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HEADQUARTERS
 NAGAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
 APO 25

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29 March 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Special Allocation of Cement to be Used for Reconstruction of Disaster

TO : Chief River and Port Bureau
 Ministry of Construction
 Tokyo, Japan

1. At the present time efforts are being made to expedite the projects by using the cement which has been allocated. Because of insufficient allocation, a part of the projects which has been started will have to be stopped. Under these circumstances, it is imagined that damage will be suffered again from typhoons and floods.

2. With the actual situation being as above, it is desired that considerations be given so that a special allocation of cement may be permitted.

3. Cement received in 1948 for the yearly disaster (construction ministry):

Year of Damage	1948 Necessary Amount	1948 Allocation	1948 Actually Received	1948 Shortage
1946 flood	10.0	10.0	10.0	-
1946 earthquake	374.5	150.01	150.01	224.5
1947 flood	1,735.1	590.0	400.0	1,335.1
1948 (land-movement) damage	1,751.0	691.01	551.0	1,200.0
1948 land damage	788	60	60	728.0
TOTAL	4,658.6	1,501.02	1,171.01	3,487.6

(Unit-ton)

4. It is evident to prevent further loss of life and property it is necessary to construct safety projects. These projects all require such needed cement. The chart in paragraph 3 above indicates the minimum immediate cement needs of this prefecture to secure life and property. Therefore, it is desired that you consider an additional cement allotment to this prefecture.

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WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
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29 March 1949

SUBJECT: Special Distribution of Cement for Restoration Works

TO : Chief River and Port Bureau
Ministry of Construction
Tokyo, Japan

1. The city of Shirahama, Wakayama Prefecture was struck by an earthquake - tidal wave in December 1946.
2. This city has made excellent progress towards reconstruction and the people therein have shown a determined will to reconstruct their once beautiful city to its former self. However, even though the funds of ¥ 4,364,000 have been made available to reconstruct this earthquake - tidal wave damage, one paramount obstacle has arisen that prevents this work. That is the shortage of cement.
3. To date, 50 tons of cement has been made available for this reconstruction work. The immediate demand is for 198 tons.
4. Without doubt another typhoon or tidal wave, as it now stands will destroy much of Shirahama and Soto Village. 4,800 persons of these two places live under constant fear of a disaster.
5. To prevent loss of life and property and to eliminate the mental fear of 4,800 persons it is immediately necessary that additional cement be allocated for dike, dam, and road construction at Shirahama.
6. This city was practically neglected in recovery help following the 1946 earthquake - tidal wave. Whereas, Fukui, in a subsequent disaster received outstanding material and financial help from the Central Government. However, to prevent further damage and to secure this city additional cement allocation should be made.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HARRY C MILEY
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WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
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23 December 1947

SUBJECT: Asphalt for Road Maintenance Work

TO : Chief of Road Section
Wakayama Prefectural Government
Wakayama City

1. Reference: Ltr, Headquarters 65th Engineer Combat Battalion, dated 20 December 1947, subject "Asphalt for Road Maintenance Work".

2. In accordance with above reference, it is requested that you submit to this headquarters at the earliest possible date the estimate of asphalt requirements for the first six months of 1948, to maintain only the roads necessary to the Occupation Forces road net.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

DENTON L. LARUE
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Adjutant