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HEADQUARTERS  
WAKAYAMA CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM  
APO 25

091.31

25 July 1949

SUBJECT: Responsibility of Wakayama Civil Affairs Team in Connection  
with Handling of U S Foreign Assistance Cargo Arriving on  
Vessels of Army Interest

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TO : Commanding Officer  
Kinki Civil Affairs Region  
APO 25

1. References:

a. Letter, I Corps, AG 091.31-BA, subject as above, dated  
4 April 1949.

b. Eighth Army Operational Directive No 33, "Control of Entry  
and Exit of Property, Cargo and Individuals into and from Japan", dated  
28 June 1949.

2. Request information as to the responsibilities of this team for  
import and export of cargo from allied ships arriving and departing this  
prefecture.

3. Although imports and exports have been limited to tankers (petrol-  
eum), which are excepted by paragraph 1d, Section II, Operational Directive  
#33, it is the opinion of this headquarters that certain responsibilities  
exist in addition to forwarding of manifests, receipt of imports, cargo  
receipt import and reconciliation reports. Until approximately April 1949,  
the Japanese Oil Storage Company, Minoshima Terminal, was the only facility  
importing and exporting from this area. At that time the Toa Nenryo com-  
menced operation, and it is anticipated that other oil facilities will be  
operating in this area in the near future. As far as can be ascertained  
by this headquarters, the Japanese Oil Company is under the control of  
Eighth Army and under the supervision of Kobe Base.

4. Reference 1a above, relieves Civil Affairs Teams of all responsi-  
bilities for reporting import and export of cargo on vessels of army interest,  
vesting these responsibilities with the Kobe Port Command. The team estab-  
lished at Kobe Base to handle imports and exports in Kinki Region has not  
reported to this headquarters.

5. It is recommended that all responsibilities of import and export

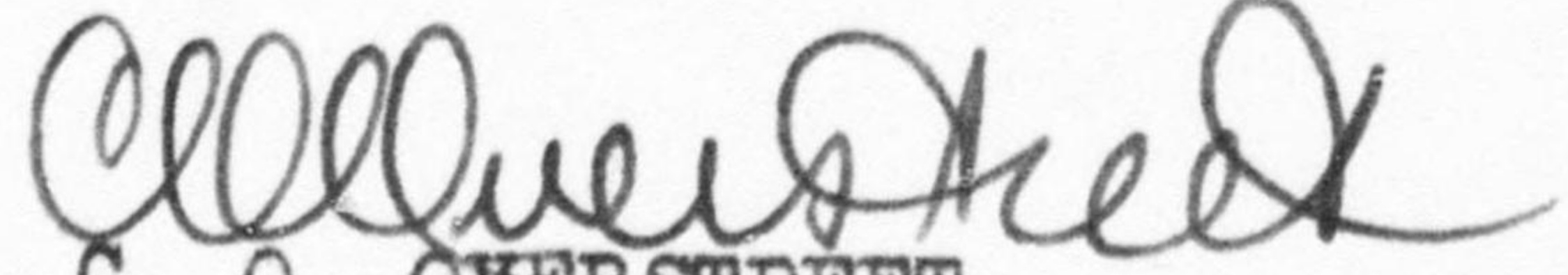
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in this prefecture be assumed by the team established for this purpose at Kobe Base.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

  
C. O. OVERSTREET  
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Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 8 August 1949

TO: Chief, Wakayama Civil Affairs Team, APO 25

1. Reference paragraph 4, basic communication. Transportation Section, I Corps has furnished this headquarters the following information:

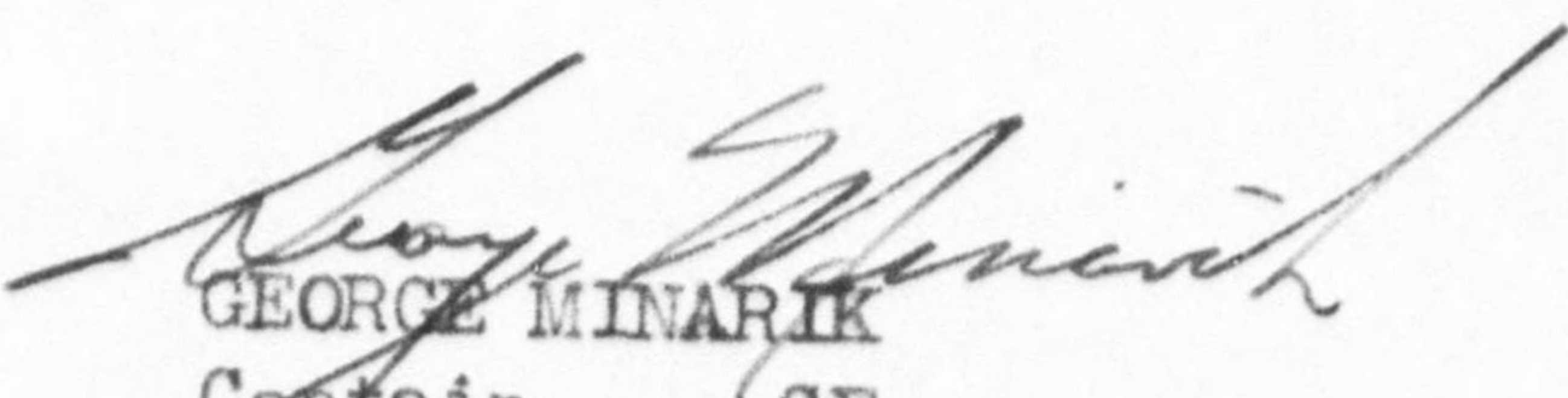
a. Tankers arriving in Wakayama ports are considered vessels of Army interest.

b. Kobe Base, in compliance with reference 1a basic communication, has been handling these ships. Port personnel either arrive from Kobe via boat or vehicle transportation.

c. The 25th Division has been furnishing MP guards.

2. The responsibilities of the Wakayama Civil Affairs Team in connection with tankers arriving in Wakayama ports are those as stated in paragraph 3b, reference 1a, basic communication.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL O'MOHUNDRO:

  
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Captain CE  
Adjutant

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