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Takanatsu, Shikoku
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Miss Grace Alt,
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APO 500

Dear Miss Alt:

After I had completed the inclosed report, a Board of representatives from Red Cross Hospital came in to consult. They brought with them a petition signed by all members of Kochi Hospital asking for the retention of Dr. Kasai. Colonel Coughlin, and our new CO, Colonel Pigg, and I interrogated this group for further information. The following information was secured:

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(2) He had built a house for himself with Red Cross funds. Investigation proved that this house was built in 1947 for the use of a new doctor on the staff. The house was purchased by Dr. Kasai and renovated. Title was transferred to the Red Cross as soon as permission and clearance could be secured and has been with the Red Cross the same as all the other houses owned by them for physicians' residences. The house has never been used by Dr. Kasai nor is the title in his name.

(3) He allowed nurses to dance. Investigation revealed that this dancing occurred in 1946 when the nurses took a three-months course from a dancing instructor. All dancing was done during off-duty hours and there have been no dancing courses given in Kochi since this three month period.

(4) That hospital doctors and nurses ate food belonging to the hospital. The only substantiation, except the accusation, we have been able to uncover, was that at a party last Fall held in the auditorium, food was served to both doctors and nurses. However, this food was paid for by private funds and not hospital funds.

All of these accusations are rather far in the past and the accusation against Dr. Kasai was made 12 Feb 1949. The hospital representatives who came in to see us say they have never been able to find out who made this accusation but they are all agreed that the Chief Clerk is in much opposition to Dr. Kasai's improvements and they unanimously suspect him of being the one who informed the governor.

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Since this accusation and Dr. Kasai's resignation, the Chief Clerk has moved his family into the hospital into the nursing dormitory and is using the space reserved for the new class. He is also very active in trying to find a replacement for Dr. Kasai immediately.

Both Colonel Axelson and Colonel Coughlin suggested that if I could find some way personally to get this information to you, they thought it would help a great deal if you would make a personal request to the National Red Cross office, suggesting we all disapprove much of Dr. Kasai's resignation and hope they see fit not to accept it. I personally feel it is an attempt to remove a man who has been working with us, by this Chief Clerk who has lost much power at the hospital since Dr. Kasai has been improving it, and I do feel a strong recommendation to the board bearing this message might have some effect.

Sincerely,

JUANITAWATTERWORTH

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Amount of Lara goods sent

Milk	2.5 lb.)..... Twice
Sugar	1.0 lb.	
Pablum	0.2115	
Other supplies	0.5	
Soap	0.5	
Jacket	1	
Pants	1	
Underwear	2	
Shirt	3	

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(二) ララ 松濱 野原 配分と 付送

上記の如く 職家の住居として ララ野原係も

私扶養を義務せしめ、流し及び下水道の維持管理に責任を負わせ、

ておく事(一)より、ララ松濱野原係の住居と衣料を配分し、

給食と湯浴の之を、木製の板に釘を打ち、

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砂糖	一.〇		+	一.〇	スポン	一
バナナ	〇.二	五	+	〇.三	下着	一
熱量	〇.五		+	〇.五	シャツ	三
石炭	〇.五					

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生信の事、この如く、此の住居と衣料を配分し、

如何に狼狽の辭と、此の住居と衣料を配分し、

地区に限り、松濱野原係、最近の事、

す、この住居と衣料を配分し、

昭和四十四年二月七日

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3. The governor has the power to supervise, doctors, operation and management of (Red cross) ~~of Redcross~~ hospitals.
4. Since the chapter, hospital and governor of Kochi do not have happy relations, my experience under these conditions or circumstances dictates that the doctor should be moved.
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Mrs. J. Watterworth

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To: Mrs. Waterworth1/July 1949.
From Dr. Kasai

Upon hearing the detail from Yasuko, the head nurse, regarding what happened on the 30th of June, I do not know how I can express my thanks for your kindness. I understand, according to Yasuko's report, that on that day you had a long talk with Mr. Ito by making a previous arrangement. And your effort has been made to protect my position. I am also informed that Col. Pigg was also present on that occasion.

I must thank you again ^{and} ask your pardon for letting you know of Mr. Ito's passage through Takamatsu in such an abrupt way although you made your best effort just for my own sake.

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I suppose Mr. Ito must have been well contented having been given an opportunity to express his view regarding the matter.

The main purpose of his coming to Kochi this time was to have a meeting in regard to the raising fund for the Red-Cross and the other was as to the C. C. However, it was quite evident that the settling of my own case was one of them.

I am going to report you as to the conversation I had with Mr. Ito on the 28th June as the following:

Ito, "The vacancy of a chief of Toyama Red Cross Hospital, of which I specified the other day, should be filled as soon as possible. And I wish you would move out to that place."

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The other day some difficulty was hanging; that is, a head doctor of ear department was considered as the one for the position, but it has been cleared out, because he is going to resign on account of his illness. Such is the condition right there, it is the right time for you to go there.

Besides that as long as such a gloomy atmosphere will last in the Kochi R.C. Hospital, there will no new opening of development could be expected for the hospital." (as to the gloomy atmosphere Mr. Ito must have gotten some information from some unknown source. He is taking it so serious that he seemed to be convinced to believe it — Ito mentioned to the effect last time when I went up to see him.)

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I left Mr. Ito on that day asking him to give me a day to think it over.

I consulted with a few important members of the hospital regarding the matter, and they came to the conclusion as follows:

1. - If Dr. Kasai should resign, the so called gloomy atmosphere will become worse. Not only that it will be an inevitable course for the hospital to have more troubles occurred. Because the cause of the gloomy atmosphere lies somewhere else rather than the doctor's.
2. - Dr. Kasai should not be thinking of his resignation at this time when we badly need him to be settled various, urgent important matters. We have so far tried our best for the betterment of the hospital in cooperating with the doctor even thinking ourselves as one united body.

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3- If Dr. Kasai remains at his present position, we will be assisting him in every respect.

I, myself thinking and decided as follows:

1. - I want to stay on the present position as long as I could, and want to regain my credit. I should rather give my full energy for the work of this hospital than any other hospital if I ever had a power and energy to afford. — I believe I can do better work staying in this hospital where I am very well acquainted. Besides that as I understand it Toyama Hospital is a difficult place to manage, because it is already known they had faced many difficult problems in a previous time. Moving out to such a notorious place I can not have a confidence in myself to do a good job.
2. - I have been in this hospital for 14 years getting along very nicely with other staffs. I have not a least idea to desert them, and going out to a place not well informed to start things over.

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I made the above mentioned statement to the staffs, and 3 representatives of the staffs met Mr. Ito and conveyed him my opinion. At the same time I also told Mr. Ito that I want to stay right in this hospital if it is permissible. In case my desire can not be granted, I will take care of myself. I also asked Ito to return the resignation which I submitted previously. — I also sent a letter to the president to the same effect.

Ito said, "your resignation, was it kept in Tokyo? It is all settled, you don't have to say anything more about it. It rather sounds funny to me to say about it now."

(He said something like this too, — In case some trouble come up regarding Lara, you have a certificate given by MGT to prove that it is satisfactorily settled.

We departed hearing Ito's words saying, "If you do not wish to be transferred to Toyama, no other way than to think some other, can't be helped."

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ON 30th of June I met the commanding officer of Kochi M.G. and stated my desire to stay in the hospital although the commanding officer seemed to have me moved. However, the commanding officer stated that even though I am inclined to the opinion that it would be better to have you moved, I can not make it an order. Things concerning civil affairs wish to be settled among civilians to the best of their solution. Further he stated that I shall be keeping my eyes on the affairs with a hope to make an incessant advancement in every respect. In order to avoid peoples' misunderstanding I am intentionally not making a recent visit to your hospital.

It is imaginable for Mr. Ito to change his mind after knowing Mrs. Watterworth's opinion - this is my personal opinion however.

I wrote this letter with an intention to clarify a few important points which should not be misunderstood.

Thanking you again and commanding officer Shikoku, my folks wish to send you their best regards.

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There are four accusations against Dr. Kasai,

(1) His misuse of LARA goods. The date of this misuse was July of 1947. As you will note from his inclosed statement, it was a small amount and he had received no specific instructions that it could not be used for people outside of the hospital.

(2) He had built a house for himself with Red Cross funds. Investigation proved that this house was built in 1947 for the use of a new doctor on the staff. The house was purchased by Dr. Kasai and renovated. Title was transferred to the Red Cross as soon as permission and clearance could be secured and has been with the Red Cross the same as all the other houses owned by them for physicians' residences. The house has never been used by Dr. Kasai nor is the title in his name.

(3) He allowed nurses to dance. Investigation revealed that this dancing occurred in 1946 when the nurses took a three-months course from a dancing instructor. All dancing was done during off-duty hours and there have been no dancing courses given in Kochi since this three month period.

(4) That hospital doctors and nurses ate food belonging to the hospital. The only substantiation, except the accusation, we have been able to uncover, was that at a party last Fall held in the auditorium, food was served to both doctors and nurses. However, this food was paid for by private funds and not hospital funds.

All of these accusations are rather far in the past and the accusation against Dr. Kasai was made 12 Feb 1949. The hospital representatives who came in to see us say they have never been able to find out who made this accusation but they are all agreed that the Chief Clerk is in much opposition to Dr. Kasai's improvements and they unanimously suspect him of being the one who informed the governor.

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Since this accusation and Dr. Kasai's resignation, the Chief Clerk has moved his family into the hospital into the nursing dormitory and is using the space reserved for the new class. He is also very active in trying to find a replacement for Dr. Kasai immediately.

Both Colonel Axelson and Colonel Coughlin suggested that if I could find some way personally to get this information to you, they thought it would help a great deal if you would make a personal request to the National Red Cross office, suggesting we all disapprove much of Dr. Kasai's resignation and hope they see fit not to accept it. I personally feel it is an attempt to remove a man who has been working with us, by this Chief Clerk who has lost much power at the hospital since Dr. Kasai has been improving it, and I do feel a strong recommendation to the board bearing this message might have some effect.

Sincerely,

JUANITAWATTERWORTH

PETITION

Dr. Kasai, the director of Kochi Red Cross hospital has been recently urged to resign taking the blame upon himself for improper distribution of LARA goods.

He has been working hard as a head doctor of otorhinolaryngology section, director of the nurse training school and director of the hospital. He has made efforts to improve the hospital and make it a up-to-date hospital.

We cannot understand why he should resign. Some time ago the representative of the employees' union of the hospital called on the headquarters in Tokyo to petition to keep Dr. Kasai in his post, but we could not get the satisfactory answer. We also called the chief of Kochi branch office of the Red Cross and petitioned the same, but we have not got the answer yet.

Since we are concentrating our efforts in improving our hospital so that it may function according to the Red cross spirit, we hate to lose Dr. Kasai who is our good leader.

We ask for your help so that our director may remain in his post.

Employees' union of the
Kochi Red Cross hospital.

Petition enclosed with names.

STATEMENT

Zenzo Kasai,
The director of Kochi Red
Cross hospital.

I want to apologize for having received Lara goods and sent to my own relative (July 15, 1948) being responsible for use of Lara goods.

1. Person who received Laragoods and the condition when those goods were sent.

My nephew Toshikatsu Kasai (7 months old when Lara goods were sent) was born in Funazu-cho, Gifu prefecture. Two days after he was born his mother got purperal fever and she could not nurse him. Since then he has been fed with cow's milk and suffering from malnutrition. In the end of June his father was killed by accident. Then the family had to leave the town. It was hot and the baby got the acute intestinal caterrh. He lost his weight (he weighted only 5 kg.) and I could not stand seeing him crying day and night. I should have taken this family (mother and 4 young children) to my home in Kochi but I have no room to have them stay. So I took them to my native village in Gifu prefecture. This is in the mountain area and they could not get cow's milk that time. As I could not stay long with them. I came back to Kochi when the baby began to get better worrying about this poor family.

2. Distribution of Lara goods and shipping.

The staff of my hospital sympathized with this poor family whom I have to support and the person in charge of Lara goods approved to give some amount of Lara goods to them. So I shipped following goods to them. At that time I thought I had privilege to receive those goods. But that was a mistake.

Amount of Lara goods sent

Milk	2.5 lb.)	
Sugar	1.0 lb.) Twice
Pablum	0.2115)	
Other supplies	0.5)	
Soap	0.5		
Jacket	1		
Pants	1		
Underwear	2		
Shirt	3		

To my great joy the baby got well and I had a letter from his mother saying that they were grateful for kindness of people abroad who sent those goods to them. When I read this letter I was choked with tears of joy. We appreciated kind gifts so much.

Later I happened to know that those Lara goods should have been used only in Kochi prefecture because it was instructed to distribute the Lara goods to the people who live in the designated place. I am very sorry that I did not follow the instruction. I am very much ashamed of my self for having sent some amount of those goods to my own relative.