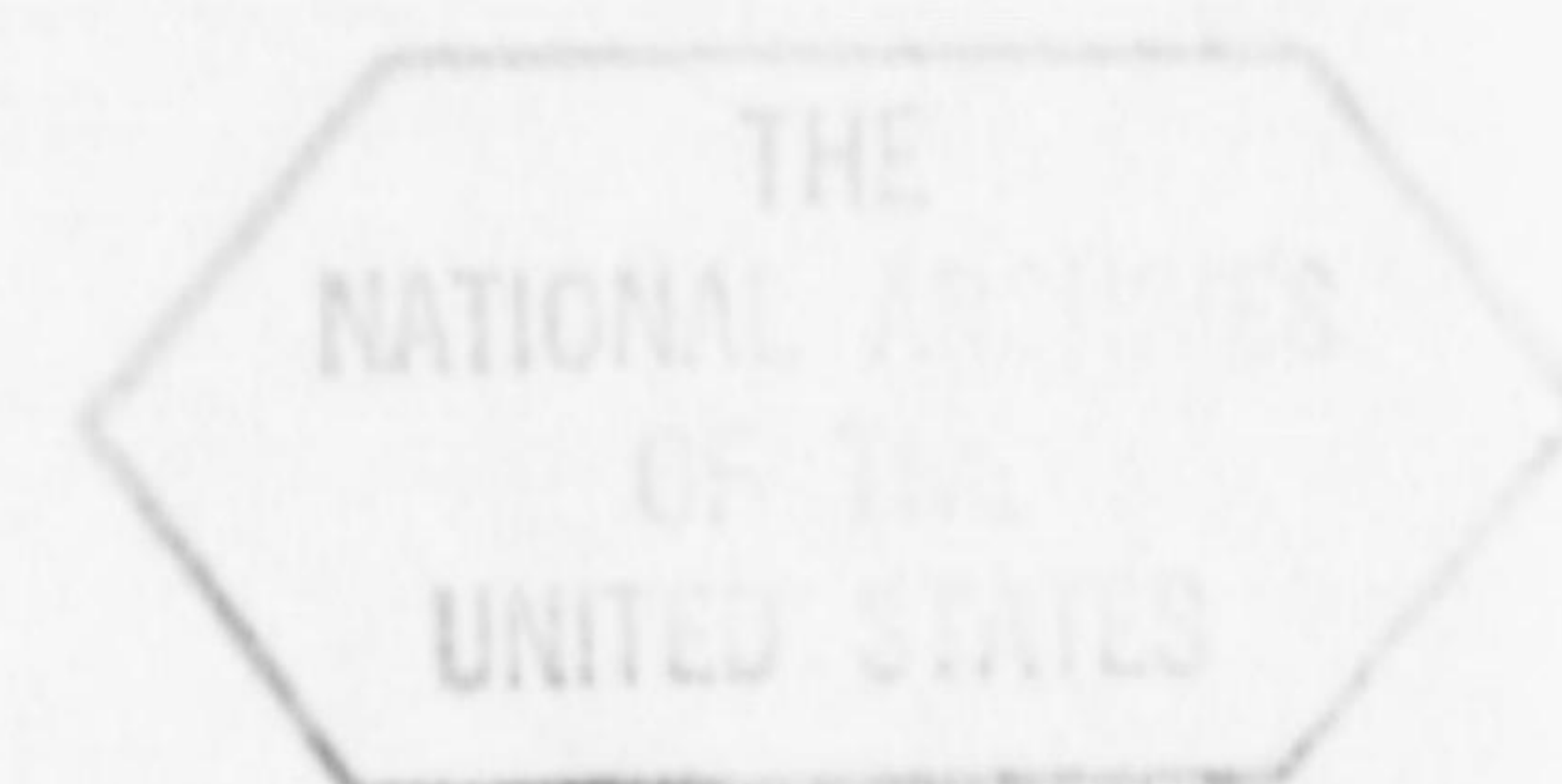


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30 November 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, Civil Affairs Section

SUBJECT: Report of field trip to Kanto region

On Tuesday, 28 November 1950, I accompanied Mr. Abrams, Legal and Government Officer of Kanto Civil Affairs region, to Maebashi, Gumma Ken.

We arrived in Maebashi in time for lunch. At 1300 hours we went over to the prefectural building for a meeting with the vice Governor, the Chief of the Municipal Police, the Chief of the MRP, and other liaison officials.

We found that the Prefectural Assembly was in session. The Vice Governor stated that there were thirteen bills under consideration, five of which were budget bills. He stated that the prefecture would lose 300 million yen under the new tax law, and that unless the Equalization Grant took care of this amount, the prefecture would have to cut down on construction of public works and provisions for disaster rehabilitation. Vice Governor Yamazaki considered the matter of the budget the principal problem facing the prefecture.

Mr. Abrams' approach with the Municipal Police and MRP was to go through a newspaper digest of items from Gumma and to ask what had been done with certain cases set out there. If the case had to do with the apprehension of persons who had failed to turn in their barley quota, he talked to the police about the importance of prosecution of such cases, otherwise more and more people would fail to turn in their quotas with the result that the program would fail completely. If the case reported had to do with embezzlement of public funds, again he would talk about the necessity of prosecution to bring about honest officials and a confidence on the part of the people that the police would protect them against corruption in public office. And so on until he had covered many topics from failure to turn in barley quotas to slave traffic in children.

After two hours in the prefectural building, we went to the court house for a conference with the judges and procurators. Twenty men were in attendance at the conference. The Chief Judge stated that so far there had been no cases involving foreign nationals. Outside of some Chinese in Gumma Prefecture, there are not many foreign nationals.

The judges and procurators had received the instructions for expediting trials from the Supreme Court. Mr. Abrams spent most of the two hour session going over the measures set out in the instructions and explaining how they could be used effectively in clearing up the backlog



of cases and of carrying through expeditiously the cases now pending. He offered many excellent examples and explanations to which the judges and procurators listened attentively.

It can be said that the Japanese in both conferences learned a great deal from Mr. Abrams. The Japanese, on the other hand, offered no information other than that requested and presented no problems of their own.

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