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BASIC: Ltr Nagasaki Mil Govt Team, APO 929, dtd 10 Jan 49, subj:  
"Partial Background Investigation"

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 12 January 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, Nagasaki Mil Govt Team, APO 929

1. Returned for compliance with letter, Hqs I Corps, AG311.5-C, dated 17 August 1948, subj: "Form Letter for Background Investigations". Paragraphs 2 and 3 of subject form letter have been omitted from your letter.

2. Personal History Statements are again returned for correction. Your attention is invited to Eighth Army Weekly Directive 16, Sect XVIII, dated 24 December 1948. To insure correctness and completeness, it is suggested that each item of the Personal History Statement be checked against the directions contained in subject Weekly Directive for completing each item.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL HILTON:

CHARLES L. BACHTEL  
1st Lt           SIG C  
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS  
NAGASAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Nagasaki, Kyushu, Japan

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APO 929  
8 January 1949

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO : Commanding General, Hqs Eighth Army, APO 343  
(Attn: Adjutant General)

Attached herewith is a report of Line of duty Investigation of  
Pvt Earl Q. Rogers, RA 14268184, Service Co, 34th Inf Regt, APO 24,  
DS Nagasaki Mil Govt Team, APO 929.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

s/ Vernon C. Hill  
T/ VERNON C. HILL  
Captain CAC  
Adjutant

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AGRDE 220.46 Rogers, Earl Q. (Enl) 1st Ind  
RA14268184 (8Jan 49)  
SUBJECT: Report of Investigation

18 Jan 1949

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

For review and necessary action.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

11 Incls:  
n/c

s/ Wayne J. Gaynor  
T/ WAYNE J. GAYNOR  
Capt. AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

INFORMATION:  
CO, Nagasaki MG  
Team, APO 929

AGLP 704 - Rogers, Earl Q. (Enl) 2nd Ind

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Headquarters I Corps, APO 301

TO: Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, APO 24

1. For review and necessary action.

2. Appropriate action will be taken to insure forwarding reports of this nature to the proper reviewing authority. In this connection the following references are cited:

a. AR 345-415.

b. General Orders #33, Headquarters I Corps, 6 December 1948.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SWING:

s/ R. Cooke  
T/ R. COOKE  
CWO, USA  
Asst Adj Gen

11 Incls:  
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AG 220.46 Rogers, Earl Q. (Enl) 3d Ind.  
RAL4268184 (8 Jan 49)  
SUBJECT: Report of Investigation

JAN 26 1949

Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, APO 24

THRU: Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 929

TO: Commanding Officer, Nagasaki Military Government Team, APO 929

1. Returned without action.

2. Line of duty investigation is returned for compliance with AR 345-415. Claims investigation will be accomplished in accordance with AR 25-20 and Circular 51, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 31 July 1948. Each of these investigations, although resulting from but a single incident, is separate and distinct. They, therefore, will be handled separately and forwarded to this headquarters individually when completed.

3. It will be noted that the appointing authority has neither approved nor disapproved the findings of the investigating officer regarding line of duty status. Also, the signature of the appointing authority should appear in the space provided on the lower left portion of Form 51. He has signed on the line reserved for the reviewing authority, who in this case is the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division.

4. Paragraph 8b, AR 345-415 provides that injuries will be considered to have been incurred in line of duty provided misconduct or gross negligence is not a contributory factor, and pars 1a and 1b AR 25-220 provides in substance that claims in favor of the Government cannot be asserted against soldiers except in cases of gross negligence. The investigating officer should insure that if either misconduct or gross negligence contributed to the accident or injury, such fact affirmatively appears in each investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

THEO. F. PRESLEY  
Major AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 1 February 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, Nagasaki Mil Govt Team, APO 929

1. Reference is made to 1st wrapper Indorsement to "Report of Claims Officer", Nagasaki Mil Govt Team, dtd 3 Jan 49 in which it was emphatically pointed out that the poor preparation of reports and the forwarding of reports "out of channels" is frowned upon by this and higher headquarters.

2. Your attention is further invited to the 3rd Indorsement which points out the many discrepancies in this report and also points out that subject report is another repeat performance on jumping channels.

3. You are directed to take adequate measures to prevent a recurrence of instances of this nature and to eliminate the embarrassment imposed upon this headquarters by your late submission and incomplete and/or erroneous reports.

S. C. MILTON  
Col FA  
Commanding

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a/s

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS  
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

AG 250.4 - 0

DEC 21 1948

SUBJECT: Delayed communication

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 929

1. Reference letter, Headquarters Saga Military Government Team, dated 26 October 1948, subject: Request for reassignment of undesirable personnel, (re: Captain Joseph E. Noble Jr.), and 2nd indorsement thereto, this Headquarters, dated 19 November 1948, requesting a thorough investigation and report of such investigation including statements of all witnesses to this Headquarters.

2. Request information as to the reason for the delay in the desired report, and the probable date the file may be expected in this Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SWING:

WILDER A. JOHNSON  
Capt. A.G.D.  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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BASIC: Ltr Hqs I Corps, APO 301, dtd 21 Dec 48, subj: "Delayed Communication".

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 24 December 1948

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

The above mentioned correspondence was returned to this headquarters by Commanding Officer, Saga Military Government Team, 23 December 1948. Additional information is being obtained from parent organization (21st Infantry Regiment) which should be received by this headquarters on 27 December 48, upon which final recommendation can be submitted at that time.

S. C. HILTON  
Colonel FA  
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS  
MIYAZAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
APO 24, UNIT 2

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13 December 1948

*File 33315*

SUBJECT: Partial Background Investigation.  
THROUGH: Commanding General, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343  
TO : Commander-In-Chief, Far East Command, APO 500  
(Attn: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2)

1. In compliance with paragraph 4a, Circular 55, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 11 August 1948, request Partial Background, Investigation of the following named officer assigned this headquarters.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Arrived This Theater</u>	<u>Last Previous Organization</u>
GUNN, ROBERT B.	1st Lt	O-2035097	31 Jan 47	Saga Military Government Team APO 929

2. It is desired to clear this officer to handle secret material and a partial background investigation is deemed appropriate for the following reasons. Lt. Gunn is Adjutant of this organization and handles secret and confidential matter as part of his duties; a partial background investigation complies with paragraph 3b of Circular 55, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 11 August 1948.

3. An examination of the personnel records of the above named officer reveals no evidence of previous clearance.

ESTELL A. HUTCHENSON  
Major, CMP  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
WD AGO Form 643A (2)



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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Miyazaki MG Team, APO 24, Unit 2, dtd 13 Dec 48,  
Subj: Partial Background Investigation

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff,  
G-2, APO 343, 20 December 1948

TO: AC of S, G-2, I Corps, APO 301

1. Returned without action.
2. Attention is invited to instructions contained at top of Page 1, WD AGO Form 643A, which require that all questions and statements be completed. If proper answer is "No" or "None", such fact will be stated.
3. Upon receipt of properly completed WD AGO Forms 643A in duplicate, necessary action will be taken.

1 Incl:  
n/c

GEORGE A. A. JONES  
Colonel, GSC  
AC of S, G-2

AG 311.5 - C

2d Ind.

HEADQUARTERS I CORPS, APO 301, 23 December 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 929

For necessary correction and return through this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SWING:

1 Incl:  
n/c

WILLIAM A. FRANKS  
Capt., AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

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BASIC: Ltr Hq Miyasaki MG Team, APO 24 Unit 2, dtd 13 Dec 48,  
subj: "Partial Background Investigation"

3rd Ind.

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 29 December 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Miyasaki Mil Govt Team, APO 24 Unit 2

For compliance with 1st Indorsement and return thru this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ CHARLES L. BACHTEL  
CHARLES L. BACHTEL  
1st Lt SIG C  
Adjutant

1 Incl:  
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS MIYAZAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM, APO 24, UNIT 2, 11  
January 1949.

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 929

In compliance with 1st Ind. Enclosed is correct copy (dup.) of Personal History Statement on subject Officer.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROBERT B GUNN  
1st Lt Inf  
Adjutant

1 Incl:  
n/c Corrected

5th Ind

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 14 January 1949

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301  
(Attn: IC of S, G-2)

C.L.B.

1 Incl:  
n/c

DECLASSIFIED E.O. 12958 SECTION 5.1  
BASIC: Ltr, Hq Miyazaki MG Team, APO 24 Unit 2, dtd 13 Dec 48,  
subj: Partial Background Investigation (Gunn, Robert B.)

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HEADQUARTERS MIYAZAKI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM APO 24 Unit 2, 9 Feb 49

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyushu Mil Govt Region, APO 24 Unit 5

6th Ind to Basic Communication complied with.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Robert B. Gunn  
ROBERT B. GUNN  
1st Lt Inf  
Adjutant

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 24-5, 15 February 1949

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301  
(Attn: AC of S, G-2)

1 Incl:  
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C.L.B.

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Miyazaki MG Team, dtd 13 Dec 48, Subj: "Partial Background Investigation"

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 APO 343, 21 February 1949

TO: AC of S, G-2, I Corps, APO 301

1. Returned without action.
2. The inclosed WD AGO Forms 643A, are returned for correction where indicated thereon.
3. Attention is invited to Section XVIII, Weekly Directive #16, and inclosure #2, thereto, Headquarters Eighth Army, 24 December 1948.

GEORGE A. A. JONES  
Colonel, GSC  
AC of S, G-2

1 Incl:  
n/c

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12th Ind

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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS, APO 301

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 24

For necessary action and return through this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COULTER:

1 Incl  
n/c

WILLIAM A. FRANKS  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adj General

DECLASSIFIED E.O. 12065 SECTION 5 VOL 1/11/80

**BASIC:** Ltr, Hq Miyazaki MG Team, APO 24 Unit 2, dtd 13 Dec 48,  
**Subj:** "Partial Background Investigation".

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 24-5, 1 March 1949

**TO:** Commanding Officer, Miyazaki Mil Govt Team, APO 24 Unit 2

For compliance with 11th indorsement.

**BY ORDER OF COLONEL HILTON:**

1 Incl:  
n/c

CHARLES L. BACHTEL  
1st Lt SIG C  
Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Miyazaki Mil Govt Team, DTD 13 Dec 48, subj:  
"Partial Background Investigation".

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 24-5, 1 March 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, Miyazaki Mil Govt Team, APO 24 Unit 2

For compliance with 11th indorsement.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL HILTON:

CHARLES L. BACHTEL  
1st Lt SIG C  
Adjutant

1 Incl:  
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS MIYAZAKI MIL GOVT TEAM, APO 24 Unit 2, 7 March 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyushu Mil Govt Region, APO 24 Unit 5

11th Ind to Basic Communication complied with.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROBERT B GUNN  
1st Lt Inf  
Adjutant

1 Incl:  
n/c

15th Ind

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 24 Unit 5, 10 March 1949

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301  
Attention: AC of S, G-2

C. A. W.

1 Incl:  
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HEADQUARTERS  
FUKUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Fukuoka, Kyushu  
APO 929

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10 December 1948  
48/E/IR/#3

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SUBJECT: Investigation of Coal Mine Machinery Manufacturing Plants

THRU : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, APO 929  
ATTN: Economics Officer

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

1. In order to discover reasons for recent rumors of unrest in coal mine machinery manufacturing plants in this prefecture, this headquarters launched an investigation into the situation on 10 November 1948. The facts obtained by this investigation are believed to be of sufficient interest and importance to higher headquarters to merit the following special report.

2. Results of Investigation:

a. Eleven (11) main designated plants in the Nogata-Iizuka area were visited, conferences were conducted with plant owners, officials of Fukuoka Commerce and Industry Section and officials of the Fukuoka Coal Board. An inclosure to this report is a resume of the situation as outlined by the Fukuoka Coal Board.

b. Subject plants are on the verge of bankruptcy because of non-payment by the coal mines for delivered machinery. Salaries, taxes, payment for supplies and incidentals cannot be met.

c. Plant owners are reluctant to force the issue because of fear of reprisals by coal mine owners.

d. Plant owners feel that they are fighting a losing battle and with their backs to the wall have the idea that they are the forgotten men in Japanese industry.

e. Owners fear that should a plan be negotiated by the coal mines that they would be among the last to receive payment.

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BASIC: Ltr, FMGT, APO 929, File No. 004 (48/#/IR/#3), subj:  
"Investigation of Coal Mine Machinery Manufacturing  
Plants"

3. Conclusions:

a. Coal mines under jurisdiction of Fukuoka Coal Board has submitted an application for a loan of ¥4,270,000,000 of which ¥318,000,000 will probably be used to retire subject indebtedness. Consensus of local opinions are that should loan be granted, the Fukuoka Coal Board should receive it in order that equitable payments can be effected. It is feared that should a direct loan be made to the coal mines mal-practices would occur with subsequent non-payments to creditor plants.

b. Coal mine machinery manufacturing plants occupy an integral position in Japanese economic recovery, and as such should be permitted to function with minimum difficulties consistent with existing policies.

c. Should loan be effected, priority of payments should be given to coal mine machinery manufacturing plants.

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Petition from Fukuoka  
Coal Board

/s/ KARL L. SPRINGER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Commanding



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FUKUOKA  
COAL BUREAU

FCF 21  
3. Dec. 1948

To,

The Commanding Officer,  
Fukuoka Military Government Team,

Sir,

It is well known to you that in order to secure 36 million tons of Coal production which is the basis of the rehabilitation program of Japanese economy, all the coal mines within our jurisdiction have been exerting themselves to the utmost for the increase production and they are in fact showing satisfactory results in the past:-

May	1512,000	tons
June	1518,000	"
July	1415,000	"
August	1368,000	"
September	1541,000	"
October	1621,000	"

Whereas, in spite of all these results, financial position of coal mines are embarrassed month after month due to the increase of deficit a/c owing to the production cost and suspension of Government loan of operation funds since August and undue delay of equipment funds as stated below:-

(1) Deficit a/c of production cost.

	August	September
Production cost per ton	¥ 2939	¥ 3029
Sale price	2541	2627
Deficit a/c	398	402
Gross deficit a/c	500 millions	569 millions

(average figure of all Kyushu Coal Mines)  
Account for the month of October is still unknown, but presumably the deficit a/c will reach around the figure of 600 million Yen. This multiplied increase of deficit a/c is the main reasons of difficulties of financial operation.

(2) Undue delay of equipment funds.

Hitherto expenses to meet the costs of renovations, extensions, enlargements of various equipment within the coal mines, construction of miner's houses, advancing of underground tunnels have been accrued from the net profit derived from the mines or long time loans from the local banks. But after the war, owing to the existence of deficit cost a/c and rejection of local banks for advancing long time loans to the coal mines, all the required funds have been entirely depending on the Rehabilitation Financial Bank (Fukko Kin-yu Kinko) under the following categories:-

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a. Plan for the general equipment fund of coal mines for the first half of fiscal year commencing from April to September 1948:- ¥6178 million  
 Fund already advanced 5221 " (April to September)  
 Outstanding fund (pending) 957 "

b. Plan for the general equipment fund of coal mines for the second half period fiscal year commencing from October 1948 to March 1949:- ¥9457 million  
 (total amount not yet advanced)

Since October this year, no equipment fund has been accommodated to any mine in our jurisdiction.

c. Plan of the housing fund in the coal mines during the first half period commencing June 1948 to February 1949:- ¥ 9500 million  
 Fund already advanced (June to September) 4000 "  
 Loans under progress at present 1230 "  
 Outstanding loans (pending) for October to November 4270 "

Above loans have been unduly delayed much to the detriment of the progress towards construction.

(3) Unpaid a/c of Coal Mines.

Owing to the abovementioned reasons, all the coal mines are financially embarrassed. Following schedule will prove the above statement. (This schedule does not include those five companies having head offices, at Tokyo. Total production of these five companies aggregate about 44% of the entire Kyushu therefore unpaid a/c for all Kyushu shall be about double the amount of these figures).

By end of April	¥1868 million	Per ton of Coal production	¥2429
" May	2121	" "	2705
" June	2188	" "	2762
" July	2230	" "	3012
" August	2362	" "	3269

Particulars of unpaid a/c during the month of August are as follows:-

	¥817 million
Materials and cost of machineries	52 "
Electric Charges	821 "
Tax (income tax)	143 "
" (others)	157 "
Insurance	32 "
Contract Works	291 "
Others	

Namely Tax is the biggest problem, seconded by materials and cost of machineries.

Regarding the outstanding tax for April, May & June, The Ministry of Finance has already frozen ¥103 millions from coal a/c

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at the beginning of October and for July, August and September, they are going to levy by compulsory collection on several occasions starting from 10th of December. As the end of the year is approaching, coal mines have to meet various outstanding a/c and are extremely embarrassed financially.

(4) Financial embarrassment of coal mining industries.

Increase of outstanding a/c by the coal mines shall directly affect to those merchants dealing in mining wooden props, explosives, mining machineries and contractors for the construction of miner's houses etc who are mainly supplying above materials or services to the coal mines and some of those merchants or contractor with small capitals are in fact on the verge of bankruptcy.

Following is the credit sale a/c of explosives supplied to seven large companies by the explosive merchants to the various coal mines:-

By end of January	₹ 94 millions
" April	119 "
" July	131 "
" September	158 "

Out of monthly sales of 70 millions, about 50 millions were paid and the rest were not paid so far and this outstanding a/c has been monthly increasing.

Following is the credit sale a/c of mining machineries by 28 designated factories to the various coal mines within our jurisdiction:-

By end of March	₹138 Millions
" May	169 "
" July	213 "
" October	282 "

For the October Sale, amounting 200 millions over, 150% was listed under unpaid item. Owing to the increase of unpaid bills, ordinary merchants without much capitals cannot even materialize coupons for raw materials given and authorized by allocations and some of them could not pay the wages of laborers as they are financially embarrassed and these tendency will certainly affect indirectly to the coal productions.

(5) Counter Measure.

In order to adopt a proper counter measure against aforesaid mining financial stringency, we propose three main solution:-

- a. Rationalization of operation in order to overcome deficit a/c.
- b. Loan accommodation to be advanced accompanied by increase coal production.
- c. Acceleration of loan accommodation towards already decided equipment and miner's houses funds.

Observing three main principles announced some days ago, when recognition of loan accommodation to the deficit a/c, government

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compensation for the loss sustained and alteration of coal prices are not able to expect, coal mining operators should not hereafter depend on government but voluntarily take drastic action for the rationalization of operation independently. Regarding (2) fund for operation increase, when Rehabilitation Financial Bank's loan accommodation fund is now limited within the categories of equipment fund only, local banks presumably feel reluctant to advance further loans to coal mines which have been managed under deficit a/c basis. Therefore to overcome deficit a/c, sound management is now considered to be the foremost importance.

Under these circumstances, most practical and immediate applicable measure is to accelerate loan of equipment fund. On the 5th of November a petition was submitted applying for the permission of loan in order to make use of the balance amount of loan accommodation fund from the first half period of general equipment fund plan and also from the reserve fund of latter half period of the same plan to the G.H.Q. But as no permission has been granted since then, nothing has been materialized to this problem. Therefore it is earnestly desired that this petition may be granted by the G.H.Q. as soon as possible.

The 6th loan petition towards the plan of first half period for the laborer's houses in the coal mines is going to be submitted to the G.H.Q. in the near future and hope that permission may be granted as soon as possible.

(6) Conclusion.

The financial difficulties and bottlenecks experienced by the coal mine operators have been explained by the aforesaid statements. However, it is desired coal mining operators may exert their utmost endeavours towards the following subjects:

- a. Rationalization of mining management operations.
- b. Prohibition of equipment fund into deficit a/c.
- c. To exert utmost endeavours for the negotiation with the local banks for the utilization of local finance.

These three subjects should be exercised strongly and we are prepared to co-operate with the miners as much as possible. However, undue delay towards our petition regarding the permission of loan of equipment fund are the main reasons of present financial difficulties experienced by the coal mine operators and hope that immediate action may be considered regarding the solution of this problem. When loan of equipment fund is about to be granted, we shall also, simultaneously take appropriate supervision and guidance towards all coal mines within our jurisdiction so that such loans may be spent for the correct object under whatever circumstances.

Sgd. By /s/ Urabe Yasumasa  
Director  
Fukuoka Coal Bureau.

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**BASIC:** Ltr, Fukuoka Mil Govt Team, File No. 004(48/E/IR/#3), subj: "Investigation of Coal Mine Machinery Manufacturing Plants," dtd 10 December 1948

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 17 Jan 49

**TO:** Commanding Officer, Fukuoka Mil Govt Team, APO 929  
Commanding Officer, Nagasaki Mil Govt Team, APO 929 Unit 3  
Commanding Officer, Kumamoto Mil Govt Team, APO 924 Unit 1  
Commanding Officer, Saga Mil Govt Team, APO 929

1. During the month of December the government made loans to many coal mine companies for the purpose of liquidating the debts of the mines to the Mine Machinery Manufacturing Companies. These loans were made by a direct payment of the money to the Machinery Manufacturing Company, thereby removing the possibility of the loan being used for any other purpose. The mine involved in each payment was credited with such payment of their account.

2. Should a detailed account of the amount paid for each individual mine be desired it can be obtained by a request to the Coal Section of this headquarters.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL HILTON:

CHARLES L. BACHTEL  
1st Lt. SIG C  
Adjutant

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BASIC: Hq Fukuoka Mil Govt Team, File 004, subj: "Investigation of Coal Mine Machine Manufacturing Plants," dtd 10 Dec 48.

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HQ FUKUOKA MIL GOVT TEAM, APO 24 Unit 5, 2 February 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, APO 24 Unit 5  
ATTN: Economics Section

1. Information available to this headquarters indicates the conditions remain unchanged and that negotiations as reported in first indorsement did not materialize.

2. Inasmuch as this is a problem of the greatest significance, request basic be forwarded to higher headquarters for possible action.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:  
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/s/Ernest R. Knirsch  
/t/ERNEST R. KNIRSCH  
1st Lt FA  
Adjutant

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 24-5, 5 February 1949

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

1. Forwarded.

2. Information contained in recent coal bulletins indicates attempt is being made to solve problem of coal mine indebtedness to various suppliers by diverting 400,000,000 yen in coal payments each month for the months of January, February and March 1949 to such creditors. However, it is felt that this amount will not greatly ease the situation described in basic letter, and it is, therefore, forwarded for information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:  
n/c

CHARLES L. BACHTEL  
1st Lt SIG C  
Adjutant