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MEMORANDUM:FOR: Chief of Public Welfare Section

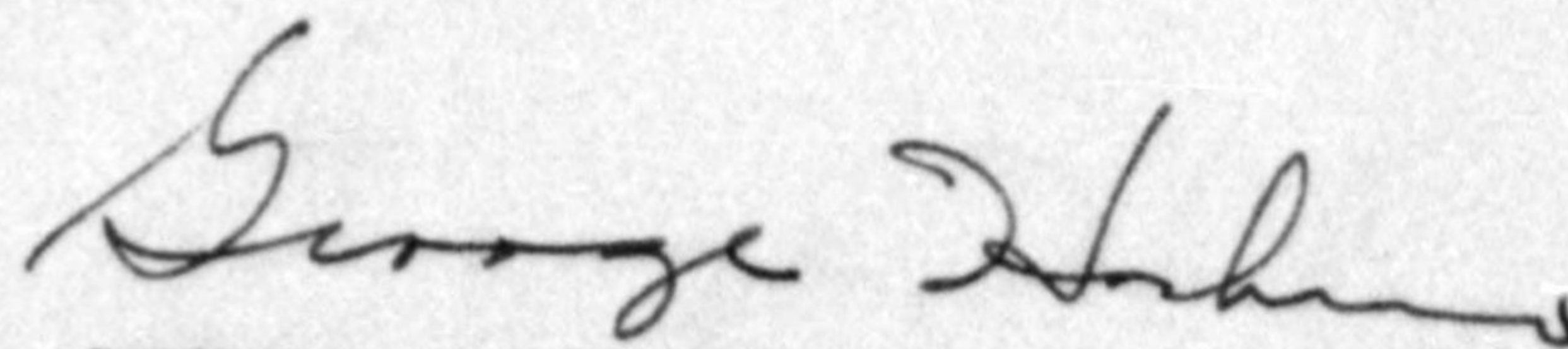
SUBJECT: Trip Report for Omiya City, Saitama Prefecture, 28 Oct 50

Trip by George Hoshino and Muramatsu to review general organization and plans of the Omiya City welfare section. Conferred with chief of section and general affairs (vice chief of welfare section. Conference attended by protection division chief of the Saitama ken welfare department.

Briefly, the city, the organization, and the personnel, from the chief down, are hopeless. The city has the skelton of the organizational structure as suggested by ken, but obviously it is only a skelton and the Minsei-iin operate the program.

The chief had no idea of how many personnel he needed, how it should be organized, what the functions should be, or how it should be operated. The ken interrupted, saying that he had plans but apparently he had not talked it over with the chief or with the mayor.

No attempt was made therefore, to try to establish any sane pattern. The city will have to tag along with the other cities (Kawaguchi, just a few minutes from Omiya is the most progressive large city in Saitama). After exposure to some of the plans and operations of the other cities in Kanto perhaps it will be worthwhile to go back and attempt to work out a better program.


GEORGE HOSHINO