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HEADQUARTERS KYOTO MILITARY GOV TEAM
APO 713 (Kyoto, Honshu)

ELG/et
4 May 1948

SUBJECT: Petition for Retention of Kyoto Meteorological Station

TO : Commanding Officer
Kinki Military Government Region
APO 301

1. This office has no direct knowledge of the plans outlined in enclosed petition. It seems that the Japanese Central Meteorological Observatory, based upon suggestions of the U. S. Army 43rd Meteorological Company, is planning to abolish the Kyoto Station. Enclosed petition requests that the Kyoto Meteorological Station be retained based upon the importance of information and observation gathered for I Corp Headquarters.

2. Request recommendation of I Corp Headquarters be obtained on the importance of the observatory and in the event it is desired to retain the observatory, request this correspondence be forwarded to SCAP for proper instructions to Japanese Central Meteorological Observatory.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

- 2 Incls:
1. Petition for support for continuation of Kyoto Meteorological Station.
 2. Amendment of wording of inclosure #1.

THOMAS R. HARBIN
1st Lt, Inf
Adjutant

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KYOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713 (Kyoto, Honshu)

ELC/

Date: _____

SUBJECT: Industrial Report

THRU : Kyoto Liaison Office

TO : _____

In order to aid Military Government in becoming more familiar with industrial problems and conditions in Kyoto Prefecture it is requested that the enclosed report be filled out for the month of _____ and returned to this office not later than the 15th of _____.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

THOMAS R. HARBIN
1st Lt, INF
Adjutant

Kyoto Meteorological Station

April 17, 1948.

TO : Authorities Concerned of SCAP. G.H.Q.

SUBJECT: Petition for support for continuation
of Kyoto Meteorological Station.

According to the memorandum of the 43rd meteorological company of U.S. Army the administrative readjustment of the Central Meteorological Observatory and every local meteorological stations throughout Japan is being projected, and in consequence of which the Kyoto Meteorological Station itself is to be abolished on the ground that it is located near Osaka, and in its stead a station functioning only for earthquake observation is to be allowed to remain. In this connection, although the Central Meteorological Observatory is endeavouring to continue maintenance of the Kyoto Meteorological Station realizing its necessity all the more because of importance of the City Kyoto's being the seat of the Headquarters of I Corps of U.S. Army, I hereby submit you a petition for your support not only for continuation of function of the Kyoto Meteorological Station but for further extension and replenishment of its actual equipment so as to be able to function as a weather-forecast medium and also as a 24-hour observation station, basing upon the following reasons:

1. Our Station has been continuing submitting such reports as under-mentioned pursuant to the request of the authorities concerned of I Corps. In connections with the new readjustment project made by the 43rd Meteorological Company, the Information Section of I Corps is believed to have presented direct to the G.H.Q. our station's desire for its equipment extension.

(1) To the Information Section of I Corps:

Weekly weather forecast and occasionally short time weather forecast.

(2) To post Command Engineer Section:

Daily report on every hour's average temperature, daily report on the highest and lowest temperature, monthly report on raining volume, report on meteorological statistics for past periods and also occasional reports on weather forecast.

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(3) To Army Hospitals of I Corps:

Daily report on average temperature, report on the highest and lowest temperature, monthly report on raining volum, daily report on humidity and also report on meteorological statistics.

2. Kyoto City being a big city of a million population, famous as a sightseeing center and important as the only one wide-range urban-district saved from the war damage with its industrial, educational and cultural facilities kept intact, we are wont to receive daily more than one hundred inquiries regarding the meteorological statistics and weather forecast from governmental and public offices, schools and various organizations interested, and therefore it is much to be afraid that in case our station is abolished the utilization of the Osaka Station by those interested will not be easy because of inconveniency in communications due to the far distance.
3. The raison-d'etre of our station is remarkably important from educational view-point because of the fact that we are sending daily meteorological report to the Broadcasting Station and every newspaper company and also that the visitors coming to our station for study are numbering weekly as many as more than 300, that is annually as many as more than 10,000.
4. In order to meet a disaster counter-measure, reporting materials necessary to a storm warning and a fire warning are being submitted to the authorities concerned every time they are needed; and the Disaster Counter-measure Council is attaching great importance to our various reports in effort of preventing any disaster damage keeping in close connection with Japan Red Cross Society's Kyoto Branch, Kyoto Prefectural Fire-Defence Bureau and Fire Insurance Association.

I should be very grateful to you if you could take up our petition and help realization of our desire through your support.

S. Shibata
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SHUKUJI SHIBATA,
Chief of Kyoto Meteorological
Station.

Kyoto Meteorological Station

April 26, 1948

To : Authorities concerned of G.H.Q. SCAP.

Subject: Amendment of wording in the petition submitted concerning continuation of Kyoto Meteorological Station's operation.

I hereby beg to apologized that I have to amend the wording in the petition already submitted to you concerning continuation of operation of Kyoto Meteorological Station as following:

In stead of the wording in the original petition meaning that the readjustment plan was based upon the directive of the 43rd Meteorological Company of U.S. Army, it must be amended to the effect that the said plan has been worked out by the Central Meteorological Observatory in accordance of the intention of the said Meteorological Company.

I should be exceedingly glad if you acknowledge the amendment and take an appropriate action in favour of our station.

S. Shibata
Sgd.....
Shukuji Shibata
Chief, Kyoto Meteorological Station.

Encl. #2

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