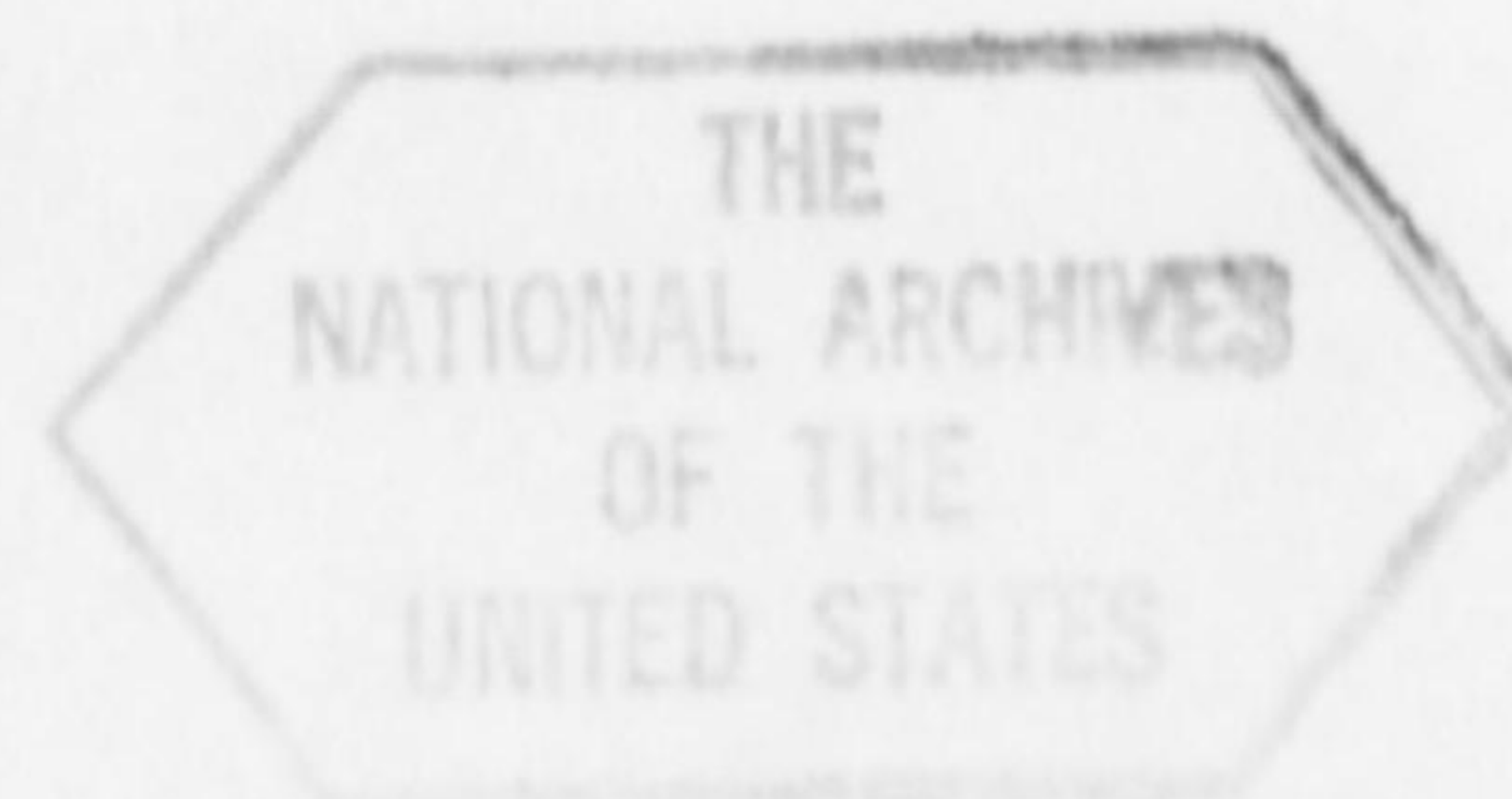


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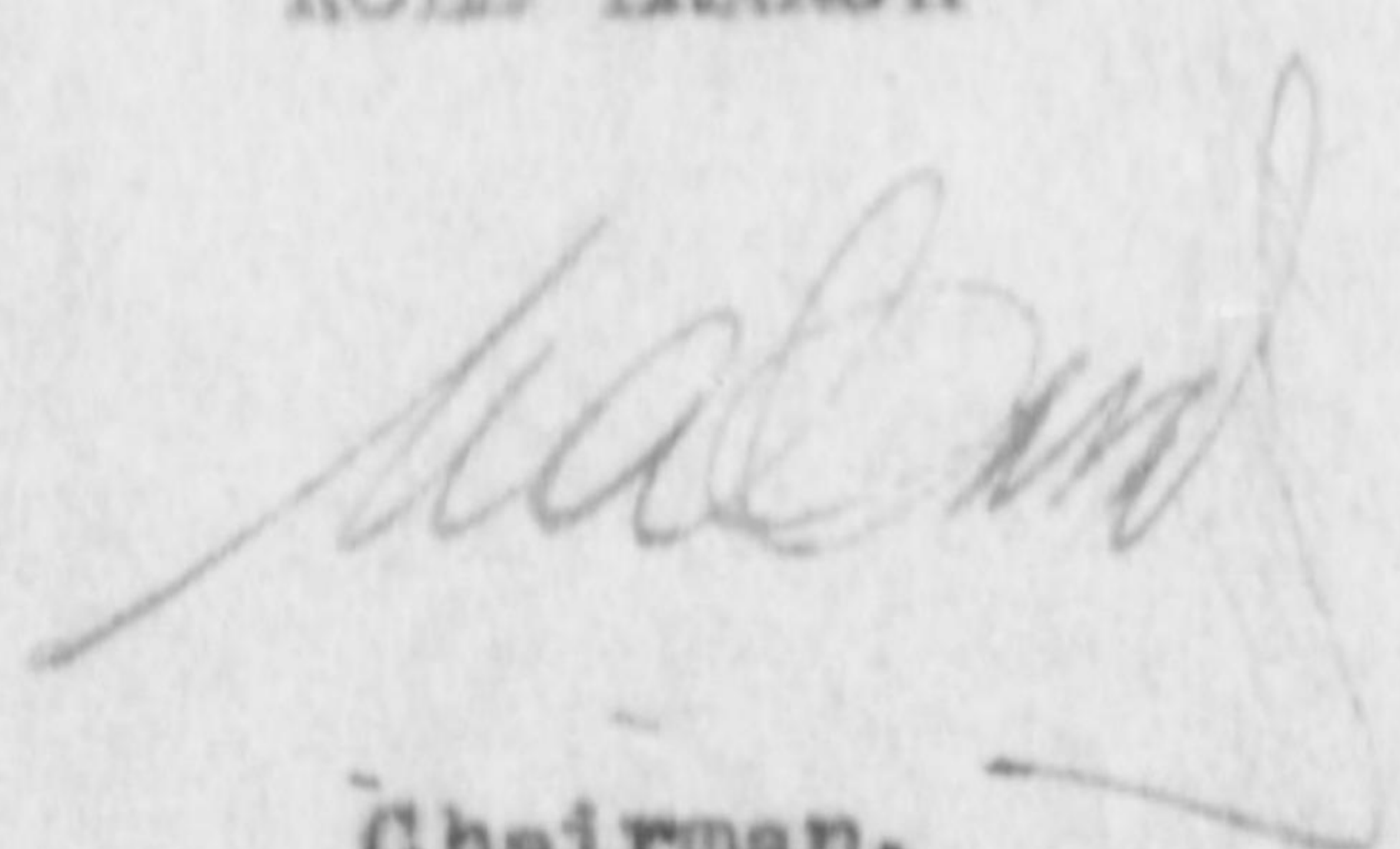
Kobe, 11th February 1948.

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting.

TO: H. Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the  
28th January, 1948.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH



Chairman.

Encl: - Minutes of Meeting.

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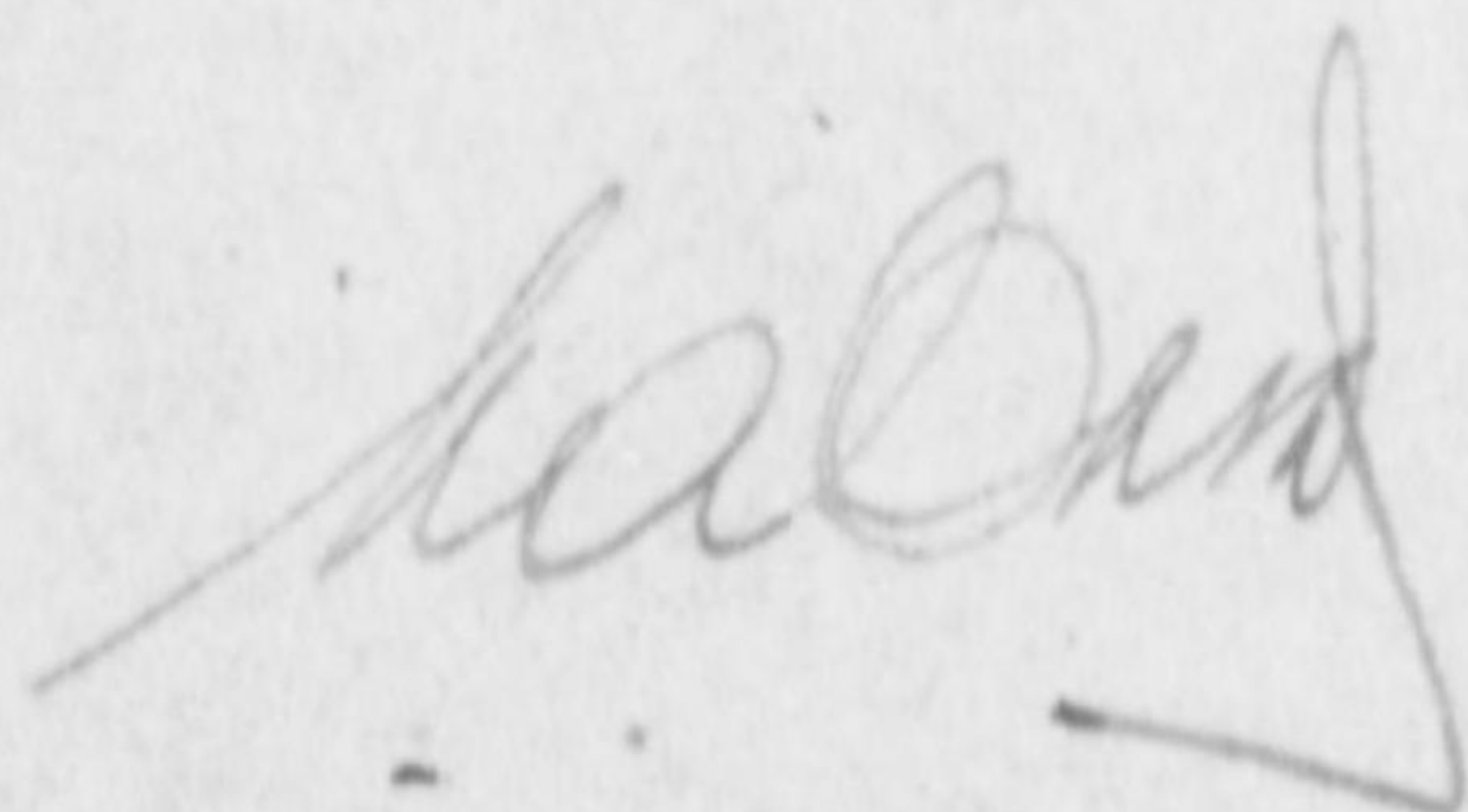


MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE  
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ON WEDNESDAY THE 23th JANUARY 1948 AT 4 P.M.

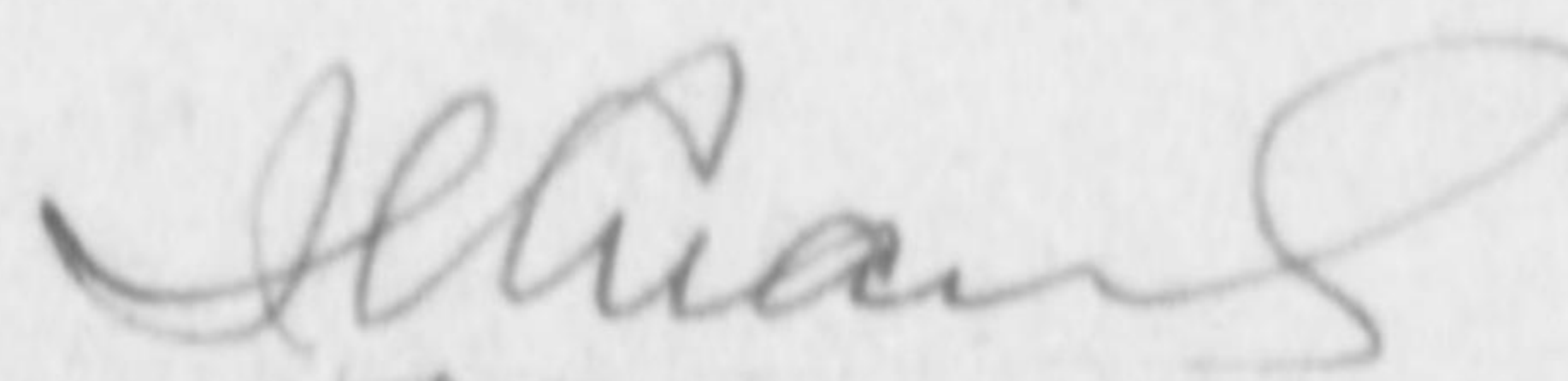
Present: Mr. U. A. Casal in the chair, Messrs. Sforstedt, Crane  
McIlwaine and Price.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

There being no matters to discuss the Meeting adjourned.



U. A. Casal  
Chairman.



J. E. Crane  
Secretary.



INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

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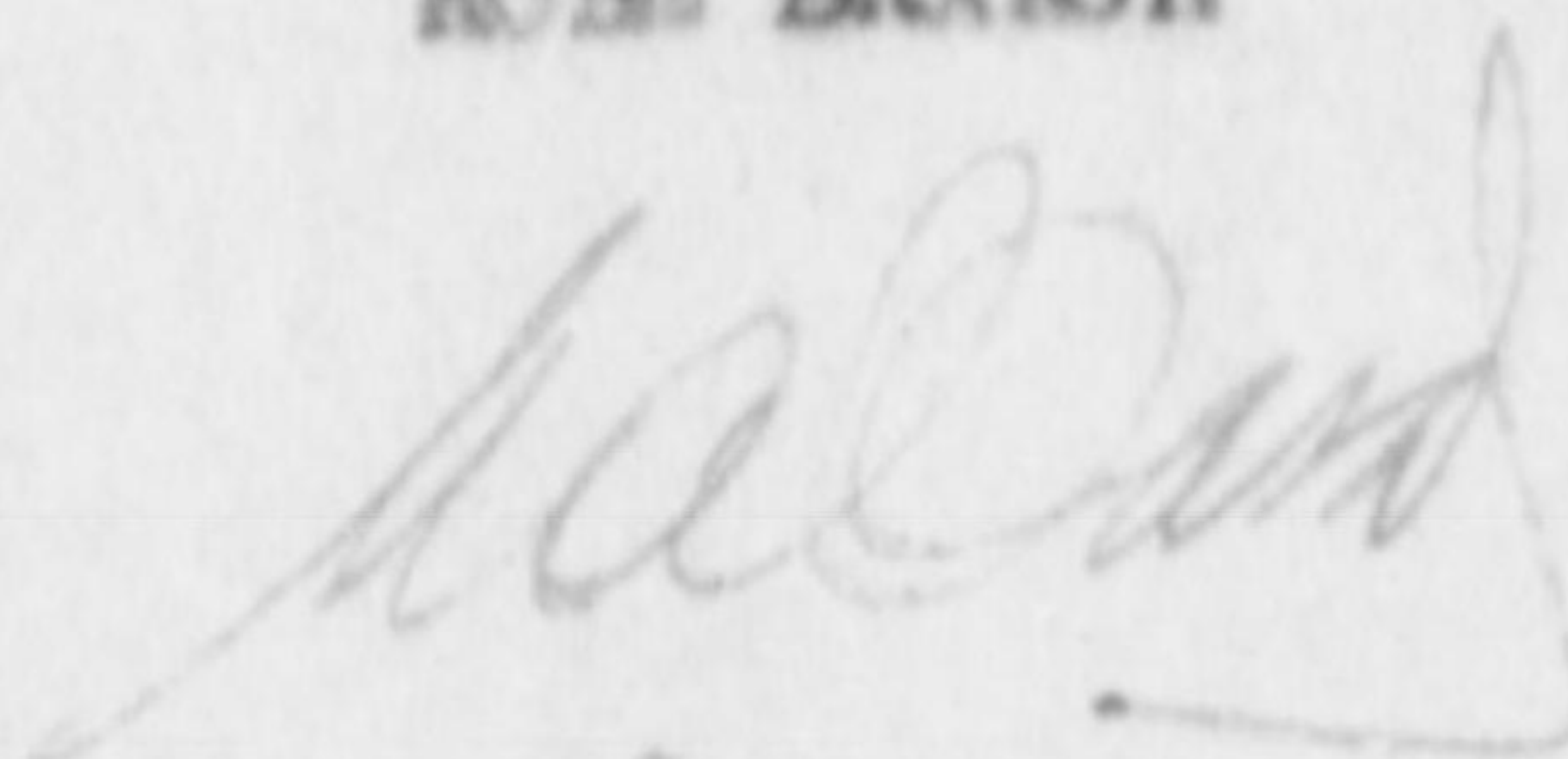
Kobe, 29th, January, 1948.

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting

TO: H. Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on the  
21st January, 1948.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH



Chairman.

Encl: - Minutes of Meeting.



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE  
OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
ON WEDNESDAY THE 21st JANUARY 1948 AT 3 P.M.

Present: Mr. U. A. Casal in the chair, Messrs. Bjorstedt, Crane  
and Price.

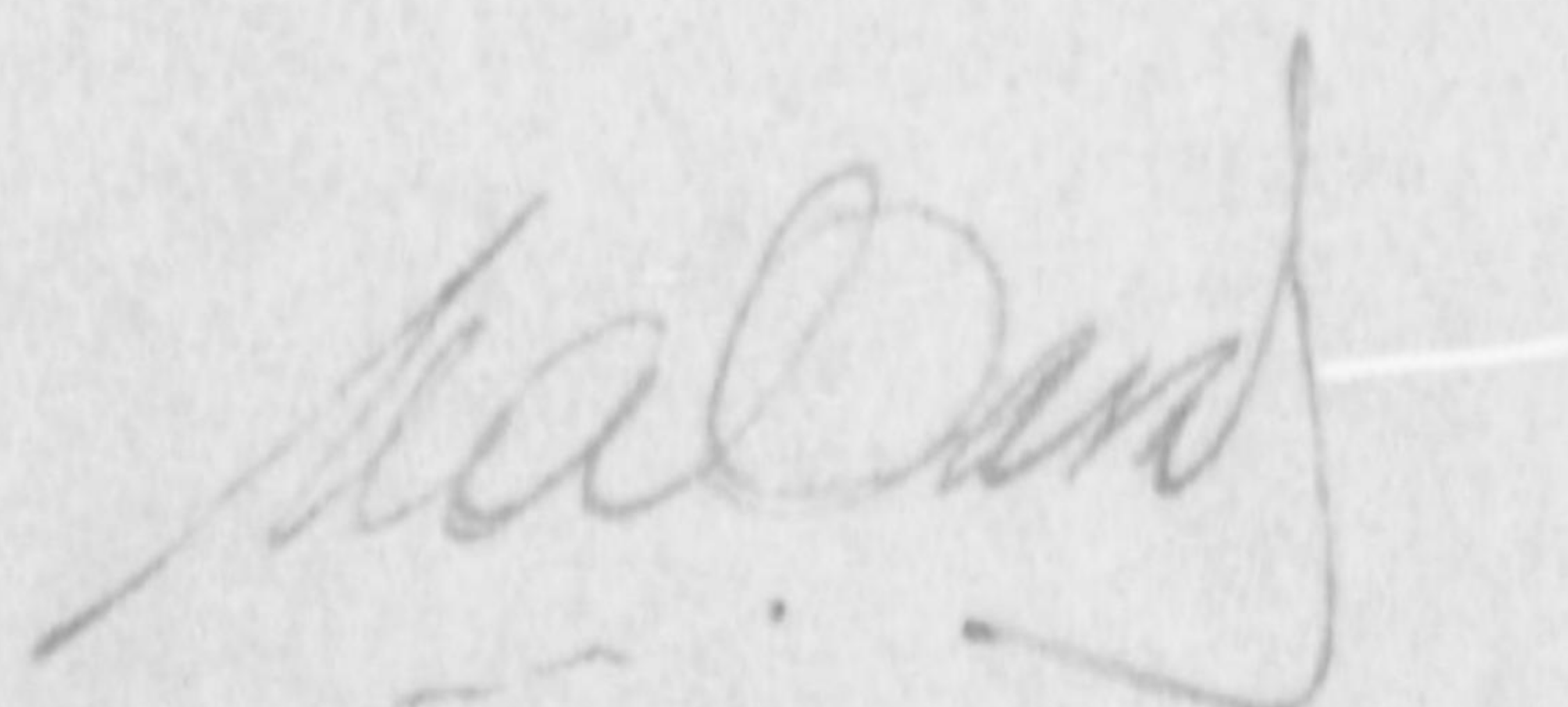
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Destitutes. According to new instructions issued by SCAP on 9th  
January 1948, the Japanese Government will have to support all  
foreign residents who are destitute. Negotiations are therefore  
now in progress with the Public Welfare Office of the Hyogo Kencho  
for them to take over from this Committee the four cases which so  
far we have been looking after.

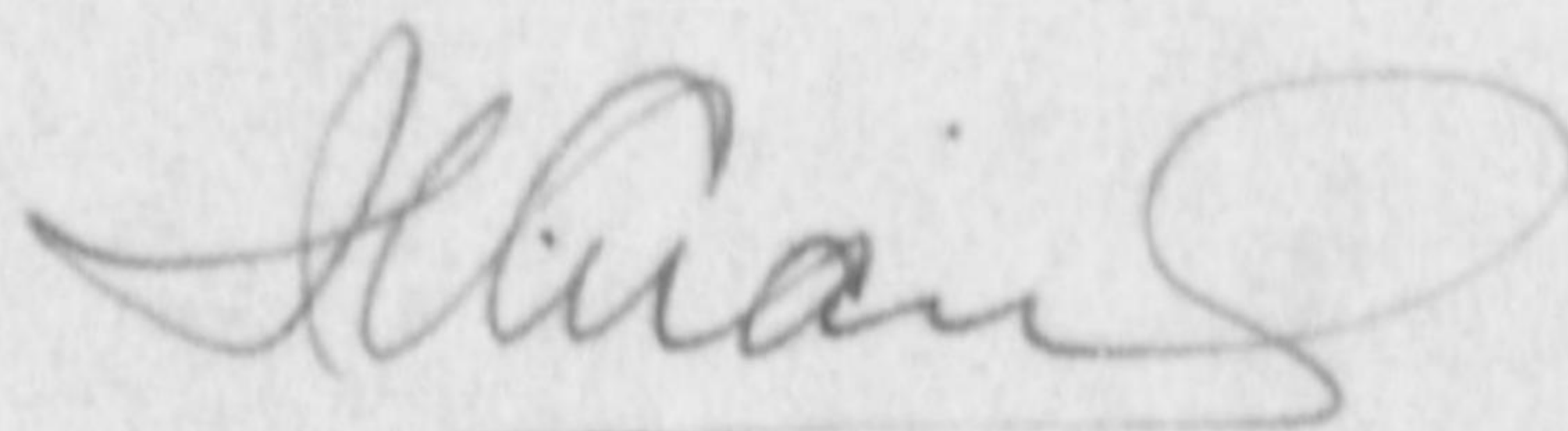
Winding up of I. R. C. As Yokohama Headquarters letter of 1st  
December 1947 was only received on 20th January 1948 regarding  
liquidation, after consultation with Welfare Section, Hyogo Milita-  
ry Government Team, and after a telephone conversation with Mr. Moss,  
it was decided that no action will be taken until Mr. Moss comes to  
Kobe, which will be about 2nd February.

Axis Nationals In a letter dated 9th December 1947 received 20th  
January 1948 our Headquarters enquired to why Axis Nationals were  
admitted to our latest distribution, and we informed them by telephone,  
to be confirmed by letter, that we did so under instructions from the  
Welfare Section, Hyogo Military Government Team, Mr. Borish having  
telephoned I Corps on 20th November 1947, after having been approached  
on behalf of the Italian Community, asking for clarification of eligibili-  
ty of Italians. The reply was that distributions were to include Axis  
Nationals on the same basis as others.

The meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.



U. A. Casal  
Chairman.



J. E. Crane  
Secretary.



INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

Kobe, 7th February 1948.

No. 193.

Subject: Transfer of I.R.C. activities to International  
Committee of Kobe

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Confirming our recent conversations with your Chairman, Mr. C.H. Moss, we would welcome it if our activities could be transferred with the least possible delay to the International Committee of Kobe, formed on the 17th December last by the decision of a general assembly of foreign (Occidental) residents of this district. As advised elsewhere, five out of the present six members of the I.R.C. will continue in charge of Relief, and of course work along the same lines.

We have every confidence that the new Committee's activities will receive the support of the local Military Authorities, and in this connection would point out that, under present arrangements, the Military Police recognize our seal, our branding initials, and our sealed ~~XXXX~~ certificates as proof that the goods were legally obtained through the I.R.C. We believe it would be a great advantage if the same stamp and branding could be used by our successors. For one thing it would avoid confusion; for another, the difficulties in obtaining new ones are sufficiently known to you.

We suggest that the new Sub-Committee of the International Committee of Kobe, which will be in charge of Relief, could sign certificates and similar documents as

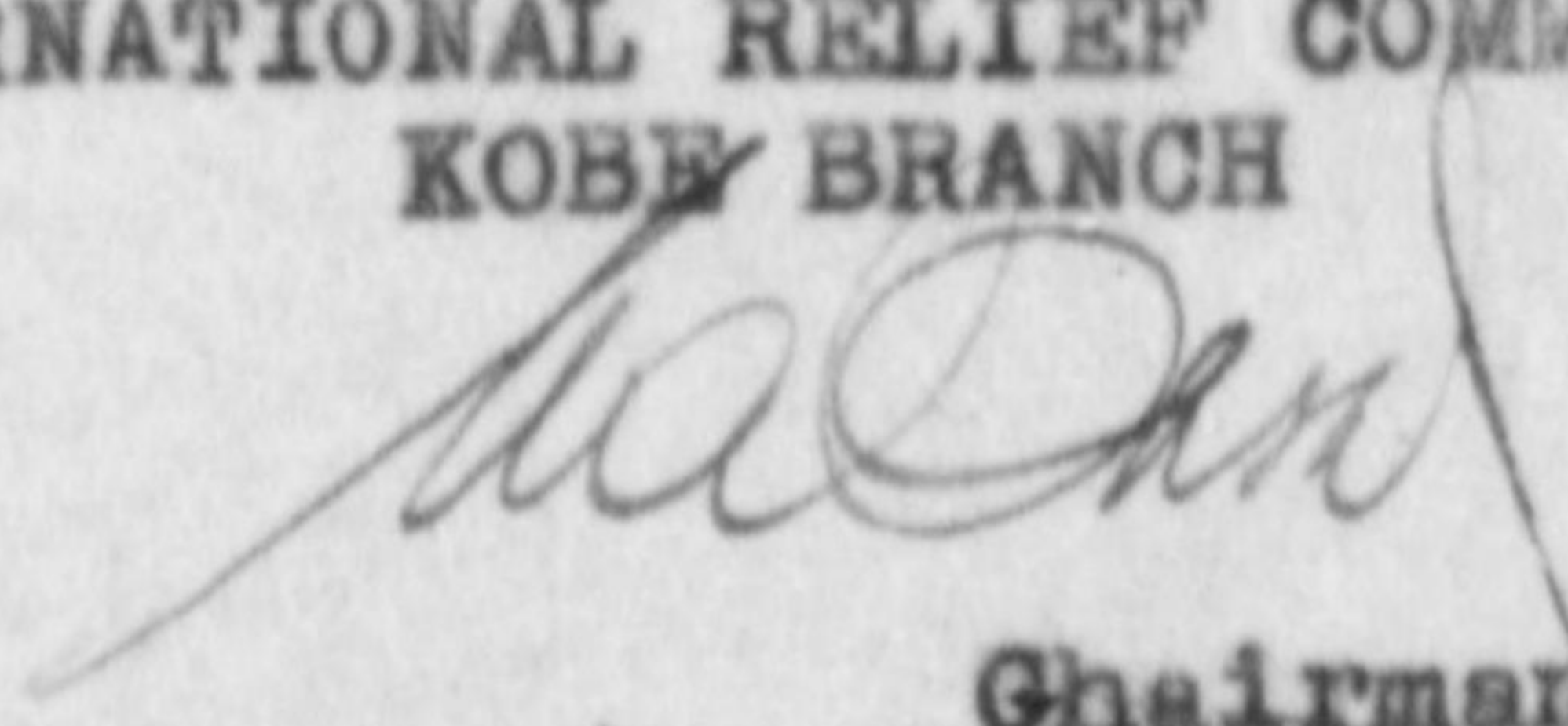
International Committee of Kobe  
Successors to International Relief Committee  
Kobe Branch

and continue to use the seal and branding iron of the I.R.C. - We would appreciate your comments.

While upon conclusion of our activities the archives will be handed over to the local Welfare Section of the M.G., as arranged, it would be in the interests of a smooth future working of the I.C.K.'s relief sub-committee if they could later be transferred back to them.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

Incl. # 4.

  
Chairman



INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

Kobe, 7th February 1948.

No. 192.

Subject: Registration

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Reverting to your letter of the 1st December, subject: Termination of I.R.C., Kobe Branch, we now enclose the desired statement of Total Number of Applicants on the roster on January 31st, 1948, classified according to nationality, age and sex.

We may add that quite a number of foreigners residing in our district have not registered with us. Most of them may feel that they do not need assistance, others have evidently not yet heard of our activities, living at some distance from Kobe, isolatedly. We - that is our successors - must be prepared to receive further applications.

As verbally assured your Chairman on his last visit, our successors will be glad to take care of residents in Kyushu who hitherto have depended on the Fukuoka Branch. We would appreciate your sending us the respective papers, which would simplify matters considerably. This would extend our activities from and including Nagoya to the Southern end of Japan.

We confirm that at the general assembly of foreign (Occidental) residents of this district the following gentlemen were elected to serve on the new International Committee of Kobe:

U.A. Casal	H.C.W. Price	P. Bjorstedt
W.A. MacIlwaine	P. Schelkoff	
V.J. Patel	H. Kulpe	J.F. Guterres
E. Starkow	B.D. Bhagat	A.N. Petersen

The first five are now serving on the I.R.C., and it is proposed that they shall form a "Relief Sub-Committee" of the I.C.K. and be in charge again of the former I.R.C. activities for the entire district. Mr. J.E. Crane did not wish to serve because of his work at the Food Distribution Center; but his co-operation has been promised in every desirable respect. Mr. J.F. Guterres was on the I.R.C. until several months ago.

While the election of the committee itself took place on the 4th inst. by ballot, the appointment of officers and sub-committees will take place on the 11th inst., within the committee and at their discretion.

We sincerely hope that the new Committee may continue our present relief activities, which are of the utmost importance to the foreign communities. A few distributions were in course of preparation when your advice of termination of the I.R.C. Branch reached us.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH  
Chairman



K O B E - Per 31st January 1948.

Nationality	Adults		Children						Total
	M	F	0-5 yrs.		6-10 yrs.		11-15 yrs.		
			M	F	M	F	M	F	
Americans . . . . .	12	27	1		2	2		4	48
Annamese . . . . .	1	1							2
Argentiniens . . . . .									
Australians . . . . .									1
Austrians . . . . .		1							7
Belgians . . . . .	6	1							12
Bonin Islanders . . . . .	4	6		1	1				2
Brasilians . . . . .	1							1	116
British . . . . .	35	68	3	1	1	3	4	1	4
(Brit) Ceylonese . . . . .	2	2							61
(Brit) Indians . . . . .	34	12	2	5	2	1	2	3	13
(Brit) Maltese . . . . .									
Canadians . . . . .	2	10			1				
Chileans . . . . .									
Cubans . . . . .									14
Czechoslovakians . . . . .	6	5	2		1				14
Danish . . . . .	7	5				1		1	1
Egyptians . . . . .	1								2
Estonians . . . . .	1			1					6
Filipinos . . . . .	5	1							1
Finnish . . . . .		1							94
French . . . . .	39	51	1		1	1	1		4
French Indochina . . . . .	2	1	1						173
Germans . . . . .	70	69	3	8	6	6	3	8	6
Greeks . . . . .								1	15
Guatemalans . . . . .	1	3					1	1	26
Hungarians . . . . .	8	5		1		1			3
Indonesians (Nat) . . . . .	16	7	2	1					4
Iranians . . . . .	1	1	1						5
*Iraqis . . . . .	1	1	2						55
Irish . . . . .		5							2
Italians . . . . .	27	14	9	2			2	1	1
Lebanese . . . . .	2								38
Lithuanians . . . . .		1							2
Luxemburgers . . . . .	2	2							2
Mexicans . . . . .									5
Netherlanders . . . . .	13	16	2	1	3	1	1	1	19
New Zealanders . . . . .	1	1							107
Norwegians . . . . .	1	1							4
Panamanians . . . . .		1			3	1			52
Polish . . . . .	8	9			2				185
Portuguese . . . . .	40	45	3	7	3	4	3	2	3
Rumanians . . . . .	1	3							46
Russian-Soviets . . . . .	17	29	1			1		4	16
Russian-Emigrants . . . . .	65	100	3	2	4	7	2	2	21
San Salvador . . . . .									15
*Saudi Arabia . . . . .	1	1				1			176
Spanish . . . . .	26	13		4		1			3
Siamese . . . . .								1	44
Stateless . . . . .	22	22			1			3	46
Swedish . . . . .	3	6	1	1	1	1		1	16
Swiss . . . . .	9	11						1	21
Syrians . . . . .	6	3	2	1	1	2			15
Turko-Tatars . . . . .	72	67	8	4	7	4	5	9	176
Vatican . . . . .									3
Yugoslavians . . . . .	1	1				1			
Total . . . . .	572	629	47	40	40	39	24	43	1434



INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

No. 191

Kobe, 2nd February 1948.

Subject: Coal Supply for Foreign Nationals

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We confirm the receipt of your letters of 9th and 19th December, both on the 20th January, and our telephonic conversation of that day. From the latter we learned that in the meantime a directive has been issued by SCAP, covering a maximum of 1500 tons for the whole of Japan.

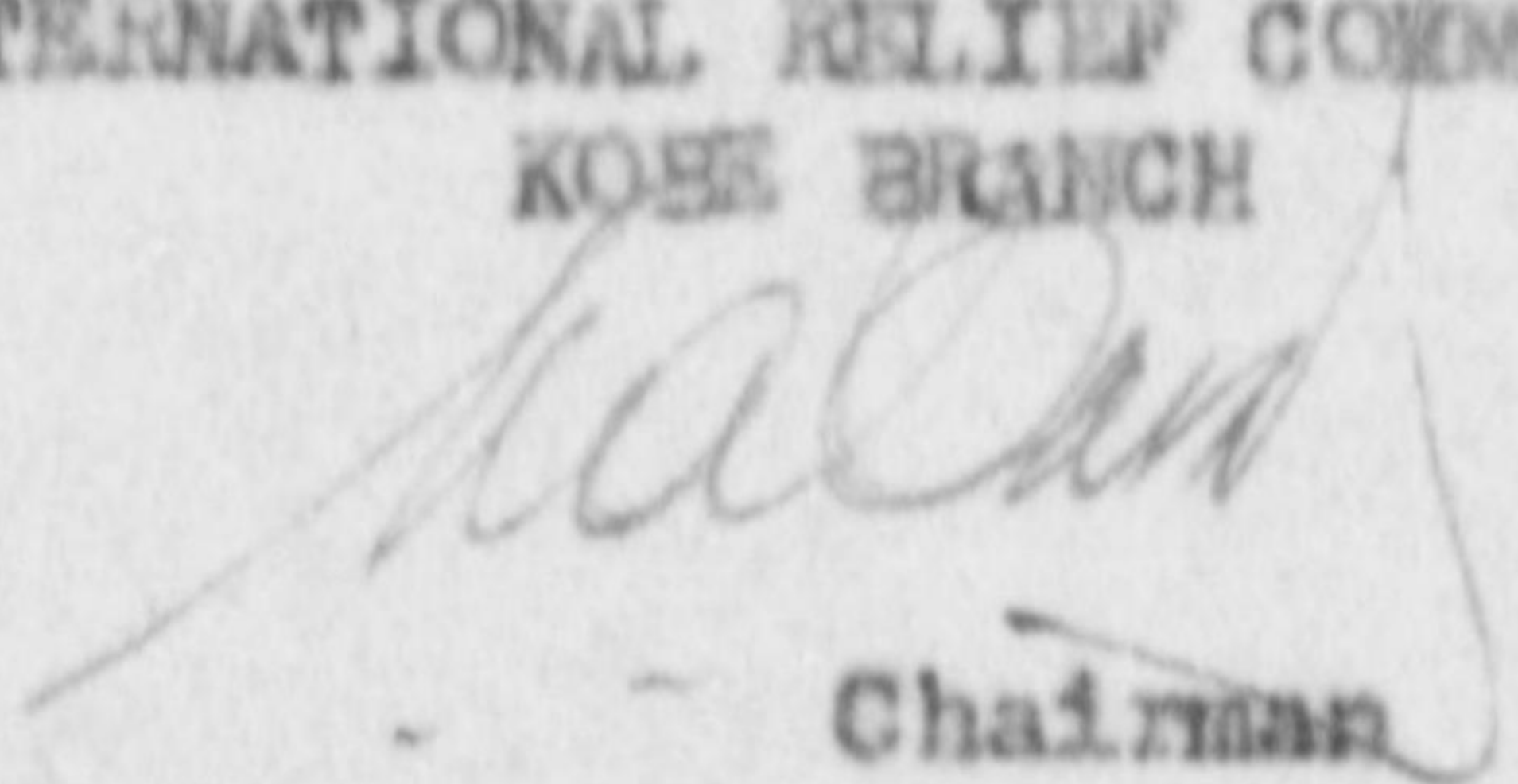
Kobe area covers some 470 households that would probably be interested, it depending in some cases on the price fixed. To this would have to be added Kyoto and Osaka, where we are not quite familiar with conditions. Corresponding enquiries are being made. The total will be in the neighbourhood of 600 households, so that a respectable quantity of the coal available should be taken up legitimately.

In view of the delay in the receipt of your communications, it has been arranged to await your Mr. Moe's arrival for further discussion of the subject.

It would certainly also be highly welcomed if a more satisfactory supply of charcoal and fire-wood could be arranged at prices which are not as exorbitant as what is asked in the black or grey markets. With lack of gas and electricity, the cooking possibilities are decidedly below the minimum standard.

Thanking you for your efforts,

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

  
Chairman



INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

No. 190

Kobe, 2nd February 1943.

Subject: Release of Frozen Accounts

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Your letter of the 17th January reached us on the 20th, and we thank you for having transmitted the Japanese Order from the Ministry of Finance relating to unfreezing of certain accounts belonging to foreigners.

The English version appeared in the papers the following morning, and we have no doubt that the affected parties took the necessary steps.

It may interest you to know that the writer found the local Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank's attitude highly unsatisfactory. It was only after enlisting the help of a high employee of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation that some explanations were obtained, which in the end led to the Bank of Japan.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th December, returning 4 registrations, for which we thank you.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

  
Chairman



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No.139.

Kobe, 2nd February 1948.

Subject: Registration

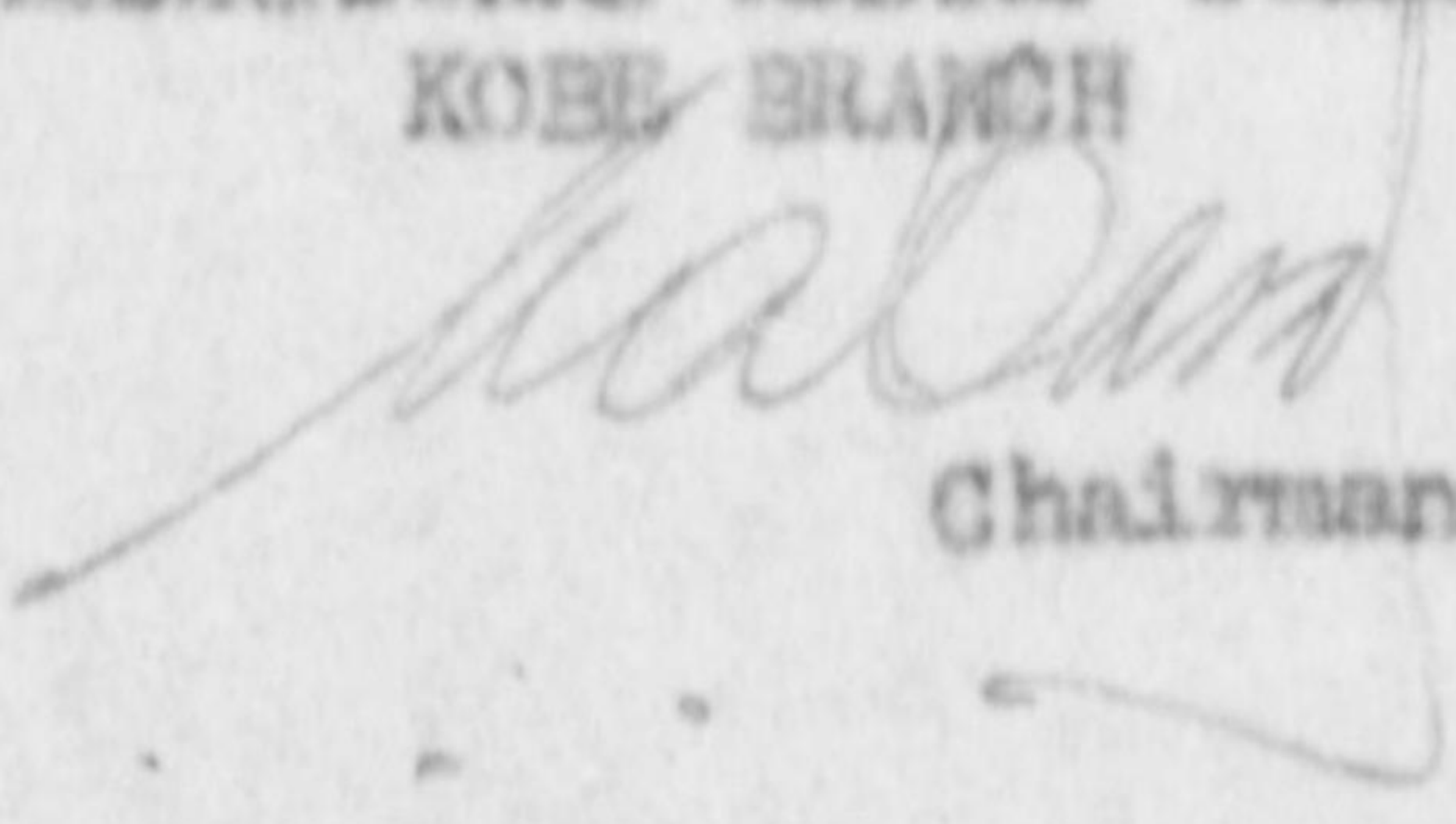
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Enclosed please find copies of Registrations of

MEZUTANI	Elena	F.	Roumanian by birth
JOHANSSON	J.A.J.	M.	Swedish
	Kitsu	F.	"
CARLSON	Rishi	F.	"
EGUCHI	Iraida	F.	White Russian by birth
REIFF	Kiyoshi	M.	German (by adoption/naturalization)

For the present these registrations will be kept in abeyance.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

  
Chairman



INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

No. 188.

Kobe, 30 January 1948.

SUBJECT: Registration

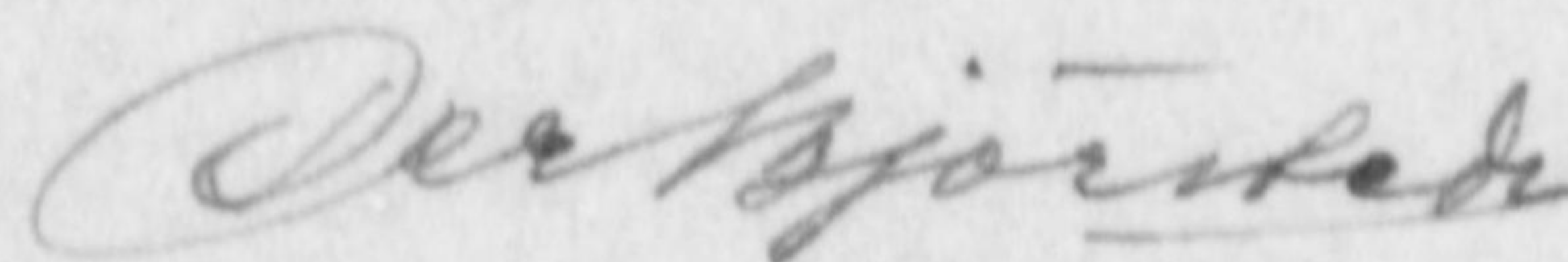
TO: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Please be advised that the registration of the following persons, who have moved to Tokyo, has been cancelled here:

Amy	Ackerman	Female	Born	1/3 1917
Judy	"	"	"	1/5 1942
Robert H.	"	Male	"	11/10 1944

They were registered here as Bonin Islanders on 31/10 1946 together with the other five members of the family Ackerman, who will still remain registered here.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
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Per Bjerstedt  
Vice Chairman



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KOBE BRANCH

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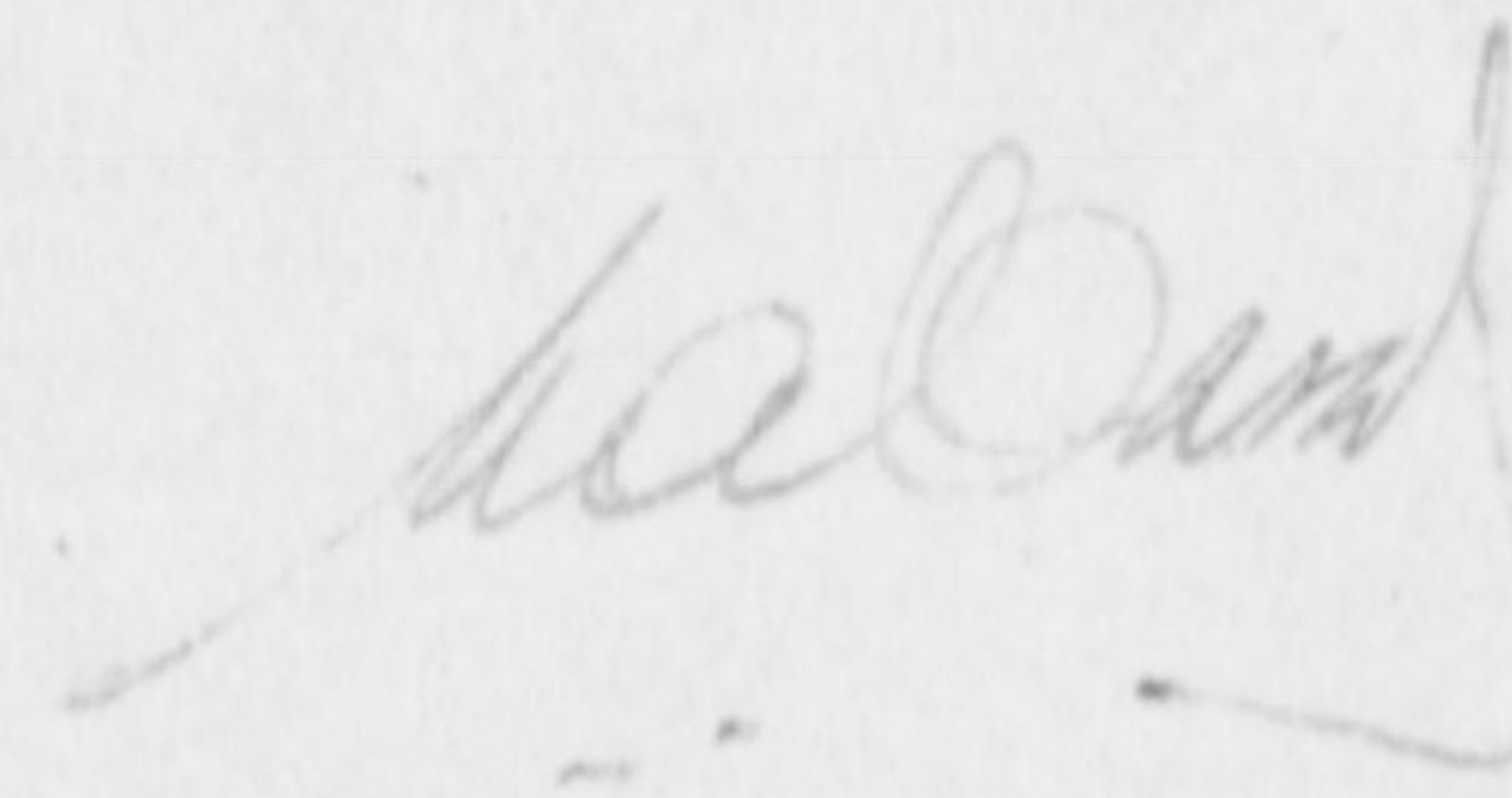
Kobe, 21, January, 1948.

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting.

TO: H. Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on the  
14th January, 1948.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH



Chairman.

Encl: - Minutes of Meeting.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE  
OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
ON WEDNESDAY THE 14th JANUARY 1948 AT 3 P.M.

Present: Mr. U. A. Casal in the chair, Messrs. Bjorstedt, Crane  
McIlwaine and Price.

Mattresses Deliveries to the various Haikyus has now been  
completed.

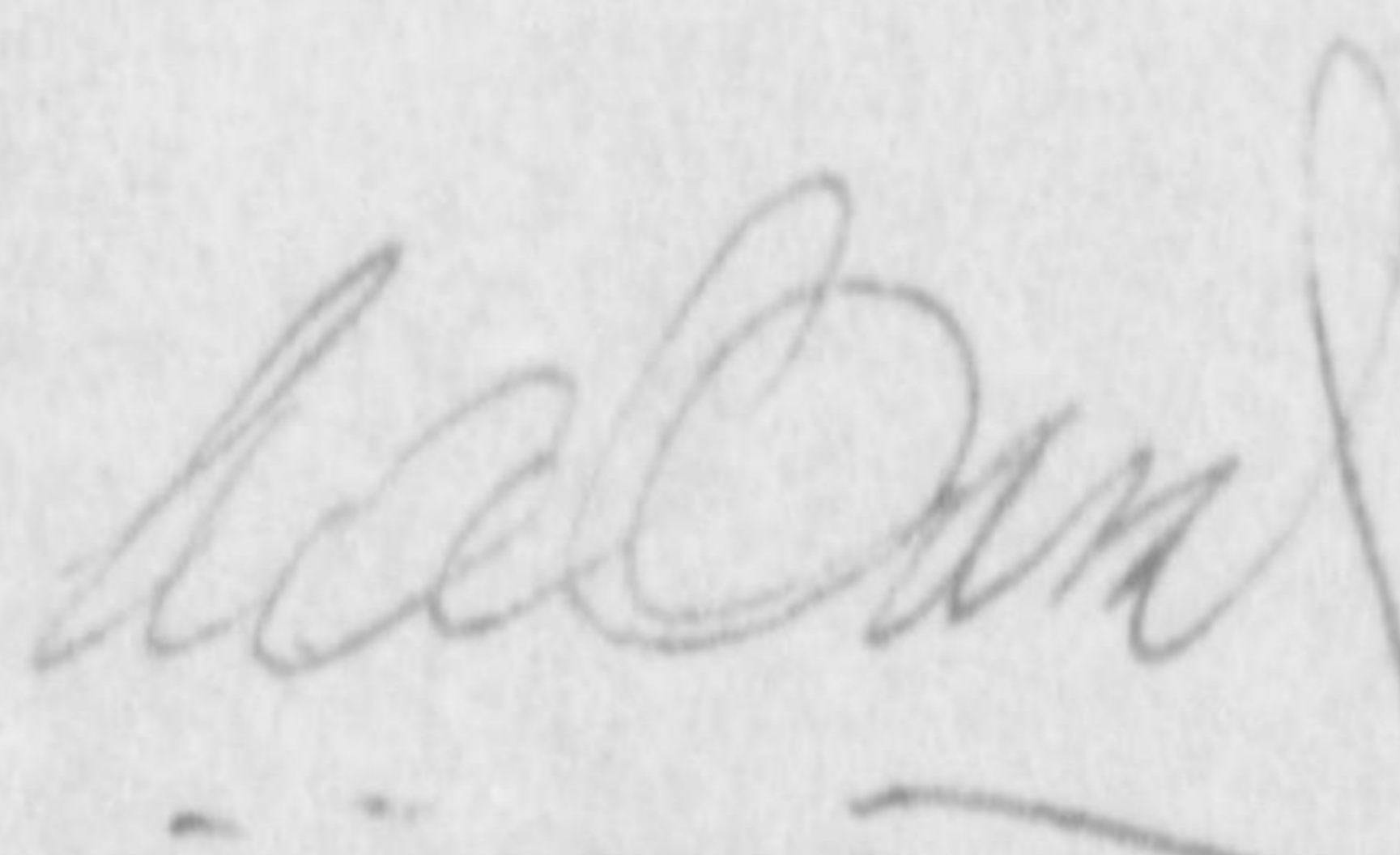
Coal Arrangements have been made with the Haitan Kodan  
to start delivery of the first 250 tons of coal out of a promised  
lot of 500 tons on the 15th January 1948.

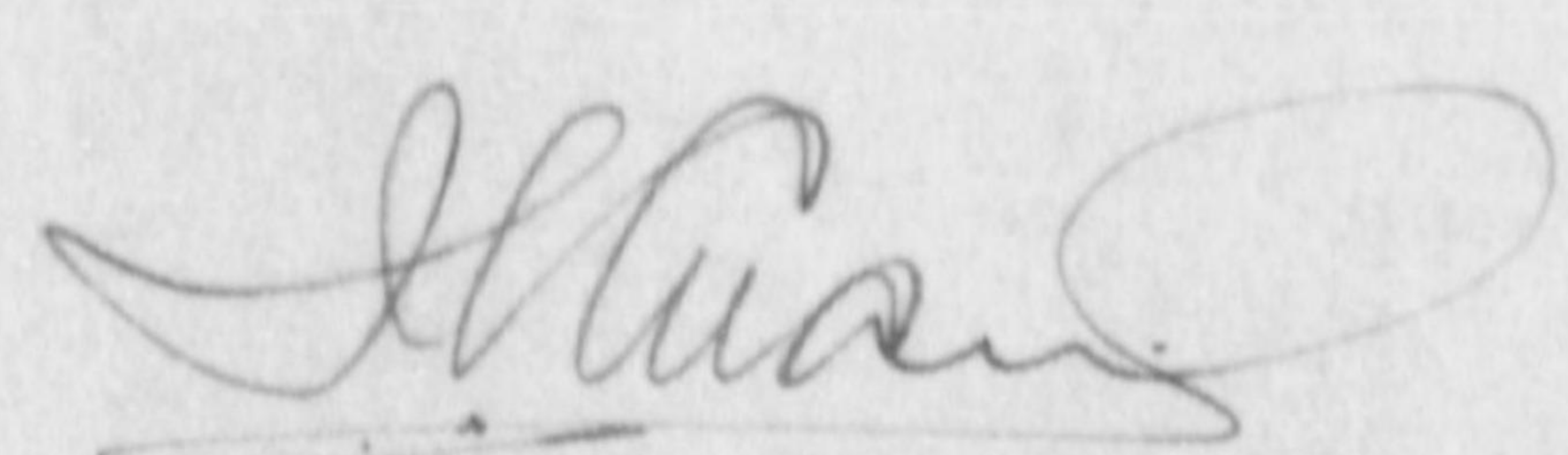
Electric Current. Mr. Price reports that the Electric Company has  
now agreed to a certain concession regarding usage of electric  
current by the members of the Food Distribution Center.  
The members of the Food Distribution Center have been asked to see  
that as much saving as possible on electric current be observed,  
and advised that no help will be forthcoming by this Committee in  
case of excess usage.

Accounts. The treasurer Mr. Bjorstedt reports that the cash  
balance of the Office account is Yen 595.20 and the Monetary Relief  
Fund has a cash balance of Yen 61,932.37. This does not include  
a further contribution of Yen 21,021.50 collected during our last  
distributions.

Destitute Persons. Assistance to Kobe destitutes has been regularly  
given but our Kyoto representative has not called for our contribution  
to Kyoto, although in the meantime he has been good enough to advance  
same.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

  
U. A. Casal  
Chairman

  
J. E. Crane  
Secretary



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KOBE BRANCH

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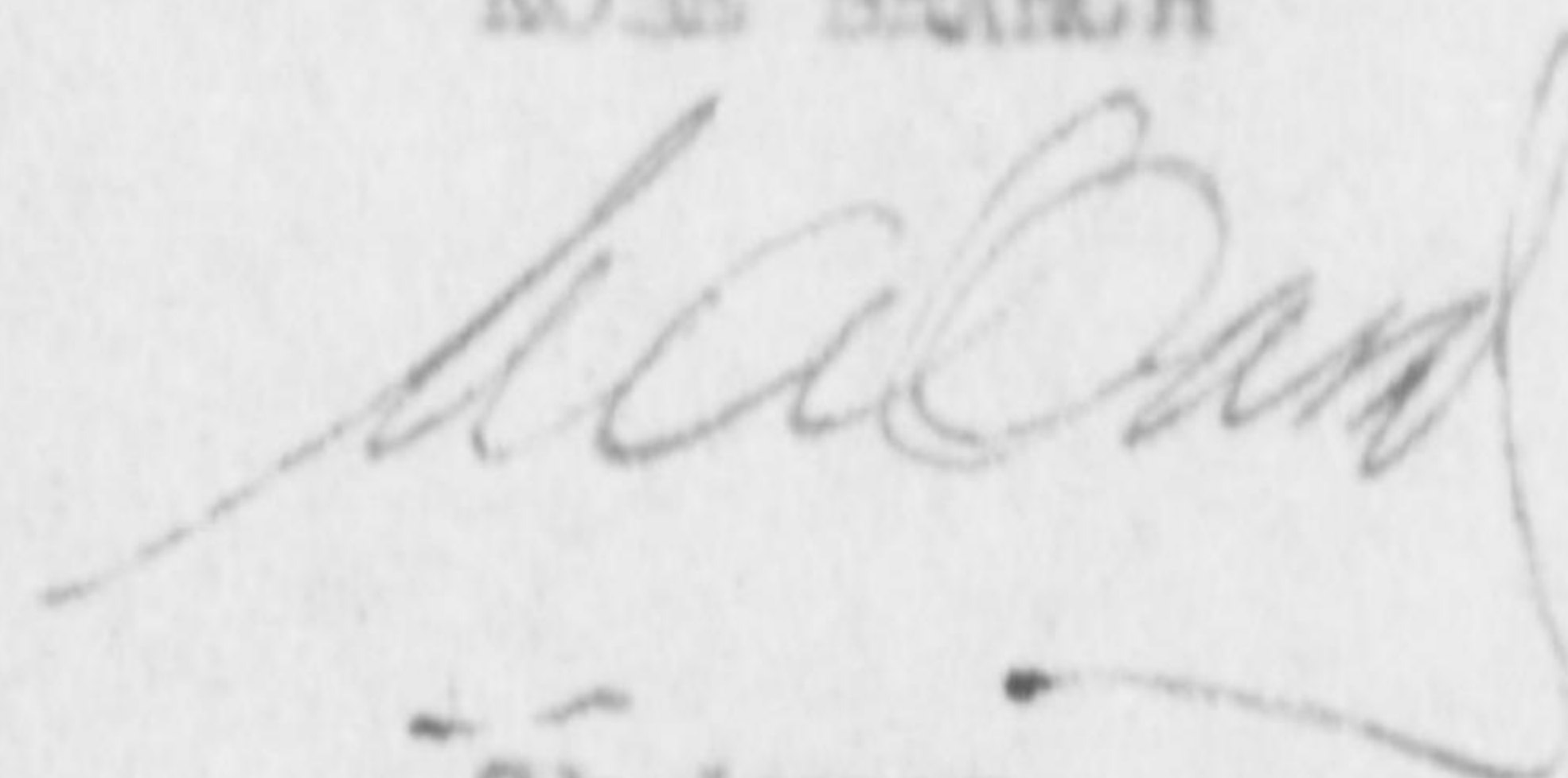
Kobe, 14, January, 1943.

Subject: Minutes of Meeting.

To: H. Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the  
7th January, 1943.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH



Chairman.

Encl: - Minutes of Meeting.



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE  
OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
ON WEDNESDAY THE 7th JANUARY 1948 AT 3 P.M.

Present: Mr. U.A. Casal in the chair, Messrs. P. Bjorstedt, J.E. Crane  
and W. A. McIlwaine.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Distributions. Distributions to Germans, Italians and other Axis  
Nationalities were made on 27th and 29th December 1947. In all some 350  
persons, including 60 children, were taken care of.

Voluntary Donations received amounted to ¥ 16,021.50, to which a special  
contribution of ¥ 5,000.00 was added by Mr. V. Morozoff.

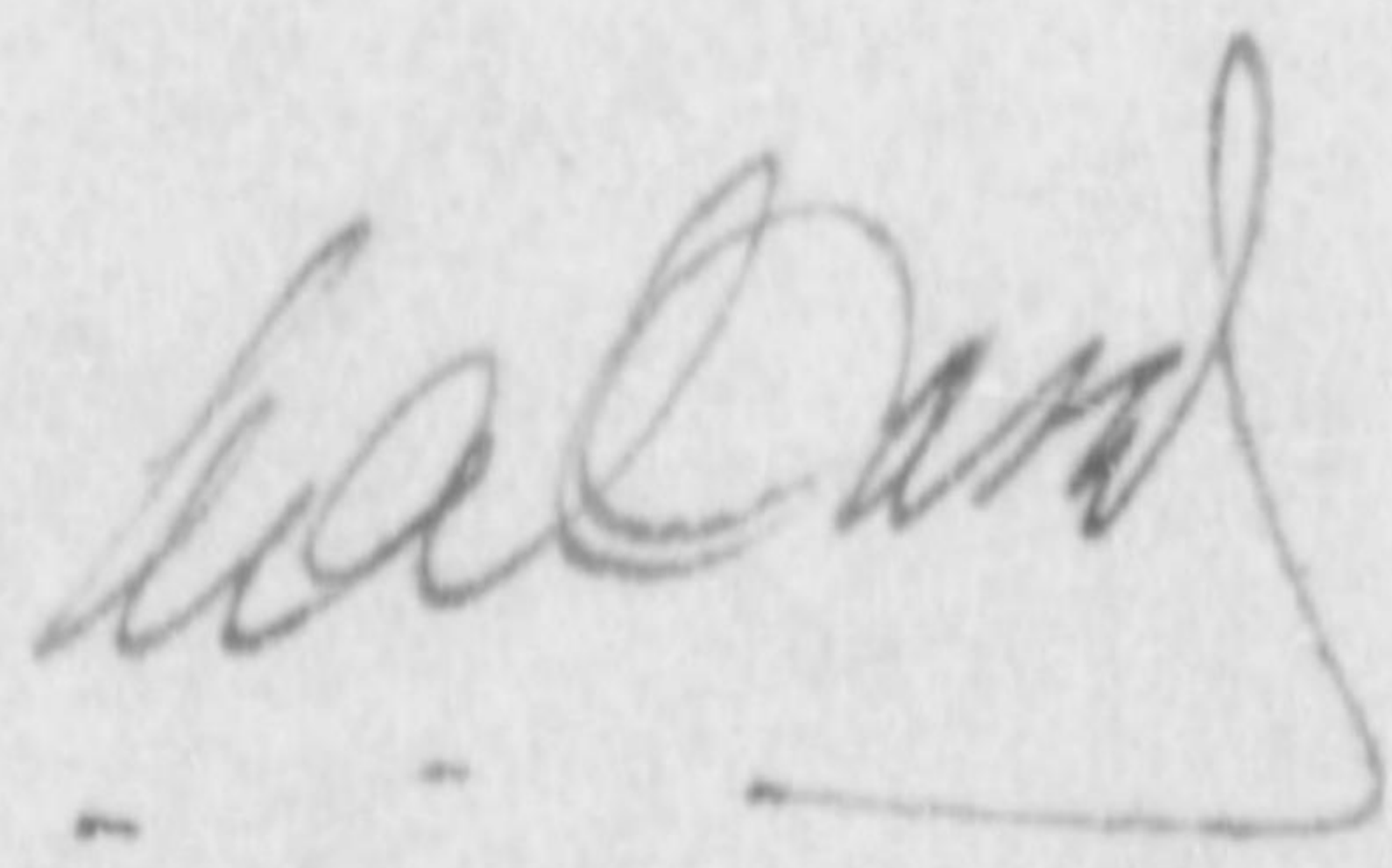
Stocks were taken after conclusion of the distribution and Stock List  
No. 13 has been sent to Headquarters.

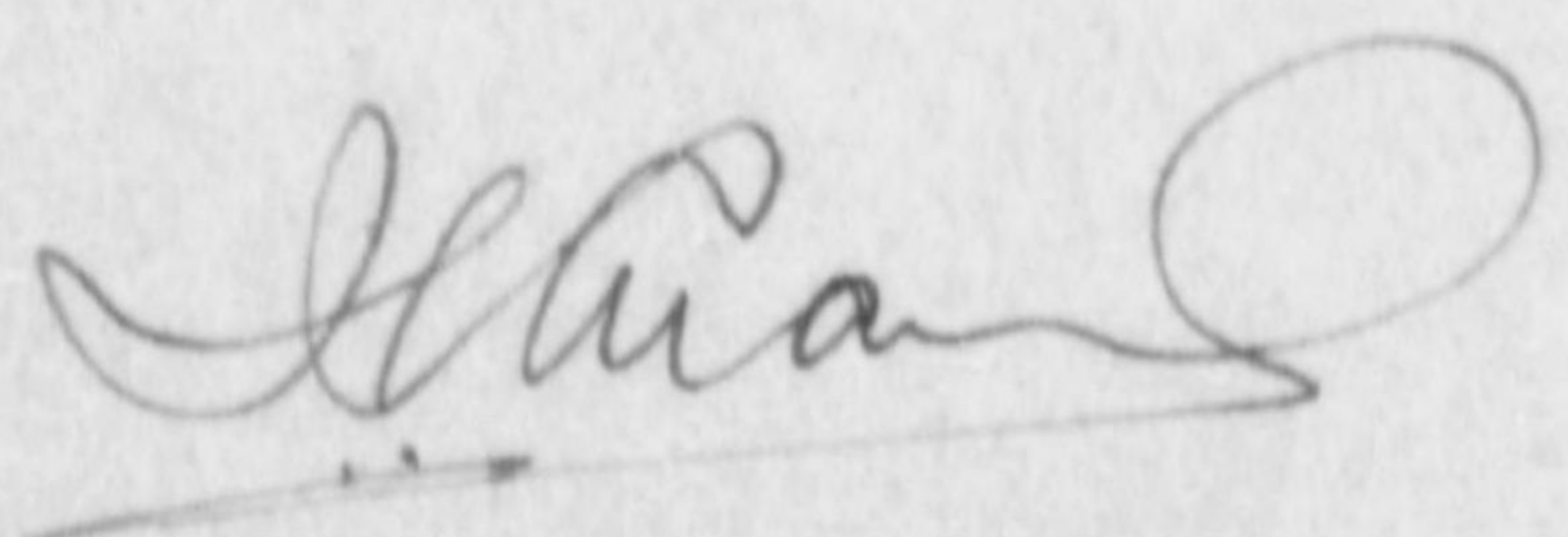
In the meantime we have been requested by the Hyogo Military Government  
Team that we make some token distribution to the Chinese Communities, and  
the Welfare Section has undertaken to obtain lists from the Chinese Associa-  
tions in various cities.

Subscription lists for Military Jackets, Trousers and Overcoats have  
been circulated to the various Haikyus. After lists have come back they  
will be scrutinized and distribution will be made at an early date.

Christmas Presents to Destitutes. A suggestion by the Chairman that a sum  
of ¥ 500.00 each be given to the 4 destitute cases supported by this Committee  
was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

  
U. A. Casal  
Chairman.

  
J. E. Crane  
Secretary.



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KOBE BRANCH

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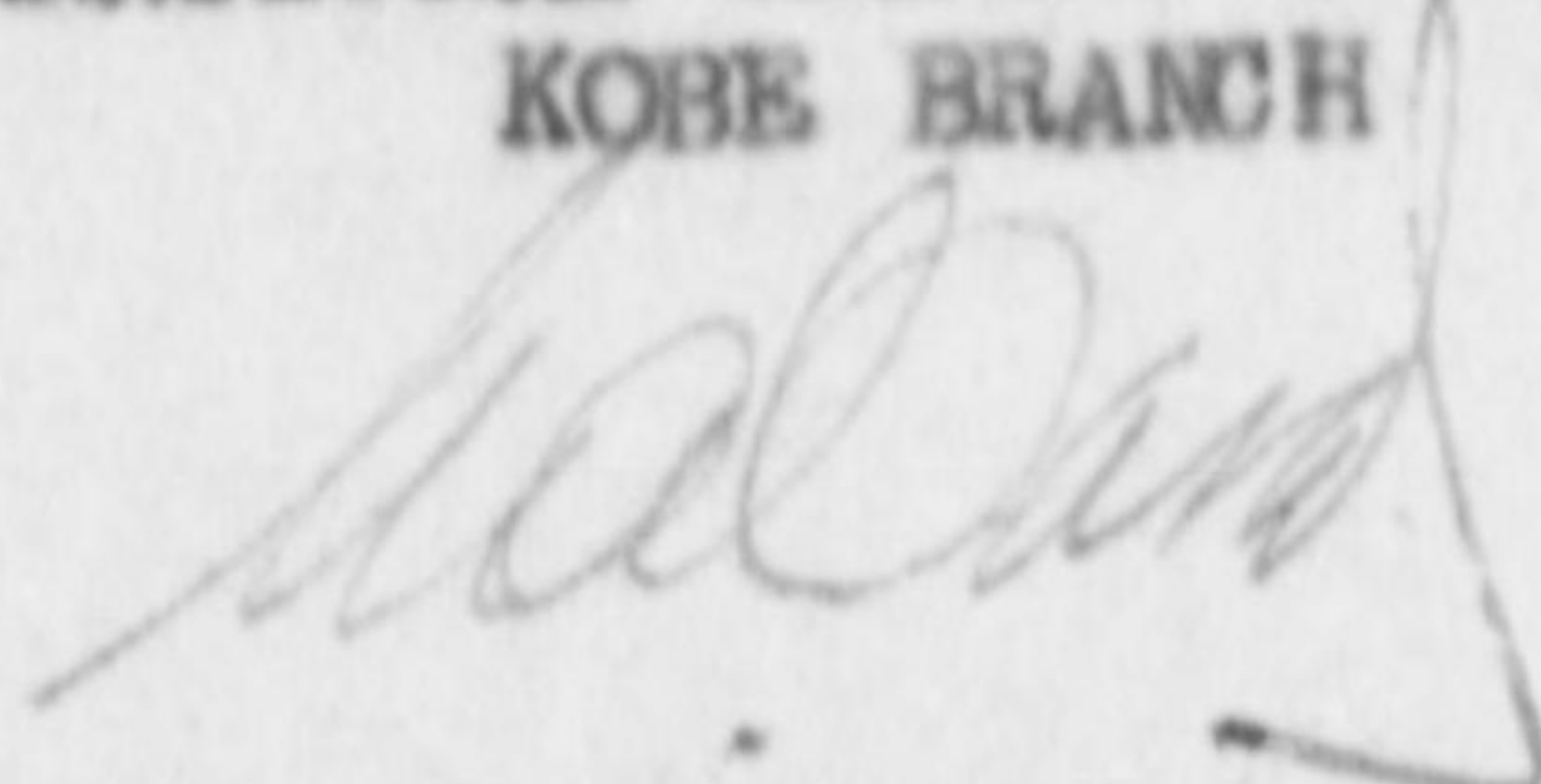
Kobe, 27th December, 1947.

Subject: Minutes of Meeting.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

We attach Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the  
17th December, 1947.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH



Chairman.

Encl:- Minutes of Meeting.



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE  
OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
ON WEDNESDAY THE 17th DECEMBER 1947 At 3 P.M.

Present Mr. U. A. Casal in the chair, Messrs. P. Bjerstedt,  
J. E. Crane, W. A. McIlwaine and P. Schelkoff.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The distribution of woollen and other articles between the  
23th and 29th November and 1st, 2nd and 3rd December was made to roughly  
1,000 persons, i.e. 350 men, 450 women and 200 children. In the mean-  
time new applications have been filed by the Germans and Italians and a  
few other other persons, and it has been arranged to have a supplementary  
distribution on the 27th and 29th DECEMBER, to a total of approximately  
350 persons.

The thanks of this Committee are due to Mesdames E. Figueiredo,  
J.G.M. Guterres, H. Mason and F.E. Down and the Misses Denise Bouillion  
and Elsa Casal, as well as to Messrs. J.E.A. Lopez, F. Schulz, V. Souza,  
R. Andreis and Rashid Ackchurin, who worked very hard before and during  
the distribution, and again afterwards when taking stock.

Contributions to our Trust Fund for relief amounted to  
Yen 47,227.-, with a few more promises, which have not yet been fulfilled.

MATRESSES:

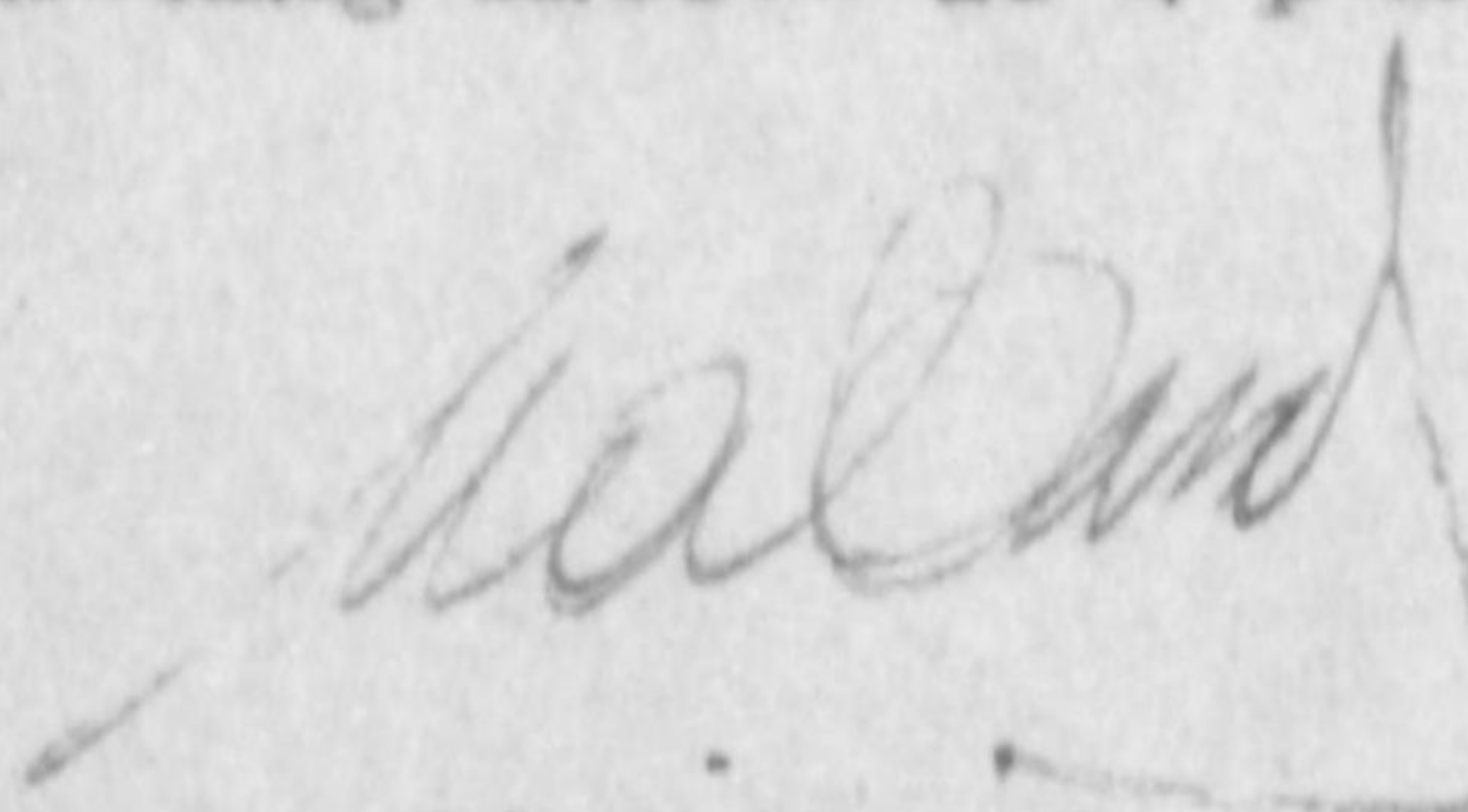
Deliveries of Mattresses have continued through the Haikyus,  
but unfortunately transportation could not yet be arranged for Osaka and  
Kyoto.

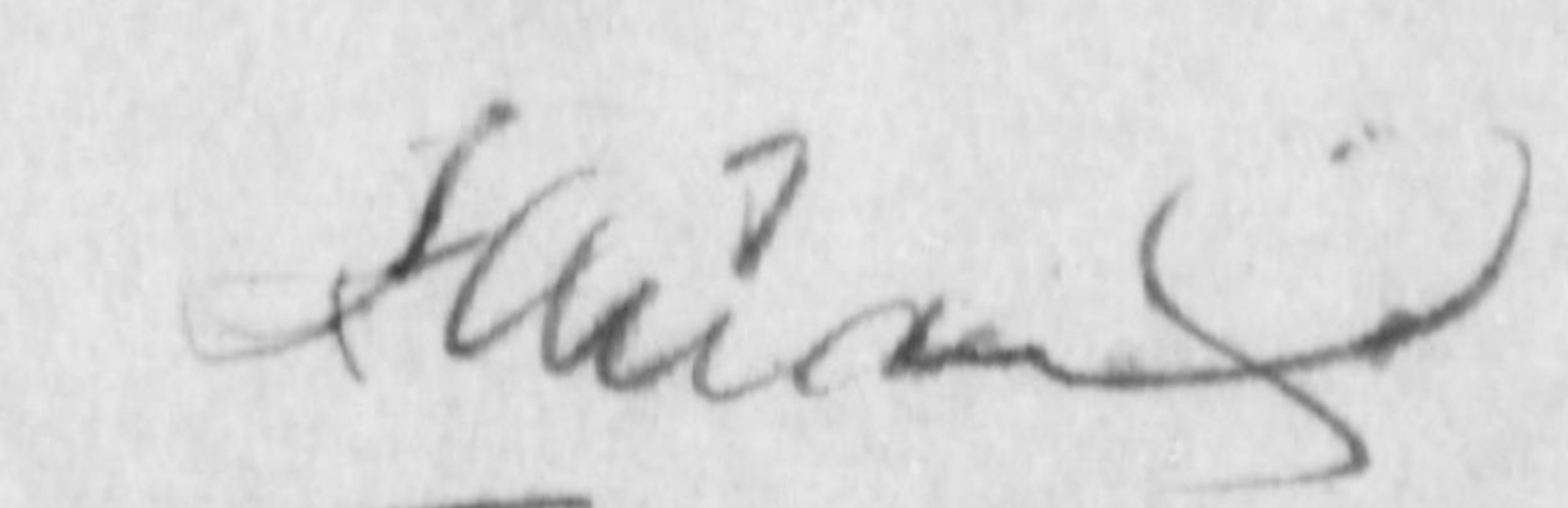
ELECTRICITY:

The question of receiving a higher supply of current for the  
foreign residents has again been taken up with the respective authorities,  
and there is hope that an arrangement similar to the one in force last  
winter can be made.

COAL: Negotiations are also in course to obtain some coal for all  
foreign households.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

  
U. A. Casal  
Chairman.

  
J. E. Crane  
Secretary.



INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

Ref. I-5

Kobe, 23th January 1943.

Subject: Monthly Report

To: Lt.Col. Russell G. Rehkop  
Comm., Hyogo Military Government Team.

As advised in our last report, an additional distribution of clothing (woollens, mostly) was made to certain newly admitted Axis and sundry nationals on the 27th and 29th December last. Some 350 persons were taken care of.

During the current month of January this Committee again took up the question of boots, deciding to make a preliminary distribution with what we had in hand, since evidently the replacement expected from the Quartermaster's office could not be reckoned with in the near future. Because of indiscriminate handling during the transport from our former premises (at the International Hospital) to the present ones (at Morozoff's) there has been a considerable mix-up in sizes, and the entire lot has to be gone through again, involving lengthy work.

The distribution of Mattresses and bedding through the Haikyus as well as through our Osaka and Kyoto representatives has now been concluded, the concerned being highly gratified at this extra assistance. We wish to thank you sincerely for all the help rendered in the matter.

The questions pertaining to a supply of coal and greater allowance of electricity have been settled as satisfactorily as could be done under present circumstances, locally. The supply of coal has in the meantime received the attention of our Yokohama H.Q., and we expect further information.

On the 20th inst. we received a letter from our H.Q., dated the 1st December, concerning the termination of the Kobe Branch of the I.R.C. as an Army Agency. In view of the delay in the communication, your Welfare Section agreed to a reasonable postponement. Our activities, in general, will be taken over by the newly formed International Committee of Kobe, and a General Meeting for its definite constitution has been called for the 4th of February, at 5 p.m. As we expect Mr. Moss, Chairman of the I.R.C. H.Q. to be in Kobe at about that time, definite arrangements will be proposed after discussion with him.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

*W. A. Moss*  
Chairman

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## INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

KOBE BRANCH

Ref. 1 - 5

Kobe, 23th, January, 1948.

SUBJECT: Financial Activities

TO: Lt. Col. Russell G. Rehkop,  
Comm., Hyogo Military Government Team.STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR JANUARY 1948.A. OFFICE ACCOUNTReceiptsCash balance 29th December 1947 ¥ 595.20Expenses

Postage and telegrams ¥ 51.20

Cash balance 23th January 1948 544.00¥ 595.20B. MONETARY RELIEF FUNDReceipts

Cash balance 29th December 1947 ¥ 61,932.37

Sundry donations in connection with distribution 16,291.50

Donation by Mr. Morozoff 5,000.00¥ 83,223.87Disbursements

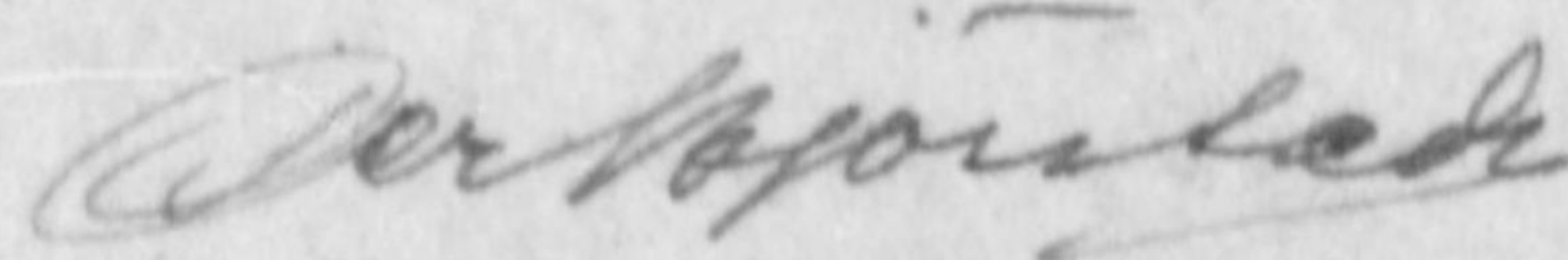
Haikyu a/c Mrs. Kulikova for Dec. ¥ 1,100.70

" " " Hanjina " " 1,100.70

" " " Urvantseva " 1,100.70

" " " Ehrhardt " Nov. - Dec. 2,033.55

Christmas gift to above 4 persons ( ¥ 500.00) 2,000.00

Cash balance 23th January 1948 75,888.22¥ 83,223.87INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
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Treasurer.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
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No. 13

REPORT

Subject: Movement of Supplies during the period from 7th December 1947  
to 31st December 1947.

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama.

Item No.	Stocks on hand Articles	Quantity	Received	Distrib.	Bal. ce on hand	No. of Pers. supplied
23	Shoes(women)	2 prs.	May 1946	1 pr.	1 pr.	1
124	Shirts	7 pcs.	31/3/47	-	7 pcs.	-
121	Underwear	6 pcs.	"	-	6 pcs.	-
122	Socks/Stock.	55 prs.	"	11 prs.	44 prs.	11
112	Dresses	55 pcs.	"	4 pcs.	51 pcs.	4
40	Undies	12 pcs.	8/7/46	-	12 pcs.	-
111	Blouses	2 pcs.	31/3/47	-	2 pcs.	-
35	Brassieres	23 pcs.	8/7/46	-	23 pcs.	-
115	Slacks	29 prs.	31/3/47	-	29 prs.	-
114	Skirts	67 pcs.	"	17 pcs.	50 pcs.	14
38	Coats (women)	8 pcs.	8/7/46	2 pcs.	6 pcs.	2
39	Panties	33 prs.	"	18 prs.	15 prs.	9
117	Pullovers	84 pcs.	31/3/47	12 pcs.	72 pcs.	12
134	Sweaters	1121 pcs.	"	652 pcs.	469 pcs.	346
45	Rompers	19 pcs.	8/7/46	-	19 pcs.	-
46	Baby Nighties	7 pcs.	"	-	7 pcs.	-
47	Leather Belts	3 pcs.	"	-	3 pcs.	-
108	Shorts	57 prs.	31/3/47	14 prs.	43 prs.	7
110	Play-suits	190 pcs.	"	60 pcs.	130 pcs.	39
52	Ski-suits	20 pcs.	8/7/46	-	20 pcs.	-
53	B. Blankets	15 pcs.	"	-	15 pcs.	-
56	B. Jackets	1 pc.	"	1 pc.	0 pcs.	1
106	Beanies	607 pcs.	31/3/47	426	181 pcs.	309
116	Mittens	656 prs.	"	310 prs.	346 prs.	183
60	Wool Panties	14 prs.	8/7/46	1 pr.	13 prs.	1
61	Layettes	19 pcs.	"	1 pc.	18 pcs.	1
65	M Overcoats	66 pcs.	"	-	66 pcs.	-
66	M Overalls	13 pcs.	"	-	13 pcs.	-
67	M Jackets	156 pcs.	"	-	156 pcs.	-
68	M Raincoat	1 pc.	"	-	1 pc.	-

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Item No.	Article	Stocks on hand Quantity	Received	Contrib.	Balance on hand	No. of Pers. supplied
69	M Trousers	56 prs.	8/7/46	-	56 prs.	-
79	Sleep. Bag	1 pc.	"	-	1 pc.	-
81	Parachute	1/2 pc.	"	-	1/2 pc.	-
83	Shoestrings	135 prs.	"	2 prs.	133 prs.	1
84	M Boots	828 prs.	"	-	828 prs.	-
85	Toothbrushes	15 pcs.	"	-	15 pcs.	-
86	Soap	2 pcs.	"	-	2 pcs.	-
87	Shav. Cream	17 pcs.	"	-	17 pcs.	-
89	Combs	15 pcs.	"	1 pc.	14 pcs.	1
90	Razors	10 pcs.	"	-	10 pcs.	-
92	Play cards	8 pkts	"	-	8 pkts	-
93	Face towels	10 pcs.	"	-	10 pcs.	-
94	Towels	7 pcs.	"	-	7 pcs.	-
103	Ditty Bags	2405 pcs.	Dec. 46	1785 pcs.	620 pcs.	346
96	Eye-shades	32 pcs.	8/7/46	-	32 pcs.	-
98	Mirrors	6 pcs.	"	-	6 pcs.	-
102	Vitamin Pills	726 bott.	"	17 bott.	709 bott.	8
104	Bathrobes	26 pcs.	31/3/47	9 pcs.	17 pcs.	9
109	Boys O'alls	8 pcs.	"	-	8 pcs.	-
117	Mufflers	119 pcs.	"	106 pcs.	13 pcs.	106
117-A	Chest prot.	16 pcs.	"	15 pcs.	1 pcs.	15
118	Wool Caps	35 pcs.	"	32 pcs.	3 pcs.	32
125	Navy O'alls	11 pcs.	"	5 pcs.	6 pcs.	5
126	Navy Jackets	1 pc.	"	1 pc.	0	1
128	Pyjamas	17 prs.	"	2 prs.	15 prs.	1
129	Hip boots	30 prs.	"	-	30 prs.	-
130	Overshoes	24 prs.	"	-	24 prs.	-
131	Cashm. Shoes	10 prs.	"	-	10 prs.	-
132	Shoulder warm.	30 pcs.	"	21 pcs.	9 pcs.	21
135	Wool Helmets	210 pcs.	"	99 pcs.	111 pcs.	75
136	M Shirts	19 pcs.	-----	-	19 pcs.	-

Kobe, 31st December 1947

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE KOBE BRANCH

Chairman



INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

No. 186

Kobe, 23th January 1948.

Subject: Termination of International Relief Committee, Kobe Branch,  
as an Army Agency

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Reference is made to your letter of the 1st December 1947, which only reached us on the 20th January, 1948.

In view of the delay, and in view, also, of the expected visit of your Chairman, Mr. Moss, to Kobe, the M.G. Welfare Section agreed to a reasonable postponement in our winding up. We expect to discuss particulars with your Mr. Moss, but in the meantime may advise that:

An "International Committee of Kobe" was formed at a General Meeting of foreign residents on December 17th last, this Committee to take care of all matters pertaining to (Occidental) residents in Kobe and district. A more detailed advice will be sent to you in due course.

In principle, this International Committee of Kobe will take over all matters of charity, relief and so forth. As some members of the I.R.C. will no doubt be elected to serve on the new Committee, a suggestion will be made that they form a sub-committee dealing with such matters, apart from the general Committee's more general purport.

For certain reasons which came up at the last Meeting, it was decided to hold over the election of the Committee Members for a second General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, the 4th February.

Any further supplies which you will be able to send us or our successors will of course be much appreciated. We feel confident that the new Committee will be satisfactorily organized, and also be able to raise what funds may be needed. However, further communication in this regard will be made in due course, with what recommendations we may believe of interest to your Committee or the 8th Army H.Q.- We sincerely hope that whatever future enterprises of a benevolent nature the International Committee may sponsor will receive the best support in both quarters.

Statements of accounts, inventory, will both be made for the date to be specified. As regards a classified list of registered persons, we regret it will take some time. Our distribution lists eliminate certain persons, and do not give nationality. They will have to be completely recast in accordance with details demanded, and we have no staff to do it, so that the work will devolve on one of the Committee Members in his spare time.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

*[Signature]*  
Chairman

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
KOBE BRANCH

No. 185

Kobe, 23th January 1948.

Subject: Relief to Axis Nationals

To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

Your letters of 1st and 9th December concerning Italian and Axis Nationals were both received on the 20th January.

During November last we were approached by a spokesman of the Italian colony who demanded to know why we were still withholding their participation in relief supplies, since Italians were now officially admitted. We naturally replied that we had no instructions to that effect, although we had sent in lists and demanded a ruling long ago. Our earlier and only instructions were to admit Non-Fascists. We were not in a position to make the differentiation. If any one of them could bring us a clearance paper from the C.I.C., his case would be considered.

On the 20th November, Mr. Gamba (who acted "on behalf of all the Italians") brought a telegram he had received from Mr. Revedin, Head of the Italian Mission, stating that Italians were eligible for our relief.

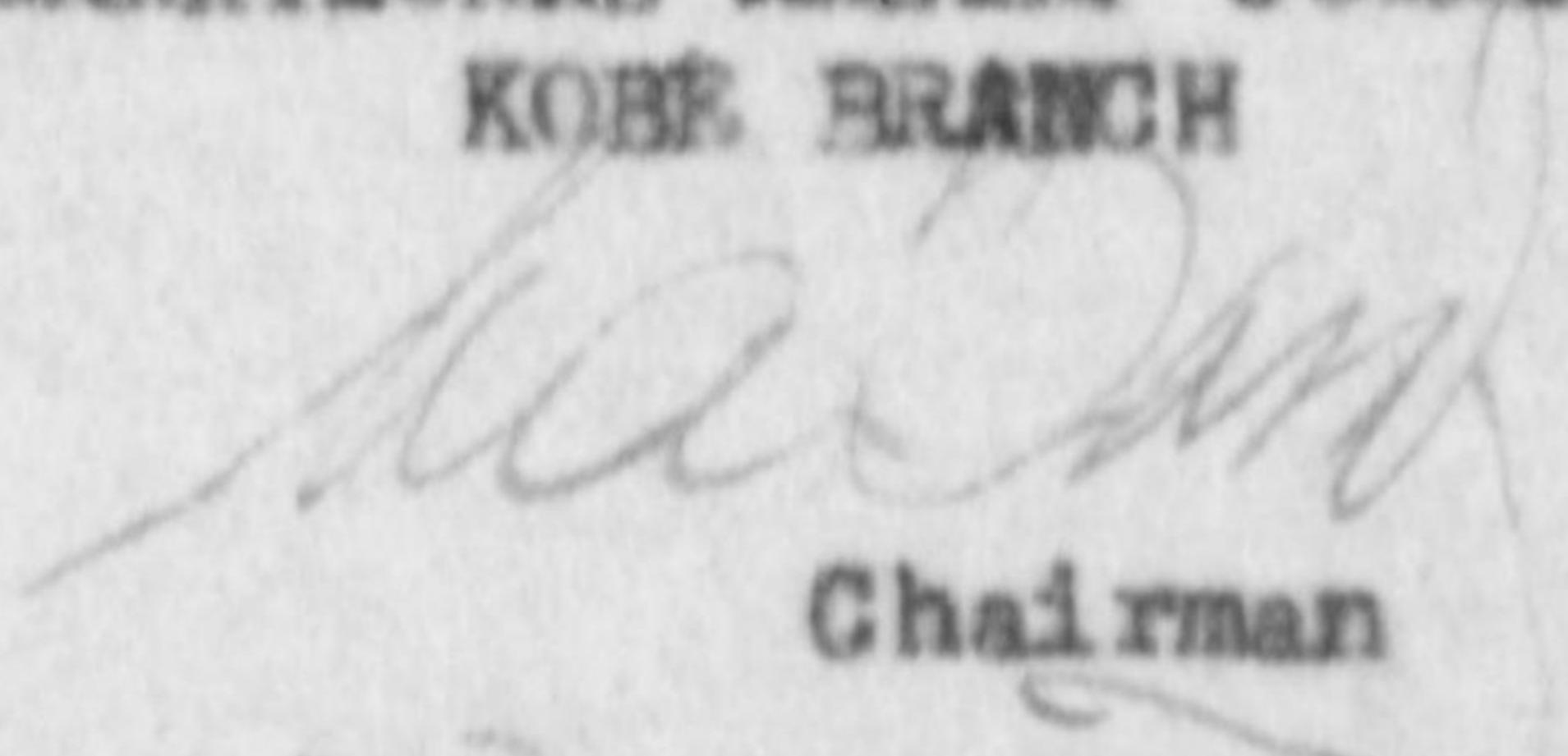
Mr. Borish, of the M.G. Welfare Section, was good enough to enquire at I Corps, Kyoto, for verification and possible clarification. As at that time we all expected to close down this Branch at an early date, and as a distribution to our former participants was due shortly, we had to know where we stood, so as to make the needed reserves, if required.

The reply from Welfare Section I Corps to Mr. Borish was that distributions were to include Axis Nationals on the same basis as others. The allotment to others was therefore somewhat reduced (but still plentiful), and a second distribution made to Axis nationals (and a few additional ones of other nationalities) on the 27th and 29th December last.

We freely admit that it was an oversight not to telephone to you; but in those days we were busy with work at the "warehouse", and in view of the positive information received from two quarters, expected your confirmation within days.

We regret if the misinformation has caused you difficulties. We may add that after consultation with Welfare certain persons were excluded from participation because of their well-known war-activities.

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KOBE BRANCH

  
Chairman



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No. 132

Kobe, 7th January 1948

Subject: Distribution of Clothing  
To: H.Q. International Relief Committee, Yokohama

On the 27th and 29th December, 1947, we distributed a lot of woolen clothing etc. to the German and Italian communities, and a few other persons, on the basis of our previous distribution to Allied etc. nationals. The participants were approximately 350 persons.

A new Report on Movement of Stocks, No. 13 per 31st December 1947, is enclosed. As results from it, the balance on hand is small except for a few items. Some of these, like military uniform pieces and boots, will be taken in hand next; of a few we have been requested by the Welfare Section to hand over a portion each to the Chinese Communities in various parts of our district. We are now getting the necessary lists, the Chinese being advised that our contribution could only be a very limited one. There must be over 15,000 of them in our district.

As regards Germans and Italians we wish to place it on record that the distribution was made under instructions from the Welfare Section, Mr. Borish taking up the matter with H.Q. for confirmation after we had a rather strenuous interview with the Italian representative (as he declared himself to be), Mr. Gamba.

You will remember that long ago we approached you for directives in regard to Italians; Austrians and others. The only authorization we received was to give to Italians provided they were not Fascists. Not feeling in a position to act as a sort of Kempetai, we submitted a list of all Italians, with request to specify. That was the end of it.

As regards the German community we had no information whatever.

Mr. Gamba seems to have seen Mr. Moss some weeks ago, and pretends that apparently it was entirely Kobe's fault that they did not receive earlier distributions, according to information received. We only desire to point out the difficult position we are placed in without proper authorization. We are supposed to act as directed, and until we receive directions we must presume that the attitude shall be the same as before - in this case negative.

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