill the orders on hand
- 4. △ in red indicates MACHINERY necessary for future production.

Lathe Milling machine Drilling " Planing " Shaping " Slotting ")))))	have been used for making dies and repairing hammers and presses. Lathe for cutting material also.
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A - PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT

Notation	NAME	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of MFR.	Date of INST.	QUANT.	REMARKS
□ 1	Lathe	Motor	8'	Masuda	1935	1939	1	
□ 2	"	"	"	Billdard	"	"	1	
□ 3	"	"	8'	Wakayama	1937	1941	1	
□ 4	"	"	6'	Kubota	1938	1940	1	
□ 5	"	"	"	Hirao	"	"	1	
□ 6	"	"	"	"	1940	1942	1	
□ 7	"	"	8'	Tokyo Gas Den	"	"	1	
□ 8	"	"	6'	Kubota	1938	1940	1	
X 10	"	"	7'	Masubuchi	1940	1942	1	
X 11	"	"	3'	Hirao	"	"	1	
X 12	"	"	6'	Tokyo Gas Den	1938	1940	1	
X 13	"	"	4'	" " "	"	"	1	
X 14	"	"	"	" " "	"	"	1	
□ 15	"	"	"	" " "	"	"	1	
□ 16	"	"	6'	" " "	"	"	1	
□ 17	"	"	"	" " "	1937	1938	1	
□ 18	"	"	12'				1	
□ 19	"	"	6'				1	

Notation	N A M E	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of MFR.	Date of INST.	QUANT.	REMARKS
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<input type="checkbox"/> 100	"	"					1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 101	"	"					1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 102	"	"					1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 103	"	"					1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 21	Drilling Machine	"		Kubota Tekko	1938	1938	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 22	" "	"		Hidachi	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	" "	"		Maeda	1937	1939	1	

Notation	NAME	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of MFR.	Date of INST.	QUANT.	REMARKS
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	Drilling Machine	Motor		Aitanishi	1937	1937	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 25	" "	"		Kubota	1938	1939	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 27	" "	"					1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 28	" "	"		Wakayama	1937	1939	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 29	" "	"		"	"	1937	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 30	" "	"		Yodogawa	"	1939	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 31	" "	"					1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 32	Horizontal Milling Machine	"	No. 3	Hidachi	1938	1940	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 33	Vertical Milling Machine	"	"	Tsubota	1938	1940	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 34	"	"		Kasuga	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 35	Horizontal Milling Machine	"	No. 3	Brown & Sharpe	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 36	Vertical Milling Machine	"		Kisha Kisha	1943	1945	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 37	" "	"	No. 2	Iwasa	1938	1941	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 38	Horizontal Milling Machine	"	No. 3	Hidachi	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 39	" "	"	No. 3	Tsubota	"	1943	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 65	" "	"	"	Brown & Sharpe	1935	1938	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 80	Vertical Milling Machine	"	No. 2	Osaka Koki	1943	1945	1	

Notation	NAME	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of MFR.	Date of INST.	QUANT.	REMARKS
<input type="checkbox"/> 90	Horizontal Milling Machine	Motor	No. 3	Hidachi	1938	1940	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 91 ○	Vertical Milling Machine	"	"	Yoneda	"	1941	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 92 △	" "	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 93 △	" "	"	"	Showa Koki	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 94	" "	"	No. 2	Herbert	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 95 ○	" "	"	"	Hidachi	1938	1940	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 104	" "	"	"	Osaka Koki	1943	1945	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 44 ○	Slotting Machine	"	"	Nagaoka	1940	1940	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 98 ○	" "	"	"	Kyowa Seiki	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 40 ○	Planing Machine	"	100'	Osaka Tabe	1938	1941	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 76 △	Grinder	"	"	Motouchi Tekko	"	1938	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 46 ○	Circular Saw	"	"	Komatsu	1939	1940	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 47 ○	" "	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 48 ○	" "	"	"	Konan	1938	1939	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 56	Hack Saw	"	"	Akashi	"	1940	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 57	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 58	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 59	"	"	"	Lion Tekko	1939	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 60	"	"	"	" "	"	"	1	

Notation	NAME	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of MFR.	Date of INST.	QUANT.	REMARKS
<input type="checkbox"/> 61	Hack Saw	Motor		Morita	1939	1939	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 62	"	"		"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 63	"	"		"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 64	"	"		"	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 49 <input type="checkbox"/>	Die Sinker	"		Shibaure	1939	1940	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 51-52 <input type="checkbox"/>	Band Saw	"	210'	Kikukawa	"	"	2	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 53-54 <input type="checkbox"/>	"	"	20'	Toyo Chuki	1938	"	2	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 55 <input type="checkbox"/>	"	"	20'	Karuyasu	1939	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 75 <input type="checkbox"/>	Bar Shear	"		U.S.A.	1940	1941	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 41 <input type="checkbox"/>	Sharpening Machine	"		Seiki	1938	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 42 <input type="checkbox"/>	"	"		"	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 43 <input type="checkbox"/>	"	"		Takeuchi	"	1943	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 96-97 <input type="checkbox"/>	"	"		Nakagawa	"	1941	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> 66	Metal Cutting Machine	"		Nihon Setsudanki			1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 67	"	"		Toho			1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 68	"	"		"			1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 69-72	"	"		Shinkosha			4	
<input type="checkbox"/> 41-43 <input type="checkbox"/>	Air Hammer	Air	1 1/2 ton	Toyo	1937	1937	3	

Notation	N A M E	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of MFR.	Date of INST.	Quant.	REMARKS
<input type="checkbox"/> A-4 <input type="radio"/>	Air Hammer	Air	1 ton	Toyo	1937	1937	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-5 <input type="radio"/>	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-6 <input type="radio"/>	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-7 <input type="radio"/>	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input type="radio"/> A-8 <input type="checkbox"/>	"	"	$\frac{3}{4}$ ton	"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-9 <input type="radio"/>	"	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton	"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-10 <input type="radio"/>	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-11 <input type="radio"/>	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-12-13 <input type="radio"/>	Board Hammer		1 ton	Muta	"	"	2	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A-14 <input type="radio"/>	Electric Hammer	Motor	$1\frac{1}{2}$ ton	Guimeo	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A-15-16 <input type="radio"/>	" "	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton	Kaji	"	"	2	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A-17 <input type="radio"/>	Steam Hammer	Steam	$1\frac{1}{2}$ ton	Toyo	1938	1938	1	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> A-18 <input type="checkbox"/>	"	"	1 "	Home Made	1937	1937	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-19 <input type="radio"/>	Air Hammer	Air	1 "	Toyo	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A-20 <input type="radio"/>	Steam Hammer	Steam	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	London Brother			1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A21-A23 <input type="radio"/>	Air Hammer	Air	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	Katsuyama	1938	1938	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-24 <input type="radio"/>	"	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A-25 <input type="radio"/>	Steam Hammer	Steam	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	"			1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-28 <input type="radio"/>	Trimming Press	Motor	600 ton	Ishihara Bros.	1938	1940	1	

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<input type="checkbox"/> A29-31 ○	Trimming Press	Motor	400 ton	Ishihara	1938	1940	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> A32-34 ○	"	"	300 ton	"	"	"	3	
X A36 ○	"	"	200 ton	"	1936	1937	1	
X A-37 ○	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
○ X A-38 △	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
X A39-A-40 △	"	"	100 ton	"	"	1938	2	
X A-41	"	"	75 ton	"			1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-42	Press		3 HP	Seiki			1	
<input type="checkbox"/> A-43	Friction Press	Motor		Ishihara			1	
A-51 △	Turret Lathe	"	No. 47	Pittler			1	Putami
A-52 △	"	"	"	"			1	"
A-55 △	"	"	"	"			1	"
A-56 △	"	"	"	"			1	"
A-43 △	"	"	No. 4	Herbert			1	"
A-53 △	"	"	"	Foster			1	"
A-45 △	"	"	"	"			1	"
A-46 △	"	"	"	"			1	"
	"	"	No. 9	Herbert			1	"
	"	"	"	"			1	"

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Notation	NAME	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of MFR.	Date of INST.	QUANT.	REMARKS
A-41 △	Turret Lathe	Motor		Foster			1	Futami
C-24 △	Lathe	"	6'	Toyo Kohan			1	"
C-25 △	"	"	"	"			1	"
C-26 △	"	"	"	"			1	"
C-27 △	"	"	"	"			1	"
A-37 △	"	"	"	"			1	"
△	"	"	"	Shitite			1	"
△	"	"	"	"			1	"
△	"	"	"	Kawanishi			1	"
△	"	"	"	Okuma			1	"
△	"	"	"	Toyo Kohan			1	"
△	Vertical Milling Machine	Motor	No.2	Milwanki			1	"
△	"	"	No.3	Wanderer			1	"
△	"	"	No.2	Milwanki			1	"
A-74 △	"	"	No.1	Herbert			1	"

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Notation	NAME	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of Mfr.	Date of Inst.	Quant.	Remarks
△	Horizontal Milling Machine	Motor	No. 1	Wanderer			1	Futami F.
△	" "	"	No. 2	"			1	"
△	" "	"	"	Cincinnati			1	"
△	" "	"	No. 3	Mitschi			1	"
△	Slotting Machine	"	6'	Hirao			1	"
A68 △	" "	"	"	"			1	"
A79 △	External Grinding Machine	"		Carlunger			1	"
C62 △	Internal Grinding Machine	"	No. 72	Heald			1	"
C64 △	" "	"	"	Toyo			1	"
△	Centerless Grinding Machine	"		Kobeu			1	"
△	Radial Drilling Machine	"	4'	Wakayama			1	"
33-76 △	Crank Press	"	500 ton	Ishihara Bros.			1	Akashi F.
33-77 △	Friction Press	"	350 ton	Ooska Press			1	"
33-86 △	" "	"	100 ton	Kobe Daiichi Kogyo			1	"

Notation	N A M E	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of Mfr.	Date of Inst.	Quant.	Remarks
32-44	Hydraulic Press	Motor	200 ton	Bumuco			1	Akashi P.
31-8	Gap Shear	"		Ishihara Brothers			1	"
31-1	Squar Shear	"		"	"		1	"
2-57	Gear Shaper	Motor	75A	Fellows			1	Hokuban P.
5-47	" "	"	No.64.26	"			1	"
5-48	" "	"	"	"			1	"
5-44	Hobbing Machine	"	1010	Kashifuji			1	"
2-8	" "	"	24"	Nitte			1	"
1-57	Spline Griding Machine	"	90x800	Fokushin			1	"
2-60	Gear Griding Machine	"	HSS-30	Moag			1	"
2-61	" "	"	HSS-60	"			1	"

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Notation	NAME	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of Mfr.	Date of Inst.	Quant.	Remarks
	Grinder M.	Motor		Seiwa Shokki	1940	1941	2	
	" "	"		Washino Seiki	"	"	1	
A21-A23	Hammer	Air	½ ton	Katsuyama Tanko	1938	1938	3	
A24	"	"	½ ton	"	"	"	1	
A17	"	Steam	1½ ton	Toyo Tanko	"	"	1	
A18	"	"	1 ton	Horse Works	1937	1937	1	
A19	"	Air	"	Toyo Tekko	"	"	3	
A1-A3	"	"	1 ton	"	"	"	3	
A4	"	"	1 ton	"	"	"	1	
A9-A10	"	"	½ ton	"	"	"	2	
A28	Press	Motor	600 ton	Ishihara Kyodai Seisakusho	1938	1940	1	
A36-A37	Press	"	200 ton	"	1936	1937	2	
A38	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
A39-A40	"	"	100 ton	"	"	1938	2	
A32-A33	"	"	300 ton	"	1938	1940	2	
A29-A31	"	"	400 ton	"	"	"	3	
A34	"	"	300 ton	"	"	"	1	
	△ Lathe	"	6'	Hirase			1	At Sekai Flt.
	△ "	"	"	Wakayama			1	"

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Notation	Name	Type	Size	Maker	Date of Mfr.	Date of Inst.	Quant.	Remarks
△	LATH	Motor	6'	Toyo Kohan			1	At Sakai Plt.
△	"	"	"	" "			1	"
△	Vertical Milling Machine	"	No. 2	Koa			1	"
△	"	"	"	Kyoto			1	"
△	Horizontal Milling Machine	"	No. 1	Harbert			1	"
△	"	"	"	Marukuni			1	"
△	External Grinder Machine	"		Hokushia			1	"
△	"	"		Dainihon Heiki			1	"
△	Surface Grinder Machine	"		Napus			1	"

B - AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

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Notation	N A M E	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of Mfr.	Date of Inst.	Quant.	Remarks
<input type="checkbox"/> B1-B3	Air Compressor	Motor	500 HP	Hitachi	1942	1942	3	
B7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B4-B7	" "	"	100 HP	"	"	"	4	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B-8	" "	"	200 HP	Nichizui	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> B9-B10	" "	"	100 HP	Hitachi	"	"	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> B11	" "	"	1 HP	"	1943	1943	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> B12	" "	"	5 HP	"	"	"	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> B13-B14	Moulding Machine	Air	100 HP	Hitachi	1942	1942	2	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A272	" "	"	KR-101	Kubota	"	1943	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A273	" "	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A274	" "	"	"	"	"	"	1	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A276	" "	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A277-A280	" "	"	"	"	"	"	4	
281	" "	"	C-50	"	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A282	" "	"	KR-101	"	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A283	" "	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A284	" "	"	"	"	"	"	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A285	" "	"	"	"	"	"	1	

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B-AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT (Cont'd)

Notation	NAME	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of Mfr.	Date of Inst.	Quant.	Remarks
X 286-287	Moulding Machine	Air	KR-101	Kubota	1942	1943	2	
X 288	" "	"	C-50	"	"	"	1	
X 289-295	" "	"	KR-101	"	1943	1944	7	
X 296-297	" "	"	KR-301	"	"	"	2	
X 309	Cupola		1 ton	Taiyo Chuki	1939	1942	1	
X 311	Sand Mill	Motor		Yamaoka	1943	1943	1	
X 312	" "	"		"	"	"	1	
X 313	" "	"		"	"	"	1	
X 264	" "	"		"	1942	1943	1	
X 265	" "	"		"	"	"	1	
X 266	" "	"		"	"	"	1	
X 267-268	" "	"		Toho	"	"	2	
	Travelling Crane				1940	1940	4	
	Gas Producer				1941	1941	2	
X No. 20	Melting Furnace				1943	1943	30	
□ No. 15	Heating Furnace				1942	1942	23	
□ No. 10	Heat Treating Furnace				1942	1942	15	
X No. 3	Electric Treating Furnace				1943	1943	9	
X No. 18	Wood Machine				1943	1945	18	

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AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT (Cont'd)

Notation	NAME	TYPE	SIZE	MAKER	Date of Mfr.	Date of Inst.	Quant.	Remarks
○	Steam Boiler				1945	1945	2	
△	Producing Machine						177	
△	Electric Machine						112	
△	Accurate Measuring Apparatus						52	

昭和三十一年二月六日

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昭和二十一年二月七日

兵部縣知事

岸田幸雄



以上

February 7th, 1946.

Certificate

We hereby certify regarding reconversion of your plant as follows:

1. Your application for reconversion to peace-time industries was filed with Hyogo Prefectural Office on November 16th, 1945.
2. The department of Commerce & Industry for Kinki zone advised us under date of December 12th approving your application for reconversion to the manufacture of civilian commodities.
3. Your application in English to be submitted to supreme commander for the Allied Forces was delayed due to revision in application form when the necessary proceedings to examine same had been finalized on our part.

(Signed)
Yukio Kishida
Governor for Hyogo Prefecture.

To Mr. M. Matsui,
Kobe Forging & Casting Plant,
Kawasaki Aircraft Industrial Company.

Major Schmidt,
Military Government,
Kyoto.

*Kawasaki's
Forging & Casting Plant.*

February 6, 1946.

Sir:

On November 16, 1945, we filed an application for operation both in English and Japanese with the Hyogo Prefectural office, but on account of the misunderstanding on the part of the authorities that when the application was approved by the Japanese government the permit of the Allied Powers would be issued simultaneously, quite a long time was wasted in giving due deliberation to it and although the prefectural committee had eventually approved same no formal permit from the Mc Arthur Headquarter was received. Then again on December 19 we filed another application in accordance with the revised form directly thru the Kobe military government, but in due course the question of naming factories for reparation purpose came to pass and our application was held up again. According to the recent announcement of Colonel Ballard it seems to be the policy of the military government to retain such factories, even if they were named in the recent directive, that are considered necessary to the manufacture of civilian commodities and we would venture to send in the third application with some modifications to bring it up-to-date, and solicit that you would kindly accord same due consideration.

Our casting division chiefly engaged in the manufacture of aero-engines during the war, but the forging division forged other products at the same time, particulars of which are given on the list of machinery and equipment attached. Moreover, our castings and forgings were turned over just as they were without undergoing any mechanical process in our plant. Orders of great varieties have been secured after cessation of the war by our forging division, as per copies attached, all of which you will agree are indispensable in promoting the welfare of our people.

Inasmuch as our casting compound was used mainly for aeroplane parts manufacture we are prepared to abandon same if you consider it necessary. But in order to fulfill the orders on hand we would appreciate it a great favor if you could permit us to build anew a small casting section within the forging compound. We might add here that we have determined to close our Sakai factory which has functioned as our additional casting division.

The forging division of Nishinomiya plant under the Kawasaki organization which in scale is much larger than ours will also close shortly due to unavailability of coal since the hammers they have are mostly operated by steam, and we are the only one to do the forging job for the overflowing demand.

The writer discussed the question of reconversion with the executives of the Kawasaki Aircraft Industrial Company very thoroughly and it is the consensus of opinion as well as the desire of the company to have the following five plants retained. These plants all combined represent only about 5% of the total machinery, equipment and facilities of the Kawasaki Aircraft Industrial Company.

1. Takatsuki Machinery Plant
2. Hokuban Gear Cutting Plant
3. Oxgen Manufacturing Company (Heiki Kojo)
4. Akashi Body Plant - a part
5. Kobe Forging and Casting Plant

The first four plants received the permits already as they filed their applications directly with the military government in an earlier stage, and we also should like to be favored with a permit so that we may be included as one of the five. It is our belief that we, unlike those four mentioned above which specialized in mechanical manufacture, only put out crude products, which makes it not only easy to reconvert to the peace-time industry but also will afford facilities in abundance to the manufacture of products badly needed by the general public.

We apologize for troubling you often in this matter but if you could kindly manage to inspect our factory and issue permit it would be greatly appreciated. Representing our plant and interests, I sincerely appeal to your kind help in this respect.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I beg to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

Masao Matsui
Manager and Superintendent,
Kobe Forging and Casting Plant
Kawasaki Aircraft Industrial Company

Enclosure No. 5

ORDERS ON HAND

Kobe Forging & Casting Plant

FORGINGS ONLY1. Order from Toyota Automobile Mfg. Co., Koromo.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-26-1945	45183	Steering Knuckle, Left	10,000	90.00	900,000
"	45182	" " Right	10,000	90.00	900,000
"	45210	Strg. Third Arm	3,000	60.00	180,000
"	GB-45168-B	Pitman Arm	3,000	21.60	64,800
"	GB-45211	Strg. Knuckle Arm	3,000	15.00	45,000
"	A-1321	Connecting Rod	20,000	60.00	1,200,000
					<u>3,289,800</u>

2. Order from Nissan Auto Mfg. Co., Koyasu

70-1351	Connecting Rod	10,000	47.00	470,000	
180-6047	Lever Arm	5,000	25.00	125,000	
80-3241	Main Shaft	5,000	45.00	225,000	
180-5032	Diff. Bevel Side Gear	10,000	17.00	170,000	
80-3213	Countershaft Drive Gear	5,000	27.00	135,000	
80-3246	1st & 2nd Spd. Gear	5,000	60.00	300,000	
					<u>1,425,000</u>

3. Order from Showa Seisakusho, Ltd., Osaka.

11-15-1945	Toyota	Inlet Valve	100,000	3.00	300,000
"	"	Exh. Valve	100,000	3.00	300,000
"	Nissan	Inlet Valve	100,000	3.00	300,000
"	"	Exh. Valve	100,000	3.00	300,000
"	Toyota	Rear Axle Shaft	15,000	46.00	690,000
"	"	Universal Joint	20,000	28.00	560,000
"	"	Connecting Rod	15,000	20.00	300,000
"	"	Hub Bolt Set	100,000	5.00	500,000
"	"	Ring Gear	200	60.00	12,000
"	"	Pinion	200	15.00	3,000
					<u>3,265,000</u>

4. Order from Sanko Industrial Co., Ltd.

12-20-1945	Free Wheeling Gear for Bicycle	10,000	5.00	50,000	
"	Pedal Shaft for Bicycle	10,000	10.00	100,000	
					<u>150,000</u>

5. Order from Nisshin Jidosha Co., Ltd., Osaka.

12-10-1945	Hoe - Farming implement	30,000	22.00	660,000
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Total = 8,789,800

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CASTING ONLY1. Order from Japan Automobile Parts Co., Ltd., Osaka.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Q'ty.</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-26-1945	Nissan	Piston (Cast)	30,000	10.00	¥ 300,000

2. Order from Showa Seisakucho, Ltd., Osaka.

			<u>Q'ty.</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Toyota	Crankshaft Main Brg.	5,000 sets	60.00	300,000
	Nissan	" " "	5,000	100.00	500,000
	Datsun	Connecting Rod	10,000	6.00	60,000
					<u>860,000</u>

3. Order from Daiwa Industrial Co., Ltd.

1-22-1946		Casting of Base for Electric Furnace	1,500	12.00	18,000
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4. Order from Kawasaki Ship Yard

		Electrical parts for locomotive	2,200	40.00	88,000
		Kettle	100,000	40.00	4,000,000
					<u>4,088,000</u>

5. Order from Banshu Gear Cutting Works

		Gear for textile machinery	5,000	4.00	20,000
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Total ¥ 5,286,000

Grand Total ¥ 14,075,800

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ORDERS ON HAND

Kobe Forging & Casting Plant

FORGINGS ONLY1. Order from Toyota Automobile Mfg. Co., Koromo.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Q'ty.</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-26-1945	45183	Steering Knuckle, Left	10000	90.00	900,000
"	45182	" " Right	10000	90.00	900,000
"	45210	Strg. Third Arm	3000	60.00	180,000
"	GB-45168-B	Pitman Arm	3000	21.60	64,800
"	GB-45211	Strg. Knuckle Arm	3000	15.00	45,000
"	A-1321	Connecting rod	20000	60.00	1,200,000
					<u>3,289,800</u>

2. Order from Nissan Auto Mfg. Co., Koyasu

70-1351	Connecting Rod	10000	47.00	470,000
180-6047	Lever Arm	5000	25.00	125,000
80-3241	Main Shaft	5000	45.00	225,000
180-5032	Diff. Bevel Side Gear	10000	17.00	170,000
80-3213	Countershaft Drive "	5000	27.00	135,000
80-3246	1st & 2nd Spd. Gear	5000	60.00	300,000
				<u>1,425,000</u>

3. Order from Showa Seisakusho, Ltd., Osaka.

11-15-1945	Toyota	Inlet Valve	100000	3.00	300,000
"	"	Exh. Valve	100000	3.00	300,000
"	Nissan	Inlet Valve	100000	3.00	300,000
"	"	Exh. Valve	100000	3.00	300,000
"	Toyota	Rear Axle Shaft	15000	46.00	690,000
"	"	Universal Joint	20000	28.00	560,000
"	"	Connecting Rod	15000	20.00	300,000
"	"	Hub Bolt Set	100000	5.00	500,000
"	"	Ring Gear	200	60.00	12,000
"	"	Pinion	200	15.00	3,000
					<u>3,265,000</u>

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				<u>150,000</u>

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12-10-1945	Hoe - Farming implement	30000	22.00	660,000
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Total ¥ 8,789,800

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Osaka, Honshu)

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SUBJECT: Application for Reconversion Permit Submitted by
Kobe Casting and Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft
Industries Co. Ltd.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343.

1. Two copies of the Reconversion Application for the above-mentioned company are forwarded with this letter.
2. Your attention is invited to Paragraph 5-a-1, which indicates that during the war this plant produced Aluminium Casting and Steel Forging for Aircraft Engines and Aircraft Frames.
3. Information is requested as to whether or not this type of manufacture comes within the meaning of the forthcoming SCAP directive, prohibiting reconversion of plants which during the war engaged in the production of Aircraft.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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John D. Ralston

JOHN D. RALSTON
Captain, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl:
Application
cc:
33rd Inf Div

AG 004.04 (MG)

1st Ind.

9 JAN 1946

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343.

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.
(Attn: Military Government Section)

1. Reference is made to Operational Directive No. 5, this Headquarters, dated 18 January 1946.
2. The Kawasaki Aircraft Company Kobe Kojo Factory is included in the list of plants to be taken into custody and control as provided for in the directive referred to above.

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AG 004.04 (MG), 1st Ind to CG I Corps, Subj, "Application for Reconversion Permit Submitted by Kobe Casting And Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Co. Ltd".

3. Issuance of permit for reconversion is not authorized.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HALL:



1 Incl
n/c

M. H. Wilke

M. H. WILKE,
Capt., A.G.D.
Asst. Adjutant General

Dec. 28, 1945.

Col. P. W. Scott,
Military Gov. Office,
Kobe.

Sir:

We sent in the application as per copy attached on December 18th. In the meantime our work has been well under way, having secured orders amounting to ¥2,000,000 to ¥3,000,000 covering automobile parts, electric furnace and frames for clocks & etc.

We have called back many of our former workers and they are all glad to be able to resume the work. Under the circumstances we should appreciate it a favor if you could tell us, if possible, whether the application would be granted or not.

Your assistant advised us that the application had been turned over to Kyoto for the final decision, and if so, would it be in order for us to call on the Kyoto authorities to have their assurance that the application may be granted. We desire to go ahead and execute these orders which necessarily involves expenditure, and as it is now you will appreciate that we are in an unsettled situation.

One of our friends told us that the application will be inspected by Captain Schmit who is now in Osaka, and if this is the case would you please enlighten us if it is in order to get in touch with him in this connection.

We wish to solicit your kind assistance and advice on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

M. Matsui
M. Matsui
Superintendent,
Kobe Forging & Casting Div.
subsidiary to
Kawasaki Aircraft Ind. Co.

川崎重工業株式会社

APPLICATION FOR OPERATION OF
AND
REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

TO:
THRU:

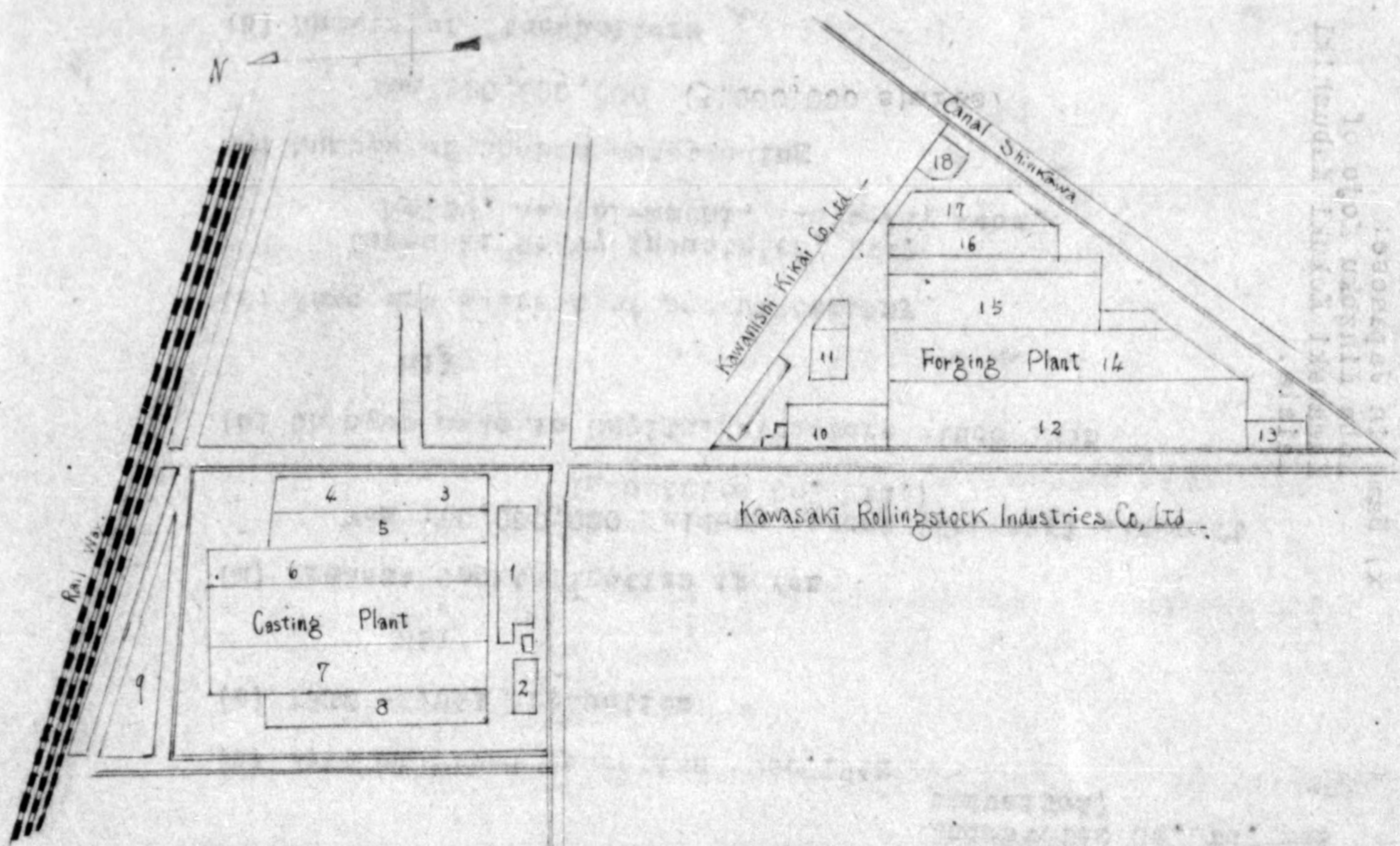
x) Kobe Casting & Forging Plant, Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Co., Ltd.
No. 1, 2-chome, Wadayama dori, Hyogo-ku, Kobe

19th Dec. 1945

1. Name of Facility: Kobe Casting and Forging Plant,
Kawasaki Aircraft Industries, Co., Ltd.
2. Location: No. 1, 2-chome, Wadayama dori, Hyogo-ku,
Kobe.
3. Name of President or Manager:
Masao Matsui (Superintendent)
4. History:
 - (a) Date of Construction Oct. 1942 (Motor Car Plant belonging
to Kawasaki Rolling Stock
Industries Co., Ltd. was
converted)
 - (b) Date of first operation Dec. 1942
 - (c) 1935 - 1941 Production
Nil
 - (d) Present Capitalization in Yen
Yen 150,000,000 Paid-up amount (Kawasaki Aircraft
Industries Co., Ltd.)
 - (e) Changes made in Capital structure since 1935
Nil
 - (f) Name and address of parent company.
Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.
No. 38, Akashi-machi, Ikuta-ku, Kobe.
 - (g) Number of shares outstanding
Yen 150,000,000 (3,000,000 shares)
 - (h) Number of stockholders
Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.
 - (i) Funds received from Government
Nil

x) Name in Japanese:
Kobe Kinzoku Kajo of
Kawasaki Kokuki Kabushiki
Kaisha.

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NO	Shop Name	NO	Shop Name
1	General Office	10	Ware House
2	Ware House	11	Boiler Room
3	Transformer Room	12	Forging Shop
4	Heat Treating Shop	13	Gas Producer
5	Finishing Shop	14	Heat Treating Shop
6	Core Setting Shop	15	Inspection Shop
7	Moulding Shop	16	Bar Shear Shop
8	Melting Shop	17	Machine Shop
9	Steel Storage	18	Compressor Room

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5. Description

(a) Principal Products

- 1. Wartime Aluminium casting and steel forging for Aero-engine and aircraft frame.
- 2. At Present 1. Steel forging, cast iron, copper alloy and aluminium casting for parts of rolling stock, automobile and ship.
2. Kitchen-utensils
- 3. Planned for 1946-47 Same as above

(b) Capacity

- 1. Wartime Steel forging Max. 370 tens per month
Al. casting " 37 " " "
- 2. At present Steel forging 5 "
Casting (aluminium cast iron and copper alloy) 10 tons

		<u>1946 (yearly)</u>	<u>1947 (Yearly)</u>
3. 1946-47	Steel forging	830 tens	1,800 tens
	Al. Casting	64 "	220 "
	Cast Iron	370 "	720 "
	Copper Alloy	152 "	200 "
	Kitchen utensils	770,000 yen	84,000 yen

(c) Number of Employees

- 1. Wartime 2,314 persens (at the 15th Aug. 1945)
- 2. At Present 200 "
- 3. 1946-47 1946 ... 500 persens
1947 ... 600 "

6. Machinery and Equipment in Plant

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Condition</u>	
		<u>Good</u>	<u>Bad</u>
Lathe	33	19	14
Milling Machine	13	8	5
Drilling Machine	4	3	1
Planing Machine	1	1	-
Shaping Machine	5	5	-
Slotting Machine	2	2	-
Miscellaneous	<u>28</u>	15	13
Total	<u>86</u>		

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Condition</u>	
		<u>Good</u>	<u>Bad</u>
Hammer	26	21	5
Press	15	8	7
Air Compressor	12	9	3
Travelling Crane	4	3	1
Gas Producer	2	2	-
Moulding Machine	26	20	6
Melting Furnace	30	26	4
Heating Furnace	23	20	3
Heat Treating Furnace	15	12	3
Electric Furnace	9	5	4
Wood Machine	18	18	-
Steam Boiler	2	1	1
Miscellaneous	<u>354</u>	234	120
Total	538		

7. Present stocks of Raw Materials, Supplies and Unfinished Goods.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Condition</u>
Special steel	1,500 tons	In stock
" "	177 "	Unfinished
Aluminium	50 "	In stock
" "	38 "	Unfinished
Copper	12 "	To be supplied from Futami
Lead Bronze	50 "	In stock
Tin	15 "	To be supplied from Futami
Pig Iron	30 "	In stock

8. Present stocks of Finished Goods.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Condition</u>
Special steel	40 tons	
Aluminium	9 "	

9. Present stocks of Fuel

Nil

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10. Machinery & Equipment needed for maximum production 1946-47.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Lathe	50 (28 at Futami Plant)
Milling Machine	20 (12 " ")
Drilling Machine	3
Planing Machine	1
Shaping Machine	8 (3 at Futami Plant)
Slotting Machine	4 (2 " ")
Miscellaneous	35 (20 " ")
	<u>Total 121</u>
Hammer	15
Press	15 (3 at Akashi)
Air Compressor	9
Travelling Crane	4
Gas reducer	2
Moulding Machine	15
Melting Furnace	20
Heating Furnace	15
Heat Treating Furnace	10
Electric Furnace	3
Wood Machine	18
Steam Boiler	2
Miscellaneous	160 (30 at Futami and Akashi)
	<u>Total 288</u>

11. Raw Materials and Supplies needed (monthly)

(a) For Present Capacity

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Steel	8 tons
Pig Iron	3 "
Aluminium	3 "
Copper	1.5 tons

(b) For Maximum

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Steel	250 tons
Pig Iron	40 "
Aluminium	25 "
Copper	15 "

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12. Fuel Needed

Coal	500 tons
Coke	100 "
Town Gas	150,000 cubic meters

13. Additional Personnel needed

<u>Special skills</u>	<u>Number</u>
Blacksmith	110 persons
Caster	90 "
Mechanician	100 "

14. Prices

<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>
Steel forging	per ton	Yen 7,000
Cast Iron	"	2,000
Copper Alloy	"	10,000
Aluminium Casting	"	12,000

15. Remarks (Include here any factors hampering production not already mentioned and any recommendations you consider necessary).

Nil.

16. Certification by applicant

I certify that the information contained herein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Masao Matsui
Superintendent

川崎重工業株式會社

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17. Action by Occupation Forces

The factory described in this application has been inspected and the following action:

- a. Ordered to remain closed Yes/No No
- b. Ordered to cease operations immediately Yes/No No
- c. Authorized to produce at the following rate:

Item to be manufactured

Monthly quantity

- none -