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Aircraft ~~Engines~~

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1. Name GUNZE KOGYO - TSUKAGUCHI PLANT Code # 13 - 01
2. Prefecture Hyogo Ken Year Built 1935
3. Reparation Status.
   - (a) Listed by SCAPIN No. 987
   - (b) Deleted by SCAPIN No. 1139
   - (c) Rec. for Deletion Yes
   - (d) Rec. for Addition (Not yet Listed) Not applicable
4. Products.

	Items	Percent.
(a) Prewar.	Silk Hosiery	100%
(b) During War.	Meters for Airecrafts	100%
(c) Post War.	Silk Hosiery	100%

5. Year War Production Began? 1943
6. Is Plant Now in Operation? Yes
7. Size of Company.

	No. Machines	No. of Employees
(a) Prewar.	239	1,300
(b) During War.	333	900
(c) Post War.	278	550

8. Condition of Plant 0 % Per Cent Damaged.

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9. Remarks:

Plant was originally established in 1935 to produce full-fashioned silk hosiery. Subsequent to 1943, machine tools were borrowed and installed for the purpose of mamufacturing aircraft gauges and meters. These machine tools were removed from the plant by July 1945 for protection from air raid, leaving the plant idle with only silk knitting machines, seaming machines and a repair shop.

Post-war operation of plant commenced February 1946 with a portion of current production of silk hosiery being supplied to the Post Exchanges.

Signed _____
N. A. THOMPSON, CMP 9
Economic Section

This is No. 1 of 66 reviews to be submitted.

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"C O P Y"

HEADQUARTERS
31ST MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HQ & HQ COMPANY
(APO 317 (KOBE, HONSHU)

ABH/d1

1 July 1946

SUBJECT: Application for Removal of Six Plants in Hyogo-ken from the Reparations List of O.D.5.

TO : Commanding General
Hq I Corps
APO 301 (Kyoto)
(Attn: Lt Col, E. H. Nelson)

1. Enclosed herewith is a petition from the Chief, Commerce and Industry Ministry, Kinki Regional office for removal of or exemption of certain critical production machines from the following six plants appearing on the lists of Operational Directive No. 5:

Japan Air Brake Co., Main Plant
Kinki Important Products, Tachibana Plant
Mitsubishi Denki, Himeji Plant
Kawanishi Kikai, Kobe Plant
Gunze Kogyo, Tsukaguchi Plant
Toa Kinzoku, Uozumi Plant.

2. The petition is remarkably lucid for Japanese preparation and together with the application of the individual companies is complete and self-explanatory. However, this headquarters makes the following recommendations and comments:

a. Japan Air Brake Company - On 15 February 1946 this headquarters recommended the removal of this plant from the reparations list. Higher Headquarters did not concur in our recommendation. However, it is the opinion of this headquarters that the products of this plant are essential to the transportation industry in Japan and that the plant or at least certain irreplaceable critical production machines should be exempted. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, dated 15 February 1946, subj: "Application for Removal of Nippon Seidoki K.K., from list of O.D. No.5" and subsequent indorsements thereto and to the enclosed application from the company, recommendations from the Central Liaison Office and from the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

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TO: CG, Hq I Corps, APO 301 (Kyoto) Subj: "Application for Removal of Six Plants in Hyogo-ken from the Reparations List of O.D. 5" dtd 1 Jul 46.

b. Kanai Juyo Kogyo - This headquarters recommended the removal of the Tachibana plant of this company from the reparations list in a letter to your headquarters dated 25 May 1946, subj: "Recommandation for removal of the Tachibana Plant of Kanai Juyo Kogyo K.K., 430, Ashihara, Santanda, Amagasaki from O.D. 5." Reference is made to that letter and the enclosed petitions, applications, and recommendations which present all the facts. This plant was not an aircraft or aircraft parts plant and contains no machine tools except a small shop needed to keep wire drawing machines in repair.

c. Mitsubishi Denki - Himeji Kojo - This headquarters has no additional information on this plant other than that contained in the enclosed documents. It is pointed out, however, that if the plant must be used for reparations they wish to exempt the magneto and insulation production machinery which the Japanese Government considers essential. This machinery is indicated in the tables attached to the company's application. Original application of this plant for removal was dated 5 March 1946.

d. Kawanishi Kikai, Kobe Plant - This plant petitioned to be removed from the list direct to Hq I Corps on 30 Junuary 1946. On 12 February 1946, this headquarters was forwarded the petition with instructions to hold up action pending receipt of new directives. Subsequently new directives have been received, particularly O.D. 34, which requires recommendations from the ministry of prime concern and the Liaison office. These recommendations and an up-to-date copy of the application are enclosed herewith.

e. Gunze Kogyo - Tsukaguchi Plant - This headquarters originally recommended the removal of this plant from the list of O.D. 5 on 7 February 1946. Reference is made to letter this headquarters dated 7 Feb 1946, subj: "Application for Removal of Gunze Tsukaguchi Plant of Gunze Industrial Company from list of Operational Directive NO. 5" and subsequent indorsements thereto. This headquarters can only reiterate that all the machinery in the Tsukaguchi plant is used in producing full-fashioned ladies silk hose. The full production is

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TO: CG, HQ I Corps, APO 301 (Kyoto) Subj: "Application for Removal of Six Plants in Hyogo-ken from the Reparations List of O.D. 5" dtd 1 Jul 46.

going to the Army Exchange Service and for export. 95% of the machinery in the plant is knitting machines and sewing machines imported from the United States. The remaining machines are used to keep the knitting machines operating. All machines used for the production of aircraft guages and meters were borrowed and have been returned. These machines were removed from the plant in July 1945. It is the opinion of this headquarters that use of the knitting machines for reparations under the guise that the plant was an aircraft parts producer is unjustifiable and that the company should be informed that their knitting machines and seaming machines will be exempted from reparations use.

f. Toa Kinzoku Kogyo - Uozumi Kojo - No recommendation of this company can be made by this headquarters. The company has proved uncooperative. The company is not yet in production of the items which they claim makes them essential and preparations for producing them are negligible.

3. On the basis of the above facts it is requested that the enclosed petitions, applications and recommendations be given proper consideration by your headquarters.

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

8 Incls:
Petition for Removal of Factories from O.D. 5 from the Chief, Commerce & Industry Ministry, Kinki Regional Office (5 copies)
Application for Removal from O.D. 5 - Japan Airbrake Co., Main Plant (5 copies)
Application for Removal from O.D. 5 - Mitsubishi Denki, Tachibana Kojo (5 copies)
Application for Removal from O.D. 5 - Mitsubishi Denki, Himeji Kojo (5 copies)
Application for Removal from O.D. 5 - Kawanishi Kikai, Kobe Kojo (5 copies)
Application for Removal from O.D. 5 - Gunze Kogyo, Tsukaguchi Kojo (5 copies)
Recommendation of Application of Nippon Seidoki by Central Liaison Office (1 copy)
Recommendation of Kawanishi Kikai - Kobe Plant by Central Liaison Office (1 copy)

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BASIC: Ltr Hq 31st Mil Govt Co, subj: "Application for Removal of Six Plants in Hyogo-ken from the Reparations List of O.D.5", dtd 1 July 1946.

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AG 004 - BA 1st Ind. EHN/mth

Hq I Corps, APO 301,

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. This headquarters concurs in the recommendation of paragraph 2a of the basic communication that the Japan Air Brakes Company, Main Plant, (Nippon Seidoki K.K.) be removed from the list of plants included on Inclosure 1 of Operational Directive No. 5/2, Headquarters Eighth Army, 6 June 1946. The Japan Air Brake Company had been actively engaged in the munufacture of air brakes for many years before the war. The company continued to manufacture air brakes throughout the perod of war, and coverted only a minor part of its factory to the production of small aircraft parts. In no sense was this factory an aircraft producer. It is, at present, one of only two companies in Japan that are capable of manufacturing air brakes. It is felt that the production of this plant is irreplacable in the economy of Japan, that it is improperly included on Inclosure 1 of O.D. No.5, and that there is a great need for the products which the company is producing at present.

2. The Tachibana plant of the Kanai Juyo Kogyo would hardly appear to come within the intent of OD-No.5/2, as the production of steel wire was the main activity of this company during the war. This headquarters submitted a separate application to higher headquarters under date of 9 July 1946, requesting the removal of this plant from Inclosure 1 of OD-No.5/2.

3. The Himeji Kojo of Mitsubishi Denki has a record of production of magnetos in the period preceding the war. The entire output of this plant was taken by the aircraft industry during the war and it is the belief of this headquarters that this company is properly listed on Inclosure 1 of OD-No.5/2. The Himeji plant requests: a, removal from OD-No.5/2; b, it be permitted to retain much of its machinery in the event if is still retained on the list of plants subject to reparations.

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4. The kawanishi Kikai Seisakusho, Main Plant, has likewise a long record of peace-time operation in Japan. This company concentrated on the production of vacuum tubes, bulbs, textile machinery and similar products. During the war, it continued the manufacture of these articles, and also engaged in the production of sliding carriages of catapults for the aircraft industry. This appears to have been the only conversion of any consequence. The company is currently in operation and producing the same articles as it did during the period before the war. It is the recommendation of this headquarters, that in view of the prewar production of the company, that consideration be given to removing this plant from Inclosure of Operational Directive No. 5/2.

5. This headquarters has no two previous occasions recomended to higher headquarters that the Tsukaguchi Plant of Gunze Kogyo be removed from the group of plants designated for reparations. There is no aircraft machinery in this plant, and the factory is at present active in operation as a textile mill fulfilling orders for the Army Exchange Central Purchasing Office.

6. It is recommended that the Uozumi Kojo of the Toa Minzoku Kogyo remain appended to Inclosure 1 of OD-No. 5/2. No evidence to justify the removal of this plant from the reparations list has been uncovered.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ O.H.Schmidt
/t/ O.H.SCHMIDT
Major,AGD
Asst.Adj.Gen.

9 Incls:
1. Petition of Commerce & Industry Ministry, Kinki Regional Office (trip)
2. Application - Japan Air Brake Co. (trip)
3. Application - Kanai Juyo Kogyo (trip)
4. Application - Mitsubishi Denki (trip)
5. Application - Kawanishi Kikai (trip)
6. Application - Gunze Kogyo (trip)
7. Recommendation of application of Nippon Seidoki K.K. (one)
8. Recommendation of application of Kawanishi Kikai K.K. (one)
9. Application
Not previously listed:
Application - Toa Kinzoku K.K. (trip)

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Ltr, Hq 31st Mil Govt Co., dated 1 July 1946, Subject: "Application for Removal of Six Plants in Hyogo-ken from the Reparations List of O.D. 5".

AG 004 (MG) 2nd Ind. EM

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343. 13 Jul 1946

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

1. The removal of the following plants from the revised list is recommended:

a. Nihon Seidoki K.K., Kobe Kojo, Hyogo Prefecture
b. KanaiJJuyo Kogyo K.K., Tachibana Kojo, Hyogo Prefecture.
c. Mitsubishi Denki K.K., Himeji Kojo, Hyogo Prefecture.
d. Kawanishi Kikai Seisakusho, Honsha Kojo, Hyogo Prefecture.
e. Gunze Kogyo K.K., Tsukaguchi Kojo, Hyogo Prefecture.

2. The removal of the Uzumi Kojo of the Toa Kinzoku Kogyo K.K. is not recommended.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ R. Schafer
/t/ R. SCHAFER
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

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AG 387.6 (1 Jul 46) ESS/IN 3rd Ind.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS, APO 500.
25 August 1946.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343.

1. The following action has been taken on recommendations of previous indorsement:

a. Nihon Seidoki K.K., Kobe Kojo Hyogo Prefecture, is retained on the list of aircraft factories available for reparations. Information indicates that this factory was designed, constructed, equipped, or converted through major change in the nature of installed machinery and equipment for supplying fabricated materials, semi-finished aircraft. The following sentence from paragraph 5, inclosure number 2 is quoted: "In 1938, however, our munition factory was completed and we have transferred the production of aircraft parts into this factory, and also accepted some orders for the parts of arms from the Navy Department".

b. Kanai Juyo Kogyo K.K., Tachibana Kojo, Hyogo Prefecture, has been removed from the reparations list as evidence shows they did not make aircraft and aircraft parts.

c. Mitsubishi Denki K.K., Himeji Kojo, is retained on the list as available information shows that this plant was put into operation in 1943. There is little question that this plant was orginally designed, constructed and equipped, or converted thru major change in the nature of installed machinery to produce semi-finished or finished parts, components or accessories for incorporation in finished aircraft.

d. Kawanishi Kikai Seisakushai Honsha Kojo, Hyogo Prefecture has been removed from the list of aircraft plants available for reparations removals. Par. 4, 1st Indorsement indicates this factory was not converted thru major change in installed machinery to produce aircraft parts.

e. Gunze Kogyo K.K., Tsukaguchi Kojo, Hyogo Prefecture, has been removed from the aircraft list, as available information indicates that the factory was not converted thru major change in the nature of installed machinery.

f. The Uzumi Kojo of Toa Kinzoku Kogyo K.K. is retained on the list of aircraft factories available for reparations removal.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

/s/ A. J. Rehe
/t/ A. J. REHE
Major, AGD
Asst.Adj.Gen.

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Ltr, Hq 31st Mil Govt Co., dtd 1 July 1946, Subj: "Application for Removal of Six Plants in Hyogo-ken from the Reparations List of O.D.5."

AG 004 (MG) 4th Ind Em

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343.

28AUG 1946

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1. Attention is invited to the 3rd ind.

2. The companies listed in sub-paragraphs 1a, 1c, and 1f will be advised that their applications for removal from the reparations list have not been approved.

3. The plants listed in sub-paragraphs 1b, 1d, and 1e have been removed from Revised List No.1. Custody and Control of these plants will be discontinued.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

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R. SCHAFER
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

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31ST MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
APO 660

7 February 1946

SUBJECT: Application for removal of Gunze Tsukaguchi Plant of Gunze Industrial Co., from list of Oper.Dir.No.5

TO : Commanding Officer
107th Hq. & Hq. Detachment
Military Government Group
APO 660

1. This plant was classified as producing airplane parts during the war. Investigation reveals that this plant made electrical instruments for airplanes until July, 1945, at which time all machinery used in producing said instruments was moved to Ebara Kojo of the Nippon Sanshi K.K. at Hidaka in Hyogo Prefecture. The reason for removal was to protect it from bombing raids. The Machinery is now in storage and not being used.

2. The machinery now left in the Tsukaguchi branch of Gunze Industrial Co., is used entirely in the manufacture of womens' silk hosiery, and is now in operation producing said hosiery on an order from the PX in Tokyo.

3. Recommend that plant be removed from the list of Oper. Dir. No. 5 and that they be allowed to continue in operation.

Peter W. Scott
PETER W. SCOTT
Lt. Col. Inf.
Commanding

2 Inclosures:
1.Application for removal from list of Dir. No. 5
2.Application for permission to operate.

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Hq, 107th Mil Govt Hq & Hq Co, APO 660 (Osaka, Japan), 21 Feb 46
TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301 (Kyoto)

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Forwarded to higher authority for action.
For the Commanding Officer:

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BEN LOCKE
Maj, AC
Resources & Ind.Officer

AG 004-BA 2nd Ind GLS/mth

Hq I Corps, APO 301, 27 FEB 1946

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:
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W. A. SWEETEN
Lieut. Col., A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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Ltr, Hq 31st Military Government Hq & Hq Co, subj: "Application for Removal of Gunze Tsukaguchi Plant of Gunze Industrial Co., from list of Operational Directive Number 5," dtd 7 Feb 1946.

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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343.

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.

HQ I CORPS AG 004

1. The recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of the basic communication, that the above plant be removed from the list attached as inclosure 2 to Operational Directive Number 5, this headquarters, dated 18 January 1946, is not favorably considered.

2. Paragraph 1 of the basic communication and sub-paragraph 5a1 of the reconversion application indicate that aircraft equipment was produced in the plant during the war.

3. Continued operation is authorized under the provisions of sub-paragraph 2d Operational Directive Number 5.

4. Action will be taken by your headquarters under the provisions of sub-paragraph 2f, Operational Directive Number 5, in connection with machinery and technical equipment dispersed from this plant.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

Ralph Selby → MG

RALPH H. SELBY
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Ltr, Hq 31st Military Government Hq & Hq Co, subj: "Application for Removal of Gunze Tsukaguchi Plant of Gunze Industrial Co., from list of Operational Directive Number 5," dtd 7 Feb 1946.

AG 004.04 (MG) 3rd Ind

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

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4. Action will be taken by your headquarters under the provisions of sub-paragraph 2f, Operational Directive Number 5, in connection with machinery and technical equipment dispersed from this plant.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

/s/ Ralph H. Selby
/t/ RALPH H. SELBY
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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BASIC: Ltr Hq 31st Military Government Co, subj: "Application for Removal of Gunze Tsukaguchi Plant of Gunze Industrial Co. from list of Operational Directive No. 5", dtd 7 Feb 46.

AG 004 - BA 4th Ind GLS/tf

Hq I Corps, APO 301, 29 MAR 1946

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343.
ATTN: Mil Govt Sec.

1. This headquarters is resubmitting case of subject company, with the recommendation that the plant be removed from the lists appended to Operational Directive No. 5.

2. The basis for this resubmission and for the recommendation are as follows:

a. Paragraph 2 of 3rd indorsement states that paragraph 1 of basic communication indicates that aircraft equipment was produced in the plant during the war. Paragraph 1 of the basic communication merely states the fact that the plant was classified (by Operational Directive No. 5) as producing aircraft parts, whereas investigation reveals that it actually made electrical instruments for aircraft.

b. Paragraph 2 of 3rd indorsement further points out that sub-paragraph 5, a, 1, of the application indicates that the plant made aircraft equipment. It is entirely true that the plant made electric equipment. It is entirely true that the plant made electric equipment for aircraft. However numerous letters from your headquarters, outlining the intent of Operational Directive No. 5, state in part: "The intent of Operational Directive No. 5 .....is to take into custody major Japanese Army and Navy Arsenals.....and the principal factories of the Japanese aircraft industries, not all such installations. The principal aircraft industries are those which were engaged in manufacture of engines, propellers, and fuselages, and major sub-assemblies, particularly those which were built during or just preceding the war." The above quoted passage is taken from 2nd indorsement, your headquarters, file AG 004.04 (MG), dated 1 Feb 46, by which you returned to this headquarters communications pertaining to the Shimada Glass Factory.

c. Subject plant did not spring into existence just before or during the war. It was founded in July of 1935.

d. Even the machinery which was used in the production of electrical instruments was removed from the subject plant prior to the conclusion of the war, and the machinery now remaining in the plant is textile machinery, used for the production of hosiery on order by the

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Army Exchange Central Purchasing Office.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H B Taylor
H. B. TAYLOR
Major, Infantry
Actg. Asst. A G

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Ltr Hq 31st Mil Govt Co., dated 7 Feb 46, Subj: "Application for removal of Gunze Tsukaguchi Plant of Gunze Industrial Co., from list of Oper. Dir. No. 5."

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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343.

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301.

1. The recommendation contained in paragraph 1 of the 4th indorsement is not approved. However the continued operation of this plant is authorized under the provisions of sub-paragraph 2d, Operational Directive Number 5, this headquarters, dated 18 January 1946.

2. Action will be taken by your headquarters under the provisions of sub-paragraph 2f, Operational Directive Number 5, in connection with machinery and technical equipment dispersed from this factory.

3. It is desired that the report required by paragraph 2d, Operational Directive Number 5, be forwarded when action is completed on the review of this plant.

4. With reference to sub-paragraph 2b of the 4th indorsement, the quotation taken from the 2nd indorsement referred to therein, outlines the intent of sub-paragraph 2i, Operational Directive Number 5. This paragraph indicates the procedure for adding installations to the restricted list and does not refer to those plants which are already included on it.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

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

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq 31st Mil Govt Co, subj: "Application for Removal of Gunze Tsukaguchi Plant of Gunze Industrial Co, from Operational Directive No. 5", dtd 7 Feb 46.

AG 004 - BA 6th Ind GLS/ckw

Hq I Corps, APO 301, 24 APR 1946

TO: CO, 94th Mil Govt Co, APO 660

1. Your attention is invited to paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of 5th indorsement.

2. It is directed that your headquarters take steps to comply with the requirements outlined therein.

3. This communication will constitute your authority to permit continued operation of subject plant despite its inclusion on the lists appended to Operational Directive No. 5, Headquarters Eighth Army. Permission to continue operation in no way relieves the company from its obligation as outlined by Operational Directive No. 5, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 18 Jan 46, or by Operational Instructions No. 1 this headquarters.

4. It is directed that you inform the company of this decision.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

H B Taylor

H. B. TAYLOR
Major, AGD,
Asst. Adj.Gen.

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7th Ind

Hq, 94th Hq & Hq Det Mil Govt Gp, APO 660 (Osaka, Japan) 30 Apr 46

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

Your headquarters will comply with sixth Indorsement.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ATWOOD:

Ben Locke

BEN LOCKE
Maj, AC
Resources & Ind. Officer

Incl:
n/c

BA 7226

G. K. K. K. LTD.
TSUKAGUCHI FACTORY

Date: May 28th, 1946.

Subject: Petition for the exemption from the reparation program issued as Operational Directive No. 5 on Jan.20th, 1946.

To : 81st Military Government H.Q. & H.Q. Company,
Att. Industry and Resource Section.

We take the liberty of submitting to you the petition for the removal of our mill from the restricted list of the reparation program issued on Jan., 20th, 1946, with the following reasons:-

1) In that Operational Directive, we understand, the restricted list of the factories are assumed as the principal factories of the Japanese aircraft industry.

Our factory was established on July 8th, 1935, with the purpose of Knitting and supplying mainly women's full fashioned silk hosiery to meet the demands in the domestic and oversea market., and at the same time, as the laboratory mill to investigate the quality and nature of raw silk which is the main product of our mother company — the Gunze Raw Silk Mfg., Co.

The factory is equipped with the most up-to-date knitting machines provided by the Textile Machine Works, Reading Pa., U.S.A., and erected by the American Engineers, Besides, it has the knitting machines for manufacturing men's socks, which were imported from Germany.

The factory also has its own school-house and repair shops. It was in this part of the plant that we were obliged to start the manufacturing of the small parts of the aeronautic meters as a subcontractor of The Mitsubishi Electric Co., Itami Works in April 1943, when we were forced to curtail the production of hosiery on the ground of being not suitable for the war-time requirements. At the beginning we used only thirty repairing machines only, and subsequently increased them as shown per attached page and lists, by leasing 58 machine tools from the Mitsubishi Electric Co., Itami Works. In April 1945, Japanese Government ordered us to transfer all these machine tools to Nippon Sanshi Ebara Mill at Hidaka-cho, Hyogo Prefecture with the purpose of avoiding damages from the intense air-raids. By this step, we ceased to be a war industry and our role in the Japanese war industry during the two years had been very trifle.

Such being the case, if we may add our opinion, you can hardly call this factory as the principal factory of the Japanese aircraft industry, and we think it is fair that our factory shall be deleted from the restricted list.

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Already part of our products being sold to U.S. Army Post Exchange through Central Purchasing Office, and on the other hand, we are applying the rest of it for the exportation.

We think it is sufficent for you to realize the importance of our factory to maintain

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The factory is equipped with the most up-to-date knitting machines provided by [illegible] Textile Machine Works, Reading Pa., U.S.A., and erected by the American Engineers, Besides, it has the knitting machines for manufacturing men's socks, which were imported from Germany.

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We think it is sufficent for you to realize the importance of our factory to maintain the minimum Japanese civil economy. Our factory had acquired this importance previous to the World War II., and is quite essential for our civilian economy on the presumption of the peace treaty.

From the above two points, we are sincerly requesting to you the removal of our factory from the restricted list, and with your kind consideration, we hope that you will recommend this matter to your higher echelon. If the ommission of our factory from the reparation program is not possible, we hope that at least you will be considerate enough to allow us to keep the machinery listed in #1 and #2 list per attached sheet.

Expecting your kind consideration, we remain,

Yours truly,

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Attached Page :

Transition of Machineries and Products

1935 - 1945 (April to March)

Year	Machineries		Products			
	Knitting machineries & Equipments	Machine Tools	Women's F.F. Hosiery dozen pairs	Men's F.F. Hosiery dozen pairs	Men's Socks dozen pairs	Aeronautic Meters and its Pieces
1935	97	16	39,500	1,030	3,600	-
1936	237	16	56,600	2,226	3,600	-
1937	263	16	69,227	2,226	3,600	-
1938	279	16	89,471	1,734	3,600	-
1939	359	20	135,616	1,823	3,600	-
1940	360	25	124,059	2,827	3,856	-
1941	381	26	110,668	1,850	6,293	-
1942	426	26	120,000	1,800	6,000	-
1943	346	30	63,115	622	14,165	5,514
1944	290	104	18,686	96	8,353	35,660 ( )
1945	279	166	2,000	0	1,715	4,460 ( )

Note:- As for particulars about the machines please refer to the attached sheets.

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M A C H I N E L I S T

(1) The machines which are absolutely necessary for our factory to manufacture the Full-Fashioned Hosiery

(Machines for manufacturing throwing silk and full-fashioned hosiery)

Name of equipment	Type	Size	No.	Remarks
Re-reeling machine	Kyoritsu	148 spindles	10	Kept at Tsukaguchi during the war, and were not used for war purpose in any meaning
Winding machine	Suga	"	1	- " -
Doubling and twisting machine	Osaka	116 spindles	6	- " -
"	"	120 "	2	- " -
"	Suga	" "	4	- " -
Throwing machine	Italy	200 "	40	- " -
Cone winder	Universal	6 "	87	- " -
Full-Fashioned knitting machine	Legger	51 gs 24 section	3	- " -
"	Footer	" " "	1	- " -
"	Legger	45 gs " "	26	- " -
"	Footer	" " "	9	- " -
Men's derby knitting machine	Derby	39 gs 12 "	1	- " -
"	Sole	36 gs 16 "	1	- " -
"	Ribb	" 6 "	1	- " -
Looper	Contirecord	30 pt	16	- " -

"	"	120	"	2
"	Suga	"	"	4
Throwing machine	Italy	200	"	40
Cone winder	Universal	6	"	87
Full-Fashioned knitting machine	Legger	51 gg	24 section	3
"	Footer	"	" "	1
"	Legger	45 gg	" "	26
"	Footer	"	" "	9
Men's derby knitting machine	Derby	39 gg	12 "	1
"	Sole	36 gg	16 "	1
"	Ribb	"	6 "	1
Looper	Centirecord	30 pt		16
"	"	34 pt		1
"	"	36 gg		1
"	Southern Textile	30 pt		2
"	"	32 pt		1
Seamer	Union special			30
Dyeing machine	Smith drum			7
Boarding machine	Paramount			26
"	Proctor			1
Drying machine	Steam			2
Total				279

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(2) Machines necessary for the repairing the textile machinery

Name of Equipment	Type	Size	No.	Remarks
Watch lathe	Direct drive	400 mm	1	Utilized for the industry during the war
Bench lathe	"	900 "	1	
"	"	" "	5	(borrowed from Mitsubishi)
Lathe	"	65 feet	1	
"	Belt drive	6 feet	1	
"	"	8 feet	1	
Drilling machine	Direct drive	6 mm	2	
"	"	8 "	2	
"	Belt drive	16 inch	1	
Tool grinding machine		10 inch	4	
"		24 "	1	
Plain milling machine	Universal	No. 0	1	(borrowed from Mitsubishi)
"	Horizontal	"	1	(- " -)
"	Universal	"	1	
Hack saw	Direct drive	1.6 feet	1	
Spindle press	Power press	15 ton	1	
			1	

				during the war
Bench lathe	"	900 "	1	
"	"	" "	5	(borrowed from Mitsubishi)
Lathe	"	65 feet	1	
"	Belt drive	6 feet	1	
"	"	8 feet	1	
Drilling machine	Direct drive	6 mm	2	
"	"	8 "	2	
"	Belt drive	16 inch	1	
Tool grinding machine		10 inch	4	
"		24 "	1	
Plain milling machine	Universal	No. 0	1	(borrowed from Mitsubishi)
"	Horizontal	"	1	(- " -)
"	Universal	"	1	
"	Universal	"	1	
Hack saw	Direct drive	1.6 feet	1	
Spindle press	Power press	15 ton	1	
"	Hand press		1	
Air compressor			6	
Electric welder			1	
Total			33	

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(3) The machines to be unavoidable to be object of reparation if necessary

Name of Equipment	Type	Size	No.	Remarks
Watco lathe	Direct drive	400 mm	10	Used for the war industry (borrowed from Mitsubichi)
Bench lathe	"	900 mm	23	(-"-)
Rokuro lathe			2	
"		2 feet	3	(borrowed form Mitsubichi)
Lathe	Belt drive	4 "	5	
"	Direct drive	" "	10	
"	"	" "	7	(borrowed from Mitsubichi)
"	"	5 "	6	
"	"	" "	1	(borrowed form Mitsubichi)
Bench turret lathe	Belt drive	2.5 feet	25	
"	Direct drive	900 mm	1	
Turret lathe	"	4.5 feet	1	(borrowed from Mitsubichi)
Automatic screw cutting			2	
Drilling machine	Direct drive	6 mm	3	
"	"	8 mm	4	
"	"	10 mm	1	
"	"		9	
"	Belt drive	24 inch	2	
"	"	16 "	2	
"	Direct drive	10 x 300 4 spindles	1	(borrowed from Mitsubichi)
Tapping machine	"	6 mm	1	(-"-)
Shaping machine	"	20 feet	1	
Tool grinding machine			2	
		12 inch	3	

"	"	" "	7	(borrowed from Mitsubichi)
"	"	5 "	6	
"	"	" "	1	(borrowed form Mitsubichi)
Bench turret lathe	Belt drive	2.5 feet	25	
"	Direct drive	900 mm	1	
Turret lathe	"	4.5 feet	1	(borrowed from Mitsubichi)
Automatic screw cutting			2	
Drilling machine	Direct drive	6 mm	3	
"	"	8 mm	4	
"	"	10 mm	1	
"	"		9	
"	Belt drive	24 inch	2	
"	"	16 "	2	
"	Direct drive	10 x 300 4 spindles	1	(borrowed from Mitsubichi)
Tapping machine	"	6 mm	1	(- " -)
Shaping machine	"	20 feet	1	
Tool grinding machine			2	
"		12 inch	3	
Plain milling machine	Universal	No. 2	1	
"	"	No. 0	2	(borrowed from Mitsubishi)
Spindle press	Hand press	20	3	
"	Oil press		1	(borrowed from Mitsubishi)
Rivetting machine			1	(- " -)
Total			133	

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