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ANNEX 1

GUNZE KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
(GUNZE INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.)
HOM KOJO

62 Aono, Ayabe Cho, Kyoto Prefecture

Annex 1

- (1) Production records of electric meters & generators for aircraft produced for war.

Description	April 1943 March 1944	April 1944 March 1945	April 1945 August 1945	Total
Electric meters	1,915	38,840	19,324	60,079
Electric generators	692	4,213	5,626	10,531
Electric thermometers	-	-	2,869	2,869

- (2) A list showing number & type needed machine tools for present operation.

Name of equipment	No.	Type
Hack saw	1	16 inch
Shaping machine	1	22 "
Milling machine	1	No. 2
"	2	Vertical
"	2	Plain
Drilling machine	1	Vertical

(2) A list showing number & type needed machine (cont'd)
tools for present operation.

Name of equipment	No.	Type
Drilling machine	1	18 inch
"	3	Double spindle
"	3	Single "
Surface grinding machine	1	
Press	1	Friction
"	1	Power
"	1	"
"	1	"
Lathe	10	Watch
"	1	6 feet
"	1	4 "
"	1	5 "
"	2	7 "
"	5	4 "
"	10	815 mm
"	1	815 "
Turret lathe	5	

GUNZE KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
(GUNZE INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.)
HONKOJO

62 AONO, AYABE CHO, KYOTO PREFECTURE

Subject: Referring to Application for Operation of
Report on Industrial Facilities

To: Commanding General Headquarters, 1 Corps,
APO 301

Attention, Military Government Section

1. Present stock of raw silk will enable us to keep ^{the} operation for about one month.
2. From then on, we intend to continue the operation with rayon yarn, cotton yarn, staple fibre, spun wool yarn, etc., which we expect and hope to come hand.
3. If possible, with the permission of SCAP, we want to keep the operation with raw silk as at present.

Yours very respectfully,

Gunze Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha
Honkojo

Yonezi Hamuro
.....
Mill manager.

Serial No. of Report

APPLICATION FOR OPERATION OF
AND
REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

To: _____

THRU: Kyoto Prefectural Office

Yoneji Hamuro
62 Aono, Ayabe Cho, Kyoto Prefecture
Name and Address of Reporting Unit

y. Touchida

Feb. 9, 1946
Date

1. Name of Facility

Honkojo of Gunze Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha
(Gunze Industrial Co., Ltd.)

2. Location

62 Aono, Ayabe Cho, Kyoto Prefecture

3. Name of President

Rinichi Hatano

4. History

- a. Date of construction Aug. 13, 1896
- b. Date of first operation "

c. 1935-1941 Production (Annual Value in Yen; quantities of principal products by units or weights).

Year	Raw Silk		Silk Waste	
	Quantity	Price	Quantity	Price
Apr. 1935 March 1936	335,625 lbs.	¥ 2,330,450	73,650 lbs.	¥ 87,440
Apr. 1936 March 1937	328,055 "	2,116,942	71,335 "	83,337
Apr. 1937 March 1938	341,183 "	2,346,236	76,687 "	91,380
Apr. 1938 March 1939	335,570 "	2,282,325	78,052 "	119,264
Apr. 1939 March 1940	351,674 "	4,293,070	76,307 "	193,330
Apr. 1940 March 1941	363,679 "	4,211,676	75,952 "	230,737
Apr. 1941 Nov. 1941	227,284 "	2,330,926	43,640 "	127,318
Total	2,283,070 lbs.	¥19,911,625	495,643 lbs.	¥932,806

d. Present capitalization in Yen 23,666,600

e. Changes made in capital structure since 1935

1935 ¥ 20,666,600

May 11, 1943 ¥ 22,666,600

June 15, 1945 ¥ 23,666,600

f. Name and address of parent company None

g. Number of shares outstanding 473,332

h. Number of stockholders (Give names of those owning 10% or more of total)

10,758 (as of March 31, 1945)

Those owning 10% or more of total, None

i. Funds received from Government (Bounties, subsidies, etc.)

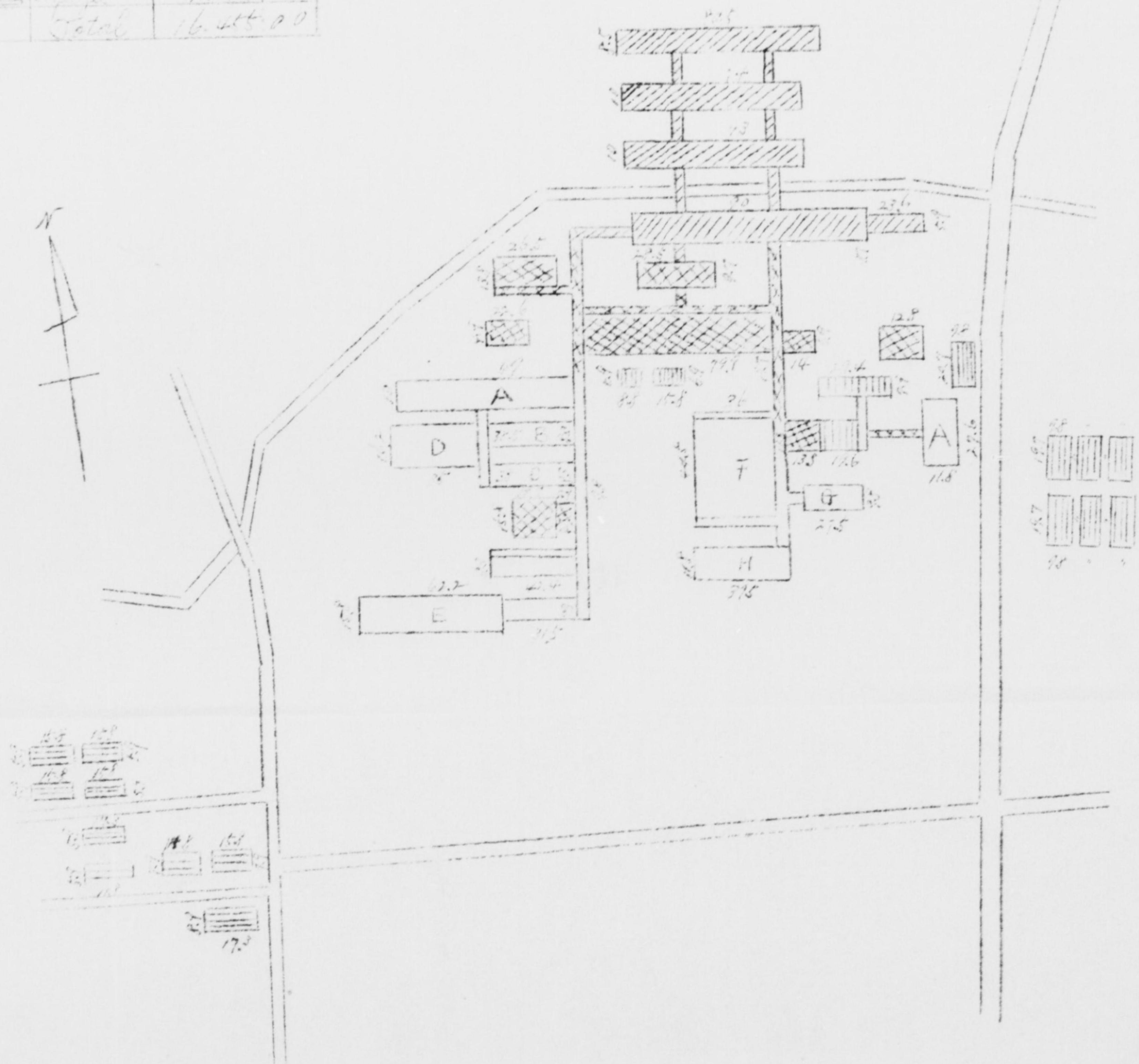
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j. Sketch of plant

*Sketch Outline of Honkejyo plant
of Gunze Industrial Co Ltd*

Note

Symbol	Description	Area m ²
[Hatched]	Office	22,100
[Hatched]	Plant	5,770,00
[Hatched]	Inventory	1,258,00
[Hatched]	Washing	3,522,00
[Hatched]	Laboratory	2,570,00
[Hatched]	Warehouse	1,244,00
[Hatched]	Total	16,444,00



5. Description

a. Principal Products

1. Wartime; Raw silk, silk waste, small sized electric meters, generators for aircraft and tank.
2. At present; Silk knitting fabrics on a commission basis.
3. Planned for 1946-47; Silk knitting fabrics and silk knitting shirts, etc.

b. Capacity (monthly)

1. Wartime; Raw silk 30,300 lbs., silk waste 6,330 lbs., small sized electric meters 3,200 pcs., generators for aircraft and tank 400 pcs., others 460 pcs.
2. At present; Silk knitting fabrics (silk melanese 4,370 yds., tricot 5,460 yds., French circular frame 9,360 yds.)
3. 1946-47 (With unrestricted access to materials);
Silk knitting fabrics (silk melanese 8,740 yds., silk tricot 10,920 yds., French circular frame 18,720 yds.)

c. Number of Employees

1. Wartime; Male 350, female 642, total 992
2. At present; Male 118, female 98, total 216
3. 1946-47 (At maximum capacity); Male 120, female 600, Total 720

6. Machinery & Equipment in Plant

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Condition</u>
Lathe	122	
Turret lathe	20	
Drilling machine	25	
Screw cutting lathe	1	
Shaping machine	2	
Bit grinder	5	
Grinding machine	5	
Milling machine	15	
Press	5	
Hack saw	2	

7. Present stocks of Raw Materials, Supplies and Unfinished Goods

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Condition</u>
Raw silk	10,132 lbs.	
Silk knitting fabrics	2,140 m	

Note: The now manufacturing goods on commission basis by the order of our Kyoto Knitting Plant and so raw silk and silk knitting fabrics all belong to the said plant.

8. Present stocks of Finished Goods

None

9. Present stocks of Fuel

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Coal	5 tons
Brown coal	200 "

10. Machinery & Equipment needed for maximum production 1946-47

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Throwing machinery	20
Twisting frame	14
Doubling frame	5
Re-reeling machine	20
Tricot machine	24
Melanese machine	36
French circular frame	100
Reeling frame	9
Warping machine	27
Boiler	3
Sewing machine	190
Cylinder drying machine	1
Tender	1

16. Certification by applicant

I certify that the information contained herein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Gunze Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha
Honkojo

Yonegi Hamuro
.....
Mill manager.

17. Action by Occupation Forces

The factory described in this application has been inspected and the following action:

- a. Ordered to remain closed Yes _____ No _____
- b. Ordered to cease operations immediately Yes _____ No _____
- c. Authorized to produce at the following rate:

<u>Item to be manufactured</u>	<u>Monthly quantity</u>
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Signature of Authorizing Officer

Designation of Authorizing Unit

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The purpose of this form is to present a complete picture of the factory concerned.
2. If exact information is not available make estimated and mark them as such.
3. Use the reverse side of any sheet for data, there is not space for on the face of the form.
4. Where capacities or quantities are given state clearly unit of measure being used.

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Ltr, Hq, 107th Mil Govt Hq & Hq Co, APO 660 (Osaka, Japan),
15 Mar 46 2nd Ind

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

necessity of this many tools. Was a thorough check made of the machine-tools to see that this number is accurate.

3. If all this equipment is not necessary, a list showing the number and type needed is requested.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ATWOOD:

2 Incls

1. ltr from Gunze
(quadr.)
2. appl. Gunze
(quadr.)

BEN LOCKE
Maj, AC
Resources & Ind. Officer

To: 107th M.G. - Application for Operation - Gunze Industrial Co., Ltd.

- (3) It is the opinion of this section, therefore, that their production plan for "1946 - 1947" should be supported without reserve.
- (4) Though it would be a difficult job for them to obtain necessary materials under the present economic condition, if it is to be passed with the condition "1946-47 (with unrestricted access to materials)", we would hope that the application be permitted as it is.

4. This office recommends that this company be given a permit to reconvert the plant here involved, and begin operation in the production of the items requested in their application.

JAMES W. COLEMAN
Major, Infantry,
Commanding.

2 Incls:
In 5 copies

2nd Ind

Hq, 107th Mil Govt Hq & Hq Co, APO 660 (Osaka, Japan),
15 Mar 46

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

1. It will be necessary to have the following additional information before this Headquarters can issue a permit:

a. the production records of electric meters and generators for aircraft.

2. It appears that this company has far too many machine-tools for the type of work they wish to do at the present time. Further information is requested as to the

BASIC: Application for Operation of and Report on Industrial Facilities, dtd 9 Feb 46. Gunze Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha (Gunze Industrial Co., Ltd.)

1st Ind.

31st Mil Gov't Hq & Hq Co., APO 660 (Kyoto Office) 12 March 46

To: 107th Mil Gov't Hq & Hq Co., APO 660.

1. The plant involved in the basic is not on the restricted list of Operational Directive No. 5, 18 Jan 46, Eighth Army, or Operational Instruction No. 1, 14 Feb 46, I Corps. However, the Gunze Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha does have other plants on these restricted lists. The plant here involved was not a major producer of aircraft or aircraft parts. They were largely producers of raw silk and silk waste; however, they made some small electric meters and generators of aircraft and tanks. Therefore, this office is of the opinion that this plant was rightfully left off in the restricted list, even though they belong to a company that is listed and should be listed. This office recommends that the plant here involved continue to be left off of any and all restricted lists in the future.

2. This plant has been investigated and inspected by this office. The plant is as represented in the application. Some of the equipment and machines are rusting and are badly in need of proper oils and grease to prevent further rust. The plant management claim they cannot get the oil and grease needed to preserve these machines. This office has directed the Prefectural Government to make available, for purchase by the plant management, the necessary oils and grease to properly preserve this equipment.

3. This office has consulted the Economic Department of this prefecture on the need of this plant and its products as an aid to the Economic status of this area, and they report the following:

- (1) Silk knitting fabrics is one of the most important export products for the import of foreign articles vital to our country.
- (2) Gunze Industrial Co. Ltd., has been engaged for years past in the manufacture of silk goods, and is one of the biggest and most experienced concerns so far as this line is concerned.

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**BASIC: Application for Operation - Gunze Industrial Co., Ltd.
Hon Kejo, 62 Aono, Ayabe-cho, Kyoto Pref.**

4th Ind

Hq, 94th Hq & Hq Det Mil Govt Gp, APO 660, 3 Apr 46

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301 (Kyoto)

Subject application is forwarded to higher authority for recommendation.

For the Commanding Officer:

3 Incls:

- 1. Ltr from Gunze (quadr)**
- 2. Appl from Gunze(quadr)**
- 3. Annex 1 (quadr)**

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31st Mil Gov't Hq & Hq Co., APO 660 (Kyoto Office) 1 Apr 46.

To: 94th Hq & Hq Det Mil Gov't Gp, APO 660

1. In compliance with request in sub. a, paragraph 1 of 2nd Ind, your attention is invited to paragraph 1 of Annex 1 to basic communication for answer to question on production.

2. Paragraph 2 of Annex 1 contains the list of machines and tools required to operate the plant under the proposed reconversion plan.

3. The balance of the machines are stored in a warehouse and are being preserved with care. A second inspection showed the company had secured oils and grease and removed all rust and applied oils and grease to machines.

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