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Tokyo, Japan
14 February 1951

FBI National Academy Associates Desk
Room 5256
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Within a short time, I expect to return to the U.S. and participate in such activities as the N.A.A. has to offer.

Enclosed is a check for two dollars ($2.00) for my annual dues for 1951.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

Address: Air Mail
Only

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o PM.
San Francisco, Calif.

Encl. $2.00

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Tokyo, Japan
18 January 1951

Mr. Joe Dircks
Dircks' Reloading Service
3460 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

Dear Joe,

The National Rural Police were just in and reported that the sizing and greasing machines have arrived in Yokohama, and, of course, are hoping that the reloading machines will follow as indicated by your cablegram.

Much to my surprise, they have a request to make relative to spare parts for the reloading, greasing, and sizing machines.

They claim that the cost of such parts in Japan will exceed the cost of parts purchased in the U.S. Also, that they do not have the proper steel for the manufacture. They would like to purchase an adequate amount to meet their needs for the next five years.

They would also like for you to make an estimate of the number of such parts required. In the initial correspondence, I recall that we held the number of bullet moulds to ten, under the assumption that the Japanese would prefer to make them here; however, they would like to purchase a sufficient number to keep their machines running at capacity, and also, replacement ~~at~~ As indicated above.

Would you be good enough to furnish them with an estimate of the parts required, their cost, and an estimate date of shipment. They are particularly anxious to acquire the bullet moulds which they estimate to be forty-six, to keep the machines running. The latter seems high to me.

Will appreciate any assistance possible on this matter.

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Enclosed is a diagram of the parts they are desirous of purchasing.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o PM.
San Francisco, Calif.

Enc. Diagram

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Tokyo, Japan
8 January 1951

Mr. Baily H. Barker, Vice President
Federal Laboratories, Inc.
P. O. Box 268
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Barker:

Your letter of 4 December arrived here today, which brings to mind one thing, and that is, that your secretary should use air mail only in any thing coming over here, otherwise, it takes over a month by regular mail.

On 11 December I wrote you an inquiry and have not received your reply yet. It may be that your letter was sent regular mail. Would you check on this for me and send me a reply immediately because the Japanese Government are particularly anxious to purchase the primers before our current stock runs out.

We, of course, know the market on any explosives are affected by the Korean situation but hope you will exert your utmost to give them the best service possible.

Very truly yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

FSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
4 January 1951

International Association Chiefs of Police
1424 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

There apparently exists an error in my mailing address when I renewed my membership this year in Colorado Springs. My correct address is:

Byron Engle, Police Administrator
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Will you please make the necessary corrections.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
Dec. 29, 1950

Mr. Lowell R. Johnson
2012 Grand Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Lowell,

This is in reply to your letter of October 12 which was delayed in reaching me due to the fact that it was mailed regular mail. Your letter of December 21, via air mail, arrived December 26. Suggest that you remind your secretary to spend that extra three cents.

I immediately checked on Mrs. Merle Doyle and find that she is residing at Misawa Air Base which is several hundred miles from here. As you probably know, her son, Frank Boyle, spun in over enemy territory in Korea, and is reported missing in action. The chances are, of course, that he is dead.

I talked to Mrs. Doyle by long distance telephone, and offered to do anything that I could. Told here that you are a friend of mine and that you had requested I render any assistance possible. She will be leaving for the States very soon now, and has promised to contact me on her way to Yokohama. Perhaps we can have dinner together.

Enjoyed both of your letters. Please give my regards to our personal friends and especially to Barbara.

As always,

Byron

Dictated but not read.

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Tokyo, Japan
29 December 1950

Thomas F. Martin, Major
Pennsylvania State Police
Training School
Hershey, Pennsylvania

Dear Major Martin:

This is in reply to yours of December 2, 1950 relative to the mimeographed lectures mailed to me. I have received from the State Police, six (6) copies of riot control and six (6) copies of Cyllabus. This material was sent by Lt. Col. J. C. Mauk. To date, your material, containing "Criminal Evidence Digest" has not arrived. It may have been lost in the mail or may have been dealyed. The latter occurs frequently but not usually for this long of time.

I certainly enjoyed my visit with your institution. Thank you for your hospitality. Hope we can get together again for a more lengthy chat.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o PM.
San Francisco, California

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
TRAINING SCHOOL
HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

December 2, 1950.

Mr. Byron Engle,
Police Administrator in Charge,
Public Safety Division,
CIS-G2, GHQ, SCAP,
APO 500, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Captain Engle:

I have just been informed by Lt. Col. J. C. Mauk, that you failed to receive the book titled "Criminal Evidence Digest" and the various mimeographed lectures pertaining to police work. This material was mailed in September, date not recollected, but it was the day after your visit.

I do not know if there are any mailing problems, and whether you experienced delays, or loss of mail in the past, but in case of loss we will replace the material. If you do not receive the package in reasonable time let me know.

Assuring you of our desire to cooperate, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Martin

THOMAS F. MARTIN,
Major, Pennsylvania State Police.

TFM:fxc

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APO 500
11 December 1950

AIR MAIL

Mr. Baily H. Barker, Vice President
Federal Laboratories, Inc.
P. O. Box 268
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Barker:

This letter is being written at the request of Mr. Nakagawa, Chief, Police Affairs Division, Japan National Rural Police.

That organization is planning future reloading operation for .38 and .45 caliber pistol ammunition and have acquired equipment for the operations.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire if your organization can supply the following components, estimated date of shipment, prices C.I.F., Yokohama:

18,750,000 (eighteen million seven hundred and fifty thousand) primers. 44% for .38 caliber; 56% for .45 caliber.

Powder (Bullseye) in sufficient quantities to load the above with standard charges. Our estimate 10,168 pounds.

The above organization is anxious to secure the above material as soon as possible.

However, due to budgeting procedures it might be necessary to submit order through a private organization guaranteed by a Japanese bank. Would that interfere or complicate export licenses as long as shipment was marked for the National Rural Police?

This, of course, is not to be considered a formal order; but

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as an inquiry to determine the availability, price, and the earliest shipment your company can make if the order is given to your organization. Your prompt attention and reply is requested.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

cc: Mr. Nakagawa, Chief
Police Affairs Division
National Rural Police

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Tokyo, Japan
5 December 1950

Mr. Lee Echols
4752 Palm Street
La Mesa, California

Dear Lee,

This is in reply to yours of 14 November 1950.

Now for a man who is in the "bucks" as far as you, I was literally knocked back on my heels when it took almost a month to get a letter from you. For three cents more it would have made it in a week. Come on, better tell your stenographer that she can be extravagant when you write to me and use airmail stamp.

Regarding your honorary membership, it will come through in due time. The gentleman you had dinner with in Colorado Springs is now in Japan. He arrived the day before yesterday. I dropped him a note today reminding him of the card again. I am certain you will be able to add another card to your collection.

No doubt by now you have won the matches at Calexico with a score of 2526 or something.

Sorry the Latin America deal fell through. That could have been interesting; but guessswe will have to be relegated to more ordinary pursuits of life for the time being.

Some of the things we discussed have been happening the past few days over in this part of the world as you no doubt know reading the newspapers. It ain't good!

Am looking forward to receiving the autographed embossed copy of your new book. I need a laugh; they come too infrequent these days.

Let me hear from you.

As always,

Byron Engle

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
5 December 1950

Mr. George Fiske
General Electric Company
14th and Baltimore
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear George,

You may think your request for a Nikkon Camera has been neglected; but it really hasn't. Here is the results of considerable efforts to obtain one for you.

This company is making what people over here who know something about photography say is the outstanding camera on the market today. It is built on the order of a Contax, in fact, I am told the parts are interchangeable with the Contax. They are producing one now with a f/1.4 lense. Some of the pictures made with it have been outstanding.

Carl Mydans, of Life Magazine, is probably the outstanding photographer in this part of the world has one, and also Duncan with Life. There are two issues of Life Magazine, fairly recent, showing MacArthur that were taken with this lense.

The company has production booked up for a long time in the future; but I have been able to secure promise for one of these cameras on 22 December. The outfit, complete with flashgun, is $158.39; without the flash attachment or flashgun it runs around $130.00.

I don't know what the customs will run on this camera. Sometimes at Christmas the customs are fairly liberal and don't inspect all of the packages that go through. It might clear without customs charges. It's just a chance.

Let me know at once if you want me to send this camera to you. There is absolutely no obligation on your part as

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the camera can be sold to a dozen different people who are anxious to get one.

You might be interested to know that I went pheasant hunting recently. Thought of old man Weyer (sore foot) because here we hunt them on the top of mountains not on level plains like South Dakota. Shot six in two days. We travelled at least forty miles on foot--thirty-nine of it straight up.

Congratulations on your reappointment to the Board of Police Commissioners. Give my regards to our mutual friends and let me hear from you.

As always,

Byron Engle

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o PM.
San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
30 November 1950

Mr. Joe Dircks
Dircks Reloading Service
3460 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

Dear Joe:

Enclosed herewith is a bullet and cartridge case upon which I would like to inquire about the cause of the markings.

The reloading machine is missing the primer in about every ten or twelve case. Sometimes they will miss two or three; other times just one. The nose of the bullet in some instances is badly marked by the die in other cases the mark is as appears on the enclosed one. The side seration is caused by removing the case with a file. On the side of the cartridge case you will not marks which are caused by the slid. (This is indicated by ink.) What could be causing this marking?

Sorry to bother you with these details but feel if we can make adjustments to eliminate these markings we may have the problem solved.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
24 November 1950

Mr. Joe Dircks
Dircks' Reloading Service
3460 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Dear Joe,

I'll bet you think I am a dandy! The enclosed was just returned to me here. Sorry I neglected to put your street address on the envelope.

Sincerely,

Byron Engle

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o PM.
San Francisco, Calif.

Enc.

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Tokyo, Japan
24 November 1950

Mr. A. C. Berdon
Belmar Street
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Mr. Berdon:

Since returning to Japan I have been patiently anticipating receiving the 22 engraved Woodsman which I mailed to you from Kansas City to have the trigger adjusted and the other weapon which was sent to you from Colt. It has occurred to me that perhaps the letter I wrote you from Kansas City regarding this weapon may have been lost or that the weapon didn't reach you. In any event, here is the story.

The 22 Woodsman, short barrel, which you worked over for me in the States, I had elaborately engraved over here; however, in the engraving they didn't get the trigger pull back to where it was originally and the bluing job was not satisfactory, so when I was in Kansas City I sent it to you along with a letter requesting that it be sent back to me here in Japan. The other weapon, of course, you are familiar with.

Upon my return to Japan your letter was here. Thank you for your complimentary remarks regarding the cigarette case. I am very glad you enjoy it.

Please let me hear from you about the above weapons.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
24 November 1950

Mr. W. Pierce MacCoy
Office of Administration
HICOG
APO 757-A, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Dear Pierce:

This is just an inquiry to determine if you received the letter I wrote recently from the Statler Hotel in Washington, and also to neddle you a bit in the hope of getting a reply.

Things are going along as usual in Japan. The Korean situation is still "touch-and-go" as to what will eventually happen; but the ultimate decisions are, of course, political and will not be made for a few weeks at least.

Many of our mutual friends have returned to the States. The activities of the Civil Service Division apparently have diminished considerably since you went home.

Sincerely hope you are enjoying your new assignment and while it is realized that you must be very busy it will be greatly appreciated if you will find time to drop me a line. Why not just turn this letter over and write on the back!

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
24 November 1950

Superintendent Lou Smyth
Kansas City Police Dept.
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Lou,

This is to express my appreciation for the material you mailed me here. It will be put to good use.

It was nice seeing you again although only for a brief visit.

Will appreciate any additional material you find time to send.

Regards to everyone!

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
21 November 1950

Mr. Joe Dircks
Dircks' Reloading Service
3460 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

Dear Joe:

Attached is the Letter of Credit from the National Rural Police mentioned in a letter to you of this date.

Yours truly,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Enclosure

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Tokyo, Japan
21 November 1950

Mr. Joe Dircks
Dircks' Reloading Service
3460 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

Dear Joe:

Enclosed herewith is an empty cartridge case which the Japanese say is typical example of their difficulty and failure to get proper extraction of primers from the cases.

Would you look it over and give me some idea of what adjustments to make by air mail?

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Enclosure: Empty cartridge

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Tokyo, Japan
21 November 1950

Colonel Jake Mauck
Deputy Commissioner
Pennsylvania State Police
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Jake:

Just a note to tell you I am back in Japan. I certainly enjoyed visiting with you again and want to thank you for the excellent Pennsylvania hospitality which always is enjoyed at your place. Also, thank the Major for showing me the training school and tell him I am looking forward to receiving the material he was going to mail.

Thanks again. Will be looking forward to seeing you next time I am in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
21 November 1950

Captain Ray Shane
Denver Police Department
Denver, Colorado

Dear Ray:

This is just a note to advise you of my return to Japan and to express my sincere appreciation for the kindness extended during my visit in Denver. It was very good to see you again, and please thank Mrs. Shane.

Hope to see you in the non too distance future and please let me hear from you.

If you are still interested in having your daughter's picture painted will be glad to arrange it for you.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500
20 November 1950

AIR MAIL

Mr. Baily H. Barker, Vice President
Federal Laboratories, Inc.
P. O. Box 268
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Barker:

This is in reply to yours of November 13, 1950.

Since inquiring about the 20X primers, we have been conducting some experiments in gathering other information. It appears that there is a 5/1000 of an inch difference in the primer's pocket of arsenal made cartridges and those manufactured by commercial sources. We have both kinds of cases and obviously entail too much difficulty to try to use both sizes of primers. What we will do is load the commercial cases and attempt to swedge the primer's pocket down 5/1000 of an inch on the arsenal made cases. This will entail a great deal of work but it appears to be the only solution to the problem.

It is encouraging to note that you expect to ship the balance of the order in the immediate future.

Mr. Kiernan is being advised by separate letter that the Japanese National Rural Police have extended their Letter of Credit to cover all shipments made prior to January 1, 1951.

Best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500
20 November 1950

Mr. Charles A. Kiernan
Assistant Sales Manager
Federal Laboratories, Inc.
P. O. Box 268
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kiernan:

This is in reply to yours of November 8, 1950.

Thanks for the information relative to the shipment of powder and primers. I trust furhher information regarding the primer bases will be available shortly.

As per your recent request, the Letter of Credit from the National Rural Police has been extended to January 1, 1951. I trust this will be sufficient time to cover all shipment on the above order.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
26 October 1950

Mr. Joe Dircks
Dircks Reloading Service
3460 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

Dear Joe:

In regards to the shotgun shells, it was my understanding that you were going to ship them so that they would arrive here before the 1st of November; however, I don't remember the ship on which they were to be shipped. It also occurred to me there is some possibility of delay due to technicalities of shipping ammunition. If, on receipt of this letter, such delay has been encountered, will you please wire me, advising of anticipated shipment. If, on the other hand, the ammunition has been shipped, advise me, via wire, name of ship and date of arrival in Yokohama.

Thanks again for the many courtesies extended.

Sincerely,

Byron

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
24 October 1950

Mr. Bailey H. Barker, Vice President
Federal Laboratories, Inc.
P. O. Box 268
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Barker:

In reference to our recent conversation regarding the powder and primers for shipment to the Japanese National Rural Police. It was my understanding that 1,750,000 had been shipped from New York on the SS "Pioneer Dale". It was understood that Bullseye Powder would be shipped within a few days. The National Rural Police advise that the above shipments have not been received. Would you please check on the powder shipment, particularly, and let me know when we can anticipate arrival of the powder and balance of primers.

As an after thought, Joe Dircks tells me that there is a slight difference in the size of primer pocket on the .45 commerical ammunition and the ordnance ammunition which we have here. Would you have your technical men check into this matter. We, of course, want the proper size primers.

Enclosed herewith are the bases of the cartridges being used by the National Rural Police in order that you can check the primer diameter.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle

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APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
24 October 1950

Mr. Joe Dircks
Dircks Reloading Service
3460 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

Dear Joe:

Just a note to let you know I arrived in Japan safely and have been informed that the machine has arrived and will be uncrated tomorrow morning; expect to be on hand.

Thanks a million for the many courtesies. I am sorry the plane took off before you got the car parked and didn't get to say goodbye.

I trust that the shotgun shells are on their way. Will be anxiously awaiting their arrival because the duck season opens the first.

Will contact the National Rural Police regarding the extension time on the Letter of Credit. You will hear from them in due time. Detailed instructions which I understand are on their way will no doubt arrive soon.

Regards to everyone.

As always,

Byron

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
25 August 1950

Mr. Clyde Phelps
Chief of Police
Spokane Police Dept.
N. 225 Wall Street
Spokane, 6 Washington

Dear Clyde,

Thank you very much for your letter. It was a pleasant surprise to hear from you.

Also, thank you for the clipping. Amusing sometimes how pictures get into circulation. Yes, as you suspected, I am still here and don't expect to be much longer. At present I am engaged in a special project of recruiting 75,000 men for the Police Reserve.

There are a few of the old gang left, and all send their regards. Your letter is being circulated among them.

In case Uncle Same blows down your neck to the extent of getting you back into the service, we will keep an eye out for you on this side of the Pacific.

You may remember your promise--a big thick steak to the undersigned--should he get in your city. Rest assured, that if that happens I will be on your door step and hungry.

As always,

Byron

Byron Engle (DAC)
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
22 August 1950

Colonel Glenn McBride
6302 Walnut Hill Lane
Dallas, Texas

Dear Glenn:

It was indeed a pleasure to receive your communication of 16 August. All of us talk about you frequently and were wondering how you were getting along.

Shooting activites have been curtailed here as a result of the hostilities in Korea; but every once in awhile we get down to the range and fire a few. I have been extremely busy working many hours daily. I am temporarily assigned to a special project with General Sheppard which involves the recruiting of 75,000 police reserves.

Still hope to get home within the non too distant future; but felt that I couldn't run out with a job to do. The Air Force kept the papers until they were over the time limit; sent them to Johnson Field for correction of the Letter of Transmittal and want another physical examination; the fourth one incidentally. That was too much! The papers are still in the dresser drawer, and if activities continue at their present pace, it will be a long time before we get around to it.

Thanks again for the letter. You can rest assured that when yours truly is in your vicinity, there will be a new guest at the "McBride Rancho".

Give my regard to Win; she is a good girl.

As always,

Byron

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
10 August 1950

Federal Laboratories, Inc.
P. O. Box 268
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

PERSONAL ATTENTION: Mr. Bailey H. Barker, Vice President

Dear Bailey:

Your letter of 31 July relating to amendment of Letter of Credit to include two (2) shipments on the powder and primers is now being taken up with the proper Japanese authorities.

It is suggested that you procede in the manner most convenient for you.

Necessary arrangements will be made here to facilitate the shipment of this merchandise.

It will be appreciated if you will do your utmost to expedite the shipment in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
13 July 1950

Federal Laboratories, Inc.
P. O. Box 268
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

PERSONAL ATTENTION: Mr. Baily H. Barker, Vice President

Dear Baily:

Enclosed herewith is a letter from the National Rural Police stating their position on the war risk insurance. It is simply this; they have $42,000.00 alloted for the project in dollar funds and until they know definitely what the increase in cost of war risk insurance is, they cannot very well process the necessary papers through their administrative set up. It would be much more convenient from their standpoint if you would ship the merchandize and then bill them for the additional cost for the war risk insurance. When they know the exact amount they can then process their application. There will be no difficulty in securing the additional funds.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator-in-Charge

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
July 3, 1950

Doctor D. G. Humm
Humm Personnel Service
P. O. Box 1433 Del Valle Station
Los Angeles 15, California

Dear Doctor Humm:

In reply to yours of June 26 relative to the Japanese housekeeper's mother, and children entering the United States. Informal inquiries of the Diplomatic Section here indicates as follows.

1. It is extremely unlikely that the three individuals would under any circumstances be permitted entry into the United States on a permanent basis. There may be a slight possibility, but only after extensive investigation by diplomatic authorities requiring several months.

2. It is probably possible that subject individuals could gain entrance into the United States on a visitors permit for a specified period of time-- probably sixty or ninety days, with a proviso that sufficient assurance monetary and otherwise, be given the State Department. That individuals would return to Japan at the expiration of their visitors permit

Further information in detail can be secured, first-hand, by the individuals contacting the American Consulate in Kobe, which is fairly close to their home. Such contact would provide them with first-hand information upon which to base their actions.

The gentlemen referred to in your letter some time ago, in relation to the Reader's Digest article has not contacted me. If you have his address and desire that he do so, you could give him my office and residence telephone numbers and address. They are as follows:

Residence: Room 415, Dai Ichi Hotel, Phone: 26-7741.

Office : Room 432, NYK Bldg., 26-8946.

It was good to hear from you and if at any time I can be of any service, please don't hesitate to let me know. Regards to Mrs. Humm and the rest. Your brochures were also appreciated.

As always,

Byron Engle

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
3 July 1950

Mr. Joe Dircks
Dircks Reloading Service
3803 Griffith View Drive
Los Angeles, California

Dear Joe:

This is in reply to yours of 16 June 1950 relative to the reloading equipment. The NRP tells me that their power voltage used in the building is 200 volts, which is contrary to what I had told you earlier.

Letter of Credit was setn 5 June 1950 and should have reached you by now. In case it didn't, a copy of it is attached.

Looking forward to receipt of the first machine. Also enclosed, is a letter from the National Rural Police making some inquiries of their own. If you care to reply to them, would probably be faster to send it to me.

Please let me hear from you.

As always,

Byron

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
July 3, 1950

Mr. Beverly Hardesty
Union National Bank
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Bev:

A Miss Jones of the Red Cross who formerly worked in your bank in Kansas City contacted me by phone and gave me a message which, of course, I was delighted to receive. I dropped in at her office this morning and chatted with her a few minutes. She has a cold but is apparently enjoying Japan as well as most people upon their arrival.

You may have been somewhat surprised to have received a telegraphic money transfer from me without having heard from me for such a long time. The situation is simply this; due to international complications, it was thought best to get some money back in the old hometown for possible eventualities. So, I sent the four-thousand (4,000) marked for your attention to be deposited in my name. Please make any kind of deposit you deem most advisable: savings, checking, account, or otherwise, If the savings can be drawn within a relative short time, perhaps that would be best. Understand, of course, that you would have to have certain papers signed if that can be accomplished by mail, alright, or if you could be authorized by me to handle it, well and good.

Would never have bothered you with this item had the situation been different, but hope you will understand the circumstances.

As to my personal affairs, I am enjoying the best of health; have been busy the past four years, and could probably stay busy for some time here; however, expect to return to Kansas City in the non to distant future.

If there is anything you would like from Japan, please let me know. We will get together and discuss things upon my arrival back in Kansas City. Will appreciate it if you will keep the financial transaction mentioned above strictly confidential.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

P.S. Nort Hardesty is here and doing well. Was out with he and his wife last night.

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Tokyo, Japan
June 23, 1950

Federal Laboratories, Inc.
P. O. Box 268
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

PERSONAL ATTENTION: Mr. Baily H. Barker, Vice President

Dear Mr. Barker:

Enclosed are two copies of communications from the National Rural Police Headquarters relating to the purchase of powder and primers which has been outlined in previous correspondence with your company. They have requested that I forward this to you through our mail since it is desired that this matter be expedited to the utmost.

The National Rural Police have secured approval for allocation of dollar funds to cover the cost of this shipment. The proper papers are being processed at this time according to current information.

It is assumed that your company will be able to handle this order and have made arrangements for shipping by water to Yokohama, since no further information has been received to the contrary.

If you so desire, you may reply to the National Rural Police through the undersigned, in order to reduce mailing time to a minimum. Your correspondence will be relayed to them immediately.

Very truly yours,

BYRON ENGLE
Chief Police Administrator

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Enclosure (3)

P.S. A carbon copy of the Japanese Government's approval from Economic and Scientific Section, GHQ, SCAP, and approved by Mr. Blanton is also enclosed.

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22 June 1950

Philadephia Quartermaster Depot
2800 South Twentieth Street
Philadelphia 45, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Please forward to me via Air Mail, the following:

Six (6) yds. cloth cotton, 27-C-27525-42, sateen. WR. 9OZ.Type 1	@ $1.20 per yd.	$7.20
Estimated Air Mail Postage		4.00
Total		$ 11.20

Enclosed is a Postal Money Order for eleven dollars and twenty cents ($11.20) to cover.

It will be appreciated if you will expedite and ship via AIR MAIL.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Milstead
Captain INF
O-411345

Enc. MO $11.20

E. L. Milstead
Captain INF
O-411345
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APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
June 13, 1950

Mr. A. C. Berdon
Belmar Street
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Mr. Berdon:

I have received the little Woodsman and your letter. I was very happy to receive both of them. The Woodsman operates beautifully, is a fine little weapon. I had some difficulty with the rear sight but ordered some parts from Colt and fixed it myself.

The Navy had a match out here last week. I managed to get two plaques and nine medals, shooting your weapon.

I'm certainly glad you enjoyed the lighter. Thought you would appreciate the quality of work the Japanese put into such things. I am looking for another gadget for you which when located will be even nicer.

I can appreciate the difficulty of working over the new type Woodsman. I do like them from a standpoint of balance better then the old one. I would like very very much to have the six inch fixed in the manner you did the little one, if possible, embodying the changes that Phil Ritinger wrote up in the "Rifleman", but most of all the usual adjustments that you make on them. There is no comparison between the gun after you finish them and the usual accuracy job.

I don't know what the trigger pull is on the little Woodsman but it is exactly correct. If you would do this for me I will have Colt send you the gun direct.

Hope you are progressing on the two .45s. We have two large matches coming up in the very near future. My old gun is getting a bit loose. This arsenal ammunition shakes them up pretty fast.

Enclosed is a money order for twenty dollars ($20.00) to cover the cost of fixing the little Woodsman. Thanks a million.

As always

Byron

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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12 June 1950

Edward M. Almond, Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff, Far East Command
APO 500

Dear General Almond:

I am in receipt of your letter of 8 June 1950, pertaining to the creation of a Small Arms Competition Board for the Far East Command. Such a Board will no doubt aid in furthering interest already developed by the Command during the past three years in organized shooting activities.

I will be greatly honored to serve as the civilian member of the Small Arms Competition Board.

Very truly yours,

BYRON ENGLE

Byron Engle
Public Safety Division, G-2
APO 500

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Tokyo, Japan
June 12, 1950

Mr. Frank Kreml, Director
Traffic Institute
Northwestern University
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Frank:

This is to introduce Chief Eiji Suzuki of the Osaka Municipal Police Department.

Osaka is a city of about two million population and Chief Suzuki is without a doubt one of the outstanding Police Administrators in this country. He has rendered invaluable assistance to our program of democratizing the Japanese Police system. He is making a tour of the United States as well as Europe, studying police procedures. I am sure you will enjoy meeting him. Any courtesies extended to him will be sincerely appreciated.

Best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

BYRON ENGLE
Chief Police Administrator

Public Safety Division
General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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P.S. A copy of this letter has been given to Mr. Suzuki who is leaving today for Europe. It will probably be sometime in August before he arrives. He will contact you upon arrival in the U.S.

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Tokyo, Japan
June 7, 1950

Mr. Roy S. Tickmeyer
7147 Prospect Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Roy,

Attached is a letter from the Orient Commerce Company which is self-explanatory and indicates prior committments on the product you were interested in.

If I can be of further service, please advise.

As always,

Byron

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
June 6, 1950

Mr. Lee E. Echols
4752 Plam Street
La Mesa, California

Dear Lee:

This is in reply to yours of May 23rd enclosing the clipping from the Los Angeles Examiner. Thank you very much. They both were appreciated. Also wish to thank you for your warning about your coming to Japan where the competition isn't so rough. As of now, I will start working on the recessary red tape to have a directive issued that will put Japan "off limits" to anyone with a classification of "sharpshooter" or better. It is much better to be a big duck in a little pond then a little duck in a big pond.

I have kept fairly close in touch with your activites (other than social) since arriving in Japan. Regret very much you have gotten out of the competitive field due to your connection with the NRA. No doubt have some opportunity to keep your hand in the game through frequent practice. As for myself I am propably shooting worse then I use to, although that is pretty hard to do. We have a few matches over here. All of them were with the .45 with arsenal ammunition. We had a recent tournament, Japan-wide, held at Osaka. Was fortunate to come out first place and added to my collection several metals that are particularily unique. They are of cloisonne with scenes depicting Japan. They are made at the Osaka Mint and I am probably the only man in existence with a U.S. Army metal that has a "honey cart" on it.

Want to wind up my activites here this summer and return to the U.S. prior to the National Matches and the NRA meeting.

Regret very much your comment regarding Mack Garr. Someone told me last year that he was due to come to Japan. It is surprising the number of pistol shooters that commit suicide with their weapons. You remember Standau did the same at Tampa. Can probably recall a half-dozen. Have felt pretty bad at the end of a few strings myself, but not that bad.

Give my regards to any of our mutual friends and do let me hear from you again.

Very truly yours,

BYRON ENGLE
Chief Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
June 6, 1950

Inspector Claude Broom
Detroit Police Department
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Claude:

Thank you for your recent letter and the assistance rendered Jimmy Witman in securing a Buick, both were appreciated.

Relating to your inquiry as to a position in Japan. There are at present no vanancies in the positions of which you would be interested. Frankly, Claude, this show is folding and would not advise considering Japan as a possible place of assignment. There are other areas in the world where there are more and better positions. As you know, this thing has been going on for about four years. The people here are pretty well established and have years of background in back of them. Most of them stay until the show is over. Now is not the time to come in, unless, of course, there is considerable change, which is not contemplated.

Yours truly will probably be back in the States sometime this summer. The department is putting the heat on me to come back to work.

Mulbar from Michigan is returning to take this position.

If you're looking why not try ECA, or one of the new foreign agencies. Sorry old man can't do anything here at the present time. It would have been a pleasure to have worked with you a couple of years ago when we had vacancies and were really looking for men of your experience and caliber.

Sincerely yours,

BYRON ENGLE
Chief Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
June 1, 1950

Chief of Police H. W. Johnson
Kansas City Police Department
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Chief:

This is to introduce Chief E. Suzuki, Metropolitan Police Department, Osaka, Japan, a city of approximately two million.

Chief Suzuki will depart from Japan within a few days to attend the Moral Re-armament Conference in Switzerland and plans to return to Japan via the United States.

While in the United States, Chief Suzuki plans to visit a few of the outstanding law enforcement agencies to observe modern police practices. He hopes to include our organization in his itinerary.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write this letter of introduction for Mr. Suzuki since he is an outstanding police administrator--efficient, capable, and of unquestioned integrity. He exemplifies the acme of professional police administration. His influence has done much in the establishment of democratic law enforcement in Japan.

Any courtesies extended Chief Suzuki will be sincerely appreciated.

At this time it is not possible to advise as to the date of his arrival. He will communicate with you immediately upon his arrival in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Chief Police Administrator

Public Safety Division
General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
June 1, 1950

Chief of Police
Denver Police Department
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

This is to introduce Chief E. Suzuki, Metropolitan Police Department, Osaka, Japan, a city of approximately two million.

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Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Chief Police Administrator

Public Safety Division
General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
May 31, 1950

Chief of Police
San Francisco Police Dept.
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

This is to introduce Chief E. Suzuki, Metropolitan Police Department, Osaka, Japan, a city of approximately two million.

Chief Suzuki will depart from Japan within a few days to attend the Moral Re-armament Conference in Switzerland and plans to return to Japan via the United States.

While in the United States, Chief Suzuki plans to visit a few of the outstanding law enforcement agencies to observe modern police practices. He hopes to include your organization in his itinerary.

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Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Chief Police Administrator

Public Safety Division
General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
May 31, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to introduce Mr. E. Suzuki, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, Osaka, Japan, a city of approximately two million inhabitants. Chief Suzuki will leave Japan within the next few days to attend the Moral Re-armament Conference in Switzerland, and is returning to Japan via the United States where he hopes to visit some large municipal police departments and your organization.

Chief Suzuki is one of the outstanding police administrators in Japan. He exemplifies efficiency, integrity, and the spirit we are attempting to instil in the democratization of the Japanese Police system. His leadership and influence in the Association of Municipal Chiefs has been of invaluable assistance in initiating democratic reforms. He has always been in the forefront stablizing police matters and a bulwark against the influence of Communism in many fields of activity.

Chief Suzuki, like all other able administrators, is extremely anxious to visit the F.B.I., which in Japan, represents the epitome of law enforcement in America.

Any courtesies you can extend to Chief Suzuki will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Chief Police Administrator
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Public Safety Division
General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
May 31, 1950

Chief of Police Worton
Los Angeles Police Dept.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

E. Suzuki, Chief of Police of Osaka, Japan, a city of approximately two million population, is leaving within a few days by plane to attend a conference in Europe. After the conference is over, he plans to visit police departments in France, Germany, England, and return to Japan via the United States, visiting outstanding municipal and federal law enforcement agencies in our country.

Chief Suzuki is very anxious to visit your police department and has requested that a letter of introduction be furnished him. This is being done without hesitation, since Chief Suzuki is one of the outstanding police administrators in Japan. He exemplifies efficiency, integrity, and the new spirit which we hope to indoctrinate into the Japanese Police system.

Any courtesies extended to Chief Suzuki will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Chief Police Administrator

Public Safety Division
General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
May 31, 1950

Mr. William P. O'Brien
Police Commissioner
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

The Chief of Police of Osaka, Japan, a city of approximately two million population is on his way to Europe and will return to Japan via the United States where he plans to visit several large municipal police departments. Chief Suzuki is an outstanding police administrator. He has been an outstanding influence in assisting the Occupation in the democratization of the Japanese Police. In every manner he exemplifies the new spirit that we are so anxious to instil in the Japanese Police System.

He has requested that a letter of introduction be written to you in the hope that you may be kind enough to permit him to visit your department and possibly to have your secretary retain mail that is addressed to him until his arrival in New York.

Any considerations or courtesies extended to Chief Suzuki will be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Byron Engle
Chief Police Administrator

Public Safety Division
General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
May 31, 1950

Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to introduce Chief E. Suzuki, Metropolitan Police Department, Osaka, Japan, a city of approximately two million.

Chief Suzuki will depart from Japan within a few days to attend the Moral Re-armament Conference in Switzerland and plans to return to Japan via the United States.

While in the United States, Chief Suzuki plans to visit a few of the outstanding law enforcement agencies to observe modern police practices. He hopes to include your organization in his itinerary.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write this letter of introduction for Mr. Suzuki since he is an outstanding police administrator--efficient, capable, and of unquestioned integrity. He exemplifies the acme of professional police administration. His influence has done much in the establishment of democratic law enforcement in Japan.

Any courtesies extended Chief Suzuki will be sincerely appreciated.

At this time it is not possible to advise as to the date of his arrival. He will communicate with you immediately upon his arrival in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Chief Police Administrator

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Tokyo, Japan
May 29, 1950

Chief E. Suzuki
Metropolitan Police Department
Osaka, Japan

Dear Chief Suzuki:

Congratulations on your selection to attend the MRA conference in Switzerland. This will afford you an excellent opportunity to combine the benefits derived from the conference to include a study of police administration and modern police techniques used in many countries of the Western world.

I have taken the liberty of writing to the Chiefs of Police in Washington, D. C., New York, Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Kansas City, the Michigan State Police at East Lansing, Michigan, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., requesting that they extend to you every courtesy during your visit.

It is also commendable that the Mayor and the Public Safety Commissioners of your city have recognized the tremendous value to their city of having their Chief of Police acquire the modern, technical knowledge such a trip will afford. The benefits thus acquired is no doubt responsible for them rendering you their assistance in making this trip possible.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Chief Police Administrator

Public Safety Division
General Headquarters, Far East Command
APO 500

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Tokyo, Japan
May 29, 1950

Mr. Roy S. Tickmeyer
7147 Prospect Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Roy:

Thank you for the newspaper clipping from the Kansas City "Star", and your letter of May 22nd. It was nice to hear from you.

Relative to the inquiry concerning the sewing machines, I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to A. Mitchell. Will be glad to assist you in any way possible.

Please let me hear from you at your convenience. Any news concerning local happenings in Kansas City will be appreciated.

As always,

Byron Engle

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PSD, GHQ, FEC
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San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
May 29, 1950

The Orient Commerce Company
P.O. Box Nishi-no 25
Osaka, Japan

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a letter from a friend in Kansas City, Missouri, connected with Rice's a concern dealing in sewing machines.

The above is very anxious to secure the agency or distributionship for the Sanshin sewing machine, who I understand you represent.

If there is anything I can do in assisting through furnishing reference or other means, I will be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

Byron Engle

Byron Engle
Acting Police Chief Administrator
Public Safety Division, General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500

cc: Mr. Roy S. Tickmeyer
7147 Prospect Ave.
Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A.

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Tokyo, Japan
May 23, 1950

(Miss) Doctor T. E. W. Lignac
Thorbeckelaan 47, The Hague
Netherlands

Dear Doctor Lignac:

This is in response to your inquiry of February 3, 1950 concerning the policewomen of Japan.

I was interested in your comment of meeting Inspector Broom of Detroit. Claude is a good friend of mine and a capable police official.

After receiving your letter, I gave it to one of the policewomen here in Tokyo who speaks English, with the request that she prepare a letter to you, giving her impressions of the policewomen and their problems. This, you will no doubt find, more interesting then a treatise by an outsider such as myself. Briefly, however, in answer to your inquiry, the following can be stated:

General qualifications; age limit 20-30. High school graduate, excellent physical condition, and the usual requirements as to integrity, trustwortheness, and be of excellent moral character. The recruit training is for six months, and contains all of the subjects that are included in the curricula for men, with emphasis in subjects relating to crime prevention.

There were no policewomen in Japan prior to the war. At present there are about 850 policewomen included in the 125,000 total police strength.

One of the major difficulties is to breakdown the age-old resistance of male police administrators to the idea that women <u>can</u> perform many duties equally as well, if not better, then men. At first, they wanted to make office receptionists and "tea-servers" out of them. We, of course, have insisted upon them being given more responsible duties. For instance, recently I insisted upon the policewomen receiving the same firearms training as given the policemen. The Japanese policemen virtually threw up their hands at the idea. However, at the completion of the course, they were surprised to learn that some of the policewomen's score exceeded that of the men.

Tokyo has the largest number of policewomen--275. On the whole, they are making rapid progress and are definitely established as a

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part of law enforcement in future Japan.

In returning to the United States, I expect to go via Europe, and if I get to your country will take the liberty of contacting you. Would appreciate hearing from you on any police activities of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Chief Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
May 22, 1950

Mr. Dick Fowler
Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Dick:

Belated and fragmented reports are reaching here concerning recent events relating to law enforcement activities in Kansas City, and particularly, concerning the police department. This tends to confirm information reaching here through sources in Kansas City. I, as a member of the Department, am naturally interested in anything that will bring about an improvement. However, the information reaching here is defintely lacking in evaluation and analysis. Would you be good enough to set down for a few moments and give me your analysis of the situation to date?

Enclosed is the schedule of our training activities for the current year. This, of course, is not for publication but thought it would be of interest to you and my other friends at the STAR.

Best personal regards to you and all the others.

Sincerely yours,

BYRON ENGLE
Chief Police Administrator

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
22 May 1950

Major Edward Harding
24th Division
APO 24

Dear Ed:

I just received an invoice from the Colt man as follows:

Three (3) guns (.45)	$ 136.49
Tax	15.01
Postage	1.92
TOTAL	$ 153.42

If you want to send me one-third (1/3) of it, I will realy it on to him. If you remit by check, make it payable to J. M. Denkin and Company. If it is on a Stateside bank, then the clearance charges, whatever they are, should be added.

Haven't heard anything from Berdon relative to the guns. I hope he will process them. Sent three (3) long triggers to him. Have you written him or done anything on the matter?

We are working on the proposal to send a team but nothing concrete. We are going to discuss it again tomorrow (Tuesday). Looks like we may have to have a regional shoot over here in order to have individuals compete in the National matches according to a recent letter from the NRA.

Best personal regards. Let me hear from you boy!

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500

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Major Edwin Harding, Jr. O-403971
Finance officer, 24th Infantry Div.
APO 24

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Tokyo, Japan
May 22, 1950

Mr. Jesse Harpe, Gunsmith
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Harpe:

Recently, I have taken the liberty to have some .45s sent down to you by Colt for various members of the Far East Command. I hope you will be able to process them in a reasonable length of time. We have some matches coming up over here, and as usual, everyone is in a hurry for their guns.

There are several other people over here who will want their guns accurized but thought it would be best to check with you prior to having them mailed. If you are in a position to handle this business will sincerely be happy to recommend your work to the people over here.

Best personal regards. Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle

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San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
May 20, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Fumio Muto, Chief of the Criminal Division of the Japanese National Rural Police is enroute to the United States to study police procedure, organization, and investigation methods under the sponsorship of the International Institute of Education.

Mr. Muto is an intelligent, capable police official, is widely travelled, and speaks English. He occupies a very responsible position in the direction of investigation of criminal activities from a national level.

Any courtesies extended him will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator-in-Charge
(NA 22)

Public Safety Division
General Headquarters, Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Interchange of Persons

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Tokyo, Japan
May 19, 1950

Federal Laboratories, Inc.
P. O. Box 268
Pittsburgh 30, Penna.

ATTENTION: Mr. Baily H. Barker, Vice President

Dear Mr. Barker:

This is in reference to your recent letter relative to difficulties you were encountering in securing shipping space for powder and primers desired by the Japanese Government, and to your subsequent letter of May 10, 1950 by Mr. Kiernan.

Learning of the difficulties you were encountering in securing shipping space, we made inquiry of the American President Lines here. They have advised us that they will be able to handle the cargo from a West Coast port without any difficulty and can handle it from the East Coast port but with more inconvenience. It is to be assumed; however, since your letter of May 10 quotes CIF Yokohama, that you have surmounted your earlier difficulties and have been able to arrange for shipping space.

Your quotations were turned over to the Japanese Government, i.e., Equipment Section of the National Rural Police. They are now processing an application through the Japanese Government for dollar credits to cover this purchase. The order should be forthcoming in the very near future.

It is requested that upon receipt of their order that the shipment be made at the earliest possible date the facilitate the initiation of reloading of ammunition for police practice.

The order for reloading equipment has already been sent to the suppliers in Los Angeles

It is assumed that clearance by SCAP for dollar credits will constitute SCAP approval and that you will make the necessary arrangements for licensing by the State Department.

We will keep you advised of any new developments and likewise will appreciate any information you consider necessary.

Very truly yours,

BYRON ENGLE
Police Administrator-in-Charge

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Tokyo, Japan
May 17, 1950

Mr. Joe Dircks
Dircks' Reloading Service
3460 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

Dear Joe:

Enclosed are letters of contract from the National Rural Police for the reloading equipment which we discussed in previous letters. A Letter of Credit will follow prior to shipment of goods. I understand the necessary dollar credits have been allocated.

It would be really appreciated if one machine for .38 Special could be made up and shipped within a short time. This would enable me to get these people reloading prior to my return to the States; otherwise, they will have a lot of trouble and I expect to leave here by the time your order is shipped. So be sure and do something for me on this score.

I had a nice letter from Al Strand praising your machine. He is a loyal supporter.

Let me hear from you as soon as you receive the contract and an estimate as to when the first machine will be shipped.

As always,

Byron Engle

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San Francisco, California

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Public Safety Division
SCAP - FEC
Tokyo, Japan
16 May 1950

Chief Suzuki
Municipal Police Dept.
Osaka, Japan

Dear Suzuki-san:

This morning your man brought in the training schedule for policewomen which I perused with a great deal of interest. There were a few suggestions made for minor changes; however, as a whole, it was very good.

There is one point we would like to make in relation to policewomen and their utilization. Policewomen should be confined to activities of law enforcement nature that commonly fall within the realm of recognized policewomen's activities. As far as we know there is not a single department in Japan that is adhering to this principle. I hope that Osaka will set an example by confining policewomen activities to such duties. To often they have been engaged as telephone operators, receptionist, and doing ordinary clerical work. I am quite certain that you don't plan to use them in such a manner; however, if your division heads were planning to use part of this class for such duties, my suggestion to you is that the group be reduced to the number that are to be actually engaged in police duties.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator-in-Charge

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Tokyo, Japan
May 11, 1950

Colt Firearms Company
Hartford, Connecticut

ATTENTION: Mr. Kingsbury

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to an order for a Matched Target Woodsman and a .45 ACP for Colonel J. O. Wade of the Far East Command Pistol Team. The above Matched Target Woodsman was to be shipped directly to Colonel James O. Wade, Headquarters and Service Group, APO 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

The enclosed letter is to serve as a clearance of the weapon through postal authorities. The above .45 automatic was to be shipped to Jesse Harpe, Tampa, Florida, for tune-up, prior to its shipment to Colonel Wade.

Very truly yours,

Byron Engle

PSD, GHQ, FEC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

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Wade

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Tokyo, Japan
8 May 1950

Major Edward Harding
24th Division
APO 24

Dear Ed:

This is in regard to our recent telephone conversation. The three (3) 45s were ordered, sent to Berdon by the Colt representative here. They should have arrived by express before now. Yesterday, Berdon was mailed three (3) long triggers via air mail. There is some question as to whether they will get through or not because they were mailed in a plain envelope. If you can located some in the meantime it is suggested that you also mail three to him.

Have not had an opportunity to contact Colonel Dabney as per the suggestion. Haven't had an opportunity to get out of the office, it may be possible this afternoon. In any event, he will be contacted as soon as possible.

The Marines are having a match the 13th and 14th of June at Yokusaka. You will no doubt receive an invitation.

If you write Berdon, please urge him to process the weapons at the earliest possible date, and do let me hear from you.

As always,

Byron

Byron Engle
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APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

P.S. Saw Quinn of G-3. Babney was out. Quinn is receptive to idea of sending team to San Francisco. Will work on it.

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Tokyo, Japan
8 May 1950

Lt. Al Strand
6327 Madden Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Al:

Thanks a million for returning the papers that were requested. Sorry you couldn't pick up the other information that was greatly desired. Haven't been able to get it yet; so if you can do anything further on it please don't forget. I'm also anxious to learn how the situation came out over in San Bernardino. Noticed that Bud English has been promoted to Inspector. I haven't been able to do anything on the Oakland procedure that you mentioned in your letter. It requires a great deal of time to get material over here. If anything else comes along I'll let you know about it.

The lining and other material arrived and as usual is very satisfactory. Thanks so much for getting it for me; however, you neglected to let me know the cost. If you will do so, along with a good letter, the cash will be forthcoming.

Please give my regards to your charming wife. I am looking forward to seeing you at the National Matches. Be a good boy.

As always,

Byron

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
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San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
6 May 1950

Lt. Oscar Erke
Fort Smith Police Department
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Oscar:

It was noted with a great deal of interest in the January 1 Newsletter of the National Academy graduates that you, of all people, had descended to the level of traffic safety. What happened to you after you're graduation? Apparently that traffic information that they almost had to use an enema to get into your anatomy had its effect. "What miracles hath wrought!" Any way, my friend, it was good to hear of your promotion and congratulations on your success. One of these days, your truly, will be back in the old U.S. and will drop in for some good Arkansas fried chicken. It shouldn't be too long until the 125,000 police over here can solve their own problems. Drop me a line if you have the time.

As always,

Byron

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San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
6 May 1950

Inspector H. C. English
San Bernardino Police Department
San Bernardino, California

Dear Buddy:

The Newsletter of the F.B.I. is a little late arriving in Tokyo. It has just come to my attention through the January issue that you are promoted to Inspector. Congratulations my friend!

Things are going along pretty smooth on this side of the Pacific. Probably in a short time the Japanese Police--125,000--can get along without me. At that time, I'll probably be through San Berdo looking for a steak.

If you have the time drop me a line.

As always,

Byron

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San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
5 May 1950

Mr. Everett Meyer
Dircks Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Everett:

Thank you very much for your nice letter telling me about the situation in Kansas City. It was certainly appreciated. It is good to know that Anderson has not forgotten me entirely. I hope a letter is forthcoming from him in the very near future.

Your analysis of the political situation in Kansas City was most interesting; needless to say, the best information I've had since coming to this theater. It bears out what I've been thinking for a long time. Law enforcement is difficult at best. Conditions require constant everyday attention. It is like going against a current in a rowboat, you either have to pattle or you drift. Looks as if there has been considerable drifting for the past few years. Let's hope that it all turns out for the best, and the public attention directed to law enforcement will result in the betterment of the police department.

The list of names you suggested in your letter as a possibility of a new Board being named by the Governor were certainly ideal. No one could ask for a better balanced group.

In your last letter, you mentioned the separation from the VFW. That came as a surprise, and was no doubt the same to you. What has happened in the interim? Has your contact been severed there?

After four years over here, very little honest-to-goodness, well-analized news reaches me; consequently, your letters are of even more importance to me. If you have the time, my friend, please let me know what the score is. Give Anderson a ring and tell him to write me, steno or no steno. I can read his scribble.

Regards to Mommy-san and Larry. He must be quite a boy. Looking for some suitable Japanese souvenirs for him. They will be forthcoming one of the days.

As always,

Byron

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PSD, GHQ, FEC
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Tokyo, Japan
5 May 1950

Mr. Joe Dircks
3803 Griffith View Drive
Los Angeles 26, California

Dear Joe:

This is in reference to an inquiry that was made a few weeks ago relative to the purchase of ten (10) reloading machines, moulds, sizers and greasers for the use of the National Rural Police.

In the aforementioned letter we requested prices F.O.B. Yokohama in order that the request for necessary dollar funds could be processed by the Headquarters and the Japanese Government. To date we have had no reply to the above communication.

It is imperative that we have this information in the very near future because of current plans and the method of budgeting done by the Japanese Government. In other words, funds have to be drawn on a quarterly basis.

If you are interested in this order, please reply by cable or air mail to the communication mentioned above because it is absolutely necessary that the Japanese Government have this information immediately.

Best personal regards.

As always,

Byron

Byron Engle
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San Francisco, California

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Tokyo, Japan
2 May 1950

Superintendent Harold Anderson
Kansas City Police Department
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Harold:

Sometime ago I wrote you regarding a matter which is of considerable importance to me. To date haven't received a reply. Knowing, of course, that you are my best friend, I feel that there must be a very good reason for this lack of correspondence. Perhaps you didn't get the letter; however, a copy is at the hotel, so this is being written as an inquiry to determine if you received it, if not, please wire me.

Things are progressing satisfactorily over here, and I hope to be in a position to leave the Far East in the non to distant future.

Please let me know if you received the letter and a reply to the information requested will be sincerely appreciated. A few clippings on current activities would make me very happy in case you find time. Please now, my friend, produce.

As always,

Byron

Byron Engle
PSD, GHQ, FEC
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San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
26 April 1950

Dear Henry,

You are no doubt back in Los Angeles trying to get many of the odds-and-ends straightened out that always occur while in transient from one place to the other. Hope that your trip was an enjoyable one and that you and Mrs. Eaton had an opportunity to relax after your long stay here.

Not much has transpired since your departure. Activities are entirely routine. There was some changes in NRP personnel due to the retirement of Shibata at Kyoto.

There is a Prefectural Chiefs meeting in progress at the NRP. Went over yesterday and talked to them about distribution of equipment, but all in all things are pretty quite on this side of the Pacific.

My trip to Osaka was a very successful one. I won first place in four matches, and was second and third in the other two.

Suzuki is about to embark on a round-the-world trip. The Moral Re-Armament Group is sponsoring the trip to its convention in Switzerland. He and Mrs. Suzuki are expecting to leave in July by plane. He will return through the U.S., if possible, and visit some police departments. He will no doubt see you at that time.

Haven't heard anything from our friend Forrest. Suggest you give him a ring. Let me know what you hear from him. Please give my regards to our mutual friends in Los Angeles.

All of the fellows here extend you their good wishes.

As always,

Byron

Byron Engle
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San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
April 25, 1950

Mr. Frank Wyman
National Rifle Association
1600 Rhode Island Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your recent communication and the plans for an indoor rifle and pistol range. I turned them over to the proper authorities in GHQ and an indoor range is now under construction.

I have just been talking to the Theater G-3 about sending a team from the Far East Command to participate in the National Matches. They are definitely interested and have requested that I contact you relative to this matter.

As you know, there is a Far East Command Pistol Tournament conducted over here each year, under the sponsorship of the National Board.

There was recently a registered tournament held in Osaka. The Marines, at Yokosuka, Commander Thompson and Admiral Decker, are planning one for early June or July, and Osaka is planning another registered tournament for the latter part of June. These matches, of course, are the only ones that will be possible for the people here to shoot in.

One of the points brought up in the discussion was that only persons participating in the regionals would be eligible for attendance at the National Matches. I suggested the possibility of the NRA waiving the requirement for the Far East Command because of no regionals being available here. G-3 requested that I write the NRA and informally inquire if you would extend an invitation to the Command to send a team to shoot in the National Matches.

Interest in shooting here has increased considerably within the past year due to much hard work on the part of a few individuals including Colonel Fuller of the 25th Division. An FEC team sent to the National Matches would do a lot to further such interest. So any assistance the NRA can get in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

From a personal standpoint, my shooting is not what it use to be but under the conditions here, not too bad. Most of our shooting has to be done with arsenal ammunition. I came out No. 1 in the Osaka matches. The scores weren't much but good enough. The 22 scores were particularly low but we fired them under very bad conditions with a strong two o'clock wind beating us in the face.

I expect to be back in the States prior to the National Matches and what was said above on behalf of the team, I hope will apply to one individual by the name of Byron Engle because it is doubtful if he will get to the States in

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time to compete in any regional. Not that I would do any good at the National Matches, but after nine years absence it would sure be nice to climb up on the firing line at San Francisco.

We have 51 ranges, varying from 10 to 50 targets with covered firing points completed. They are built according to NRA plans. I have photographs of all of them and when I get back to the States will give you a story on them. No doubt the restrictions will be lifted by them.

As stated above, I hope to have my part of the occupation wound up prior to the National Matches. Will be looking forward to seeing you. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle

Byron Engle
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San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
April 25, 1950

a.C.

Mr. E. Berdon
Belmar Street
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Mr. Berdon:

I just talked to Ed Harding who is about 800 miles Southwest of here. Understand that he has an agreement with you consummated sometime ago that you would be good enough to complete guns for the Far East Command Team.

I have taken the liberty of having Colt express to you for Harding and me, three (3) 45s for use of the FEC Team. Will you finish them in the matter that you have always done my guns with the same size sights and rear notch? The trigger pulls as near four and one-quarter pounds as you can get them. There is just one other item--please use the long trigger. Ed Harding is checking Ordnance to get long triggers for you and will mail them to you. I am also searching for some locally. If I find them I will send them, but don't process them with short triggers. These three guns will be used by Harding and myself. Our guns are now being used by other members of the team and as soon as we get new ones we will turn our present weapons over to them. I know you are extremely busy and it is an imposition to do this work for us, but we do want a good team from here, and , of course, need your guns to get the best scores.

Included is a clipping from the recent All Japan Tournament held in Osaka. You will note that we are doing our best to uphold the reputation of your gun.

When these are completed, (and like everyone else) I hope soon, you can send them direct to me and I will forward Harding's on to him.

I hope that the NANBU ammunition reached you successfully. I told Ed you had not received it and he dispatched an air mail letter immediately to his courier inquiring as to the delay. Perhaps you have received it by now.

A couple of weeks ago, I had a cigarette ligher made up for you by a Japanese engravoer. Let me know if and when you received it and what you think of it.

Thanking you for your many favors.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle

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APO 500, c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.

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Tokyo, Japan
April 24, 1950

Mr. Edward Ward, Gunsmith
Kansas City Police Dept.
12th and Locust Streets
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Ed:

I hope this finds you and Beals and all the rest of the boys enjoying your Spring with not too much "Spring Fever". I enjoyed your recent letter and hope that you and Francis, Beals and Adelmen and some of the rest of you will be good enough to drop an occasional line letting us know the latest in Kansas City, particularly, news items relating to the Binaggio slaying.

Ed, as you know, my guns have been in storage for well over a year now, and I wonder what kind of condition they are in. It would be a shame if they rusted out awaiting for me to come home. Would you be good enough to go over to the Inter State Transfer and Storage Company at 1721 Minnesota Avenue, inspect them and if they need re-working, take them out, put them in proper coating, and return them to storage? There are four (4) guns over there. One is a 16 gauge Ithaca pump; one Model 52 Winchester Rifle; a Model 70 Target Grade Winchester, 30 caliber, and a 30 caliber Enfield. The latter gun you will remember is the one you sent to Johnson Automatics for re-working. It is in the same box that Johnson returned it in. Would you send me the last one--the Enfield--parcel post? It will not be necessary to clear through Customs nor are there any restrictions on the shipment of rifles over here. The reason for getting it over here is that there is an engraver who does beautiful work, so I plan to have it dolled up before leaving here. I hate to ask you to do this Ed, but you are the only one qualified back there to do this for me. The sooner you can check them and send me the one gun, the better it will be because I want to get the engraving done while I'm here in Japan and it will take a minimum of six weeks for it to arrive by regular parcel post. I, of course, expect to reimburse you for the time you spend on this project.

Please let me hear from you.

As always,

Byron

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Tokyo, Japan
April 24, 1950

Inter State Transfer and Storage Company
1721 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City 2, Missouri

Gentlemen:

This is to authorize Mr. Edward Ward, Gunsmith of the Kansas City Police Department to inspect and remove if necessary, four (4) weapons which are part of the items I have in storage with your company.

Mr. Ward, after inspecting and cleaning, if necessary, the above weapons, will return three (3) of them to storage, and ship the other to me in Tokyo.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle

Byron Engle
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San Francisco, Calif.

cc: Mr. Edward Ward, Gunsmith
Kansas City Police Dept.
12th and Locust Streets
Kansas City, Missouri

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Storage

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J. Burger
1614 West Osborn Road
Phoenix, Arizona

21 April 1950

Dear Jean,

Was indeed a pleasure to receive your letter of April 17. I had about decided that you had forgotten your old friend and I mean that literally. I'm four years older than when I left Kansas City. Probably not four years wiser, however,

Your comments relative to the position in Phoenix was read with a great deal of interest. Ray Wilson as I remember was a very competent individual, so was K. K. King. The latter and I use to do a little shooting occasionally. They should make a good team. From my information at one time or another, there is apparently a need for a good surgeon on the city's carcus. Of course, the main consideration is not to kill the patient. Just where that line of demarcation begins and ends is a difficult one to determine.

It was noted with interest that true to form you progress so rapidly you inherit a lot of jealousy. My friend you might as well accept that. One of the penalties you have to pay for being competent.

Looks like this residence requirement has you over a barrel, and gives the opposition some ammunition. Not knowing, of course, your circumstances, or what it is worth to you to move into town, it would be hard to advise as to what procedure to take; but temporary appointment in a position where you create animosity is certainly not an enviable one because sooner or later the temporary status will revert to extinct.

As to the angling rubbing off, my friend, you always could out do me. I often think how you use to angle things your way in the office. You are "Past Master".

Yes, Personnel Administration is an interesting field. I could do a lot better financially right now in that field here. There is a lot to be done in personnel. I'm afraid my four years hasn't improved my capacity in that field. Actually, about all I've learned is in a negative sort of way in mistakes <u>not to make</u> if and when I get back into personnel. As to personnel plans, yours truly, will be back in the States some time this year, and, of course, will make it a point to communicate with you good people. I'm glad to hear that John is doing well and that you are both happy. Jeanie must be a big girl now.

O'Clair and George Young I know of. Be sure and give King and Ray

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Wilsom my best regards.

Sent you a Christmas card this year but the best address I had was Phoenix and it was returned.

Thanks again for the letter. Seems like old times to hear from you.

As always,

Byron

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21 April 1950

H. W. Johnson
Chief of Police
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Chief:

Your letters of January 23rd and April 14th arrived together. Needless to say, I was very happy to get them and I appreciate your taking time out from your busy activities to keep me informed of the progress of things in Kansas City.

The clippings on the Binaggio-Gargotta shooting were particularly interesting and I hope you find time to include a few more in the future.

Russell Boyle, whom you know very well, is in Tokyo doing a study of Provost Courts. We have an exchange of clippings, etc., home town news between us. He especially requested me to send his regards and has mentioned several times the time Bill Boyle was killed by lighting and you and he sped into the morgue thinking it was his brother. We receive considerable ribbing but are able to maintain the dignity of Missouri among the "infidels" from other sections of the country here.

Hope that every thing goes in your favor and from what I have seen and heard it certainly indicates that it is.

Thanks again for the letters and keep them coming, they are appreciated.

As always,

Byron

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P.S. Enclosed are some clippings which will warn O'Conner to get his shooting going prior to my return, or his reputation will suffer.

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11 April 1950

H. W. Johnson
Chief of Police
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Hank:

Thank you for your birthday greeting. It was nice of you to remember, although it has apparently been bounced around in the mail for the past month due to a wrong letter in the address. My proper address is Byron Engle, Public Safety Division, General Headquarters, Far East Command. You might give this to Rose for the file. Your previous letter referred to in recent correspondence got lost entirely.

Things are going along about as usual here. I am enclosing copy of our training schedule for 1950, which will just about wind up this program.

A short note in our Pacific "Stars and Stripes" states Charlie Binaggio and Charlie Gargotta were slained in Kansas City recently. It no doubt is creating a furor. If you have the time how about enclosing a few clippings and a little news of the department.

Now that you have my correct address an occasional letter will be most welcomed.

I see Burke occasionally. He is over in the Tokyo CID now. His boss tells me he is doing a good job.

Best wishes, and let me hear from you.

As always,

Byron

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20 March 1950

Mr. Leo Link
KC Custom Garment Co.
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Leo:

In my recent letter to you requesting a new style book, have noted that through a stenographic error, the $1.00 to cover cost of mailing via air mail was not included. It is enclosed.

Assume that style book will include overcoats. Received a length of beautiful cashmere over-coating for my birthday today. Any suggestions are welcome.

Please don't forget if you want pearls or anything from this side of the Pacific let me know.

Yours truly,

Byron

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Enc. $1.00

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Personal

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20 March 1950

Mr. Denkin
Hotel Teito
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Mr. Denkin:

You will recall our conversation and correspondence some months ago relating to the new Match Target, Woodsman, in which I pointed out that the gun should be made in a four and one-half inch barrel for use in shooting the Olympic Rapid Fire Match and as an all-round sporting weapon that could be carried in a holster. Through your good offices we were fortunate enough to get the Colt Company to make up one specially for me, to be used for my personal use and as an experimental model for the Japanese Police.

I was particularily impressed with the accuracy of the gun and the clarity of the sights resulting from the reduced barrel length. The first time I fired the gun I shot a 286 over the national match course which is a good average score for any length barrel.

I noted with a great deal of interest the recent announcement of Colt's that they are now manufacturing this gun in the four and one-half inch barrel. Apparently, they to, have recognized the advantages and consumer demands for such a weapon. For several weeks it was possible for me to say that my four and one-half inch barrel Colt Match Target Woodsman was the only one of its kind in existence. They have knocked that in a "cocked hat" and adopted "my model"! I suggest that they go a step further with their improvements. The under-cut frong sight is very desirable in a target weapon, however, this new gun should be a combination of both a target weapon and a sporting or holster gun. Under-cut front sight just don't go in and out of a holster without difficulty. It gets leather on top and the front sight, causing it to fuze or hangs-up if the holster is tight defying withdrawal. This disadvantage more than off-sets any advantage of an under-cut front sight. Actually, with the shorter sighting radius, a ramp front sight suitable for holster use can easily be developed. I have sent my gun to Berdon down in Florida to have this done, as well as some other minor trigger adjustments.

If you think Colt would be interested in my observations on this matter, you may forward this communication to them. Also, if they are interested in further developments or results of our various experiments, personal, and those of the Japanese Police, will be glad to give them to you.

Very truly yours,

Byron Engle
Police Administrator-in-Charge

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APO 500
18 March 1950

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Special Meeting, Board of Governors, Dai Ichi Hotel Club

TO : Lt. Col. Williamson

Carl, here are a few notes relating to the special meeting for your information.

As far as possible, the meeting was confined to the business at hand, i.e., selection of Manager. In order to secure information on the matters contained in your communication to me about the various aspects of transferring property, etc., report of the Administration Committee was asked for and the various matters discussed. Major Mainwaring says that he will have taken care of them prior to the meeting next Monday. Walker has had his signature authenticated and is writing the checks. Final inventory and transfer will be completed before Monday. Three candidates appeared for interview: Branham, Cowan, and Manchester. The fourth candidate didn't show, and as far as I know, didn't advise anyone why. The procedure for interviewing was to circulate the application among the Board members present, and then, read by myself to the meeting. The candidate was then brought in, seated, and preliminary questioning on points necessary to clarify was conducted by myself. I then gave each Board member an opportunity to ask any questions by asking each one individually from right to left around the circle. Most of them had minor points they wanted clarified. At the termination of the interview, each person was asked to note his impression of the candidate and without further discussion the next person was called in according to the above procedure.

After interviewing all of the candidates, we adjourned the meeting for a few minutes and re-assembled at the dining table, and then polled each one present, giving them an opportunity (one at a time) to make any remarks they desired, for or against, any of the candidates. Everyone had their say and the Chair suggested that a secret ballot be taken with each member voting for one of the three candidates for Club Manager, with the stipulation that if any candidate failed to get three-fourths of the votes cast, a second ballot would be taken. The results were 16 for Cowan and 3 for Manchester. Since this was more than three-fourths of the votes cast, a second ballot was not necessary. Everyone seemed satisfied at the choice, although a motion that an unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Cowan was defeated.

Some of my personal impressions of the meeting were: (1) All of the candidates gave a very good impression at the interview; either one would probably make a successful Club Manager. (2) Branham more or less eliminated himself in his interview because of his desire for individual housing or that the Club pay him a sufficiently high salary to reimburse him for securing his own. He also desired subsistence for himself and his wife. (3) Manchester would have accepted the job for $3,800, but there was considerable

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Memo to Lt. Col. Williamson, subject: "Special Meeting, Board of Governors, Dai Ichi Hotel Club," dated 18 March 1950

question if he could secure his release from the Army. (4) Cowan said that he would be agreeable to accepting the quarters furnished by the Club (one room without bath) at the salary stated in his application--$7,612.00 per year--and that his wife would assist him in an advisory capacity. He further stated that if the Club desired the services of his wife, she would be available on a more or less full-time basis, for the consideration of adequate housing either in or out of the hotel for them, and that they would sign a contract to that effect.

The Board refused the ~~U.S. President~~ U.S manager to negotiate a contract with Cowan on the salary as stated in his contract. Any arrangements relating to additional housing to be discussed in the future. However, Randy is of the opinion that it may be possible to secure better quarters in the Dai Ichi Hotel through arrangements with Headquarters and Service Group.

The minutes of the meeting will be available for you at the Board office. I went over the rough draft and made a few minor corrections. Would appreciat it if you would commend John Nelson for his excellent work as Secretary.

We did our best to conduct the meeting in the manner that you would have desired. We hope it will not be necessary for the Veep to act again. You are welcome to the exalted position of President. Your riding herd on that group of Indians is not envied by the Veep.

BYRON ENGLE
Vice President
Dai Ichi Hotel Club

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14 March 1950

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Federal Laboratories, Inc.
P. O. Box 268
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

ATTENTION: Mr. Baily H. Barker, Vice President

Dear Mr. Barker:

This is in regard to your letter of October 20, 1949 relating to powder and primers.

As outlined in our previous correspondence, we are attempting to establish a re-loading plant for the purpose of re-loading .45, .38, and .38/200 pistol ammunition for the Japanese Police. The requirements for the immediate future will be about six and one-half million primers with sufficient bullseye powder to load that amount. The Japanese Government has been contacted, and advised of your quotation on powder and primers. Your company was suggested as a source of supply, since it is the largest police supplier in the U. S.

Re-loading machines we hope to have made up by Joe Dircks of Los Angeles, along with bullet greasers and moulds. The ratio of requirements for primers will be approximately 50 per cent .45 caliber, the size for a .45 ACP steel case cartridge; 35 per cent, .38 Special, and 15 per cent, .38/200, (this is the short .38 which will not chamber in a .38 Special gun).

You, of course, realize that considerable red-tape will have to be unwound in order for the Japanese Police to purchase the above in the U.S. due to existing restrictions imposed upon ammunition, firearms, etc. In this country also there is the matter of dollar exchange which will have to be worked out. We have every reason to believe that this can be done, however, the administrative details will be time-consuming. Please advise if there has been any change in the situation since your letter of October 20, 1949.

Thought that I would advise you of the progress in this matter, so that you would be fully informed when your company is contacted.

Very truly yours,

Byron Engle

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Reloading

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14 March 1950

Doctor and Mrs. D. G. Humm
Humm Personnel Service
P.O. Box 1433 Del Valle Station
Los Angeles 15, California

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Humm:

Thank you for your letter of January 13, 1950. It was nice to hear from you. I read with a great deal of interest about your research on the Temperament Scale, and your reference to a set of measures for determining self-mastery. Apparently the stenographer failed to include the brochure and tables which you said were being enclosed. Would like very much to see them and any other material you have written since I attended your course.

To me, the Temperament Scale is one of the finest things ever devised, and the future will bring about the recognition that is justly yours.

You no doubt miss Eleanor. She is a fine girl. If you should see her give her my best wishes.

Incidentally, if there is anything from Japan you would like to have, please let me know. This is the land of silk, pearls, and wood-block prints.

Will probably be seeing you sometime this year.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Engle

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Personal

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14 March 1950

Mr. Joe Direks
3803 Griffith View Drive
Los Angeles 26, California

Dear Joe:

This is in reply to yours of January 21st relating to re-loading equipment. I have contacted the Japanese Government and advised them to purchase from your organization: 10 loading machines, 7 sizing and greasing machines, and 10 cavity moulds. I added 10 per cent to your prices quoted in your letter, for the purpose of covering the transportation to port, crating for export, etc. There is much red-tape to unwind on a purchase of this nature since Japan as a defeated country has had so many restrictions placed on ammunition, however, we believe that can be done within a short time.

Another thing involved is the yen and dollar account. Japanese currency has no established international rate; consequently, a dollar exchange has to be set up in order to get the dollar funds with which to purchase.

As to the electrical set up would like to have your suggestions as to the most practical current. We can probably arrange it, although there is considerable variance in current here. The normal 110 volt line actually runs about 10, but believe we can work that out if you will let me know what would be the most satisfactory.

As to the ratio of the 3 calibers, a rough estimate is as follows:

35 %	.38 Special
17 %	.38 Regular
48 %	.45 ACP

The only cases we have, Joe, are steel cases. Be sure to work out a means of loading them because almost 50 per cent of our ammunition is of that caliber.

This is for your information. Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Byron

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Reloading

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14 March 1950

Mr. Frank Wyman
National Rifle Association
1600 Rhode Island Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Frank:

Some time ago I wrote you concerning plans for an indoor rifle and pistol range here in Japan. The Commandant of Headquarters has funds for the construction of such a range here. He has requested that I contact you and secure plans, if possible. He desires to build a combination rifle and pistol range with target carriers for the rifle and turning targets for pistols.

If you have any plans of this nature in your files they would certainly be appreciated, inasmuch as an attempt is being made to expedite the construction of this range. Please forward them by air mail.

Best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Byron Engle

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Range

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6 March 1950

Mr. Paul Skuse
Public Safety Division
Ryukus Military Government
APO 331

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a report from the Director of Training of the MPD of Tokyo relative to the performance of the Okinawa students while attending school here. It indicates that these students applied themselves very diligently during their stay here. The training school officials were very laudatory in their praise of them.

It was my pleasure to meet with them on several occasions. One could not help but be impressed with their sincerity.

Best personal regards to you and to Cecil Tilton; understand he is there now.

Very truly yours,

BYRON ENGLE
Police Administrator-in-Charge

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