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HEADQUARTERS
KINKI CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

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1 December 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Disposition of Newly-Mined Gold and Refined Gold

File

THRU : Kinki Liaison Office

TO : Mining Dept., Osaka Bureau of International Trade & Industry

1. Monthly reports indicating the disposition of all gold ore mined and all gold products refined in the Kinki Region are requested.
2. The first report will be for December 1949, and should reach this headquarters not later than 5 January 1950. Subsequent reports should arrive not later than the 5th day of the month following.
3. A sample form for preparation of the report is inclosed herewith.

FOR THE CHIEF:

1 Incl:
Sample form

STERLIN C. MOORE
Major Inf
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MINT
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

28 November 1949

SUBJECT: Disposition Instructions for Lot 322

THRU: Commanding Officer
Kinki Civil Affairs Region
APO 25

TO: General Headquarters Far East Command
Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers
APO 500
ATTN: Civil Property Custodian

1. Request disposition instructions for Lot 322, items 1 through 35 inclusive, United States Vaults, Osaka Mint consisting of silver coins, jewelry and scrap silver seized by 170th Language Detachment Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division, during July and August 1947 from various individuals.

2. Subject items were deposited 9 February 1948 in U. S. Vaults, Osaka Mint, pending investigation and trial of individuals concerned.

3. Trial by Japanese Court resulted in sentences and fines of individuals as shown by Inclosure 1, but no mention was made of disposition of seized properties. All available information of trial and sentences is shown in attached translation of record of trial obtained from H. Isumi, Public Prosecutor, Osaka District Court (Ref: Inclosure 1.).

4. Sentences and fines of the subject accused have been appealed and are presently awaiting further action thereon.

Incl: 1
(As referred above)

CHESTER D. HAINLEY
Colonel, Infantry
Custodian

1st Ind

Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 1 Dec 49

TO: General Headquarters Far East Command
Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, APO 500
ATTN: Civil Property Custodian

1 Incl:
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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MINT
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

File

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16 November 1949

SUBJECT: Final Report - Board of Officers
Inspection and Preparation of Final
Inventory of All Precious Metals,
United States Vaults, Osaka Mint, Osaka

THRU: Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301

TO: Commanding General
Eighth Army, APO 343
Attention: Civil Affairs Section

1. Transmitted herewith for approval by appointing Headquarters and forwarding to Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343, is final report of proceedings of board of officers appointed pursuant to paragraph 1, Special Order 118, Headquarters I Corps, APO 301, dated 25 May 1949, as subsequently amended by paragraph 8, Special Order 218, Headquarters, I corps, APO 301, dated 24 September 1949.

FOR THE BOARD:

1 Incl:
Final Report -
Board of Officers

CHESTER D. HAINLEY
Colonel, Infantry
President

HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

18 November 1949

Action approved

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COULTER:

/s/t/ P. L. NASH
Lt. Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Osaka Mint, dtd 16 Nov 49, subj: "Final Report - Board of Officers Inspection and Preparation of Final Inventory of All Precious Metals, United States Vaults, Osaka Mint, Osaka".

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1st Ind

REC/pm

Hq I Corps, APO 301, Nov 2 1949

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343
ATTN: Civil Affairs Section

1 Incl:
n/c

P. L. N.

AGMGF 386.7

2d Ind

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343, Nov 23 1949

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1. This headquarters concurs in the findings and recommendations as presented in "Final Report of Proceedings of Board of Officers."

2. It is requested that the Custodian, United States Vaults, Osaka Mint, amend his records by preparing adjustment vouchers to cover the discrepancies indicated in Exhibit "G", Incl. 1, hereto.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

1 Incl:
n/c

/s/t/ J. A. O'BRIEN
CWO USA
Asst Adj Gen

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Osaka Mint, dtd 16 Nov 49, subj: "Final Report - Board of Officers Inspection and Preparation of Final Inventory of All Precious Metals, United States Vaults, Osaka Mint, Osaka".

AG 410 - BA

3rd Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, Nov 30 1949

TO: Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

Forwarded for compliance with paragraph 2 of second indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COULTER:

1 Incl:
n/c

/s/t/ P. L. NASH
Lt. Col. AGD
Asst adj Gen

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4th Ind

Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 3 December 1949

TO: Custodian, Osaka Mint, APO 25

For compliance with paragraph 2, 2nd indorsement.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL O'MOHUNDRO:

1 Incl:
n/c

STERLIN C. MOORE
Major Inf
Adjutant

拜啓 秋冷の候益々御清祥のこと、存じます
 陳者来る本月十六日大藏大臣代理として大藏次官來廳の
 上本廳並びに東京及び廣島兩支廳製造の貨幣について第
 七十八次貨幣大試験を執行致すこと、相成りましたついで
 てはこの機會に目下貨幣の大増産を實施中の當廳の現況
 を御説明申上げると同時に親しく御高話拜聴致したく存
 じますから御多用中甚だ恐縮でございますが當日午後五
 時當廳へ御來臨下さるよう御案内申上げます 敬具

月 日

造幣廳長官 松 崎 健 吉

追つてお手紙ながら折返し御出欠の有無御回報を願ひたいします

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近畿民事部長殿

市内東区淀屋橋安田ビル

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To: Chief, Kinki CA Region

From: Mint-Master, Kenkichi Matsuzaki

We are going to hold the 78th general examination of coins made by this Mint and Tokyo and Hiroshima Branches on November 16 in the presence of Finance Vice-Minister who acts for Finance Minister. On this occasion we hope to show you the present picture of this Mint which is now under big increased production of coins and at the same time to hear precious opinions from you. Will you please favor us with your presence at 5 p.m. on the day?

P.S. Please let me hear whether you will be present or not.

Carol ^{has been} sent will not attend

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
APO 500

AG 410.2 (25 Oct 49) GPC/AD

25 Oct 49

SUBJECT: Japanese Procedures Controlling Releases from
U. S. Vaults, Osaka Mint

TO: Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343

Attached are translated copies of Ministry of Finance
regulations controlling releases from custody at U. S. Vaults,
Osaka Mint.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

1 Incl
Translation (In Dup)

/s/t/ C. D. CONLEY
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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AGMGE 410.2

1st Ind

Oct 28 1949

SUBJECT: Japanese Procures Controlling Releases from U. S. Vaults,
Osaka Mint

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

THRU: Commanding General I Corps, APO 301

TO : Custodian U. S. Vaults, Osaka Mint, APO 25

1 Incl
N/c

J. A. O'B

AG 410.2 - BA

2nd Ind

REC/af

Hq I Corps, APO 301, Nov 3 1949

TO: Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

Forwarded for your information.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COULTER:

1 Incl:
1 cy w/d/s/t/ P. L. NASH
Lt. Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

410.2

3rd Ind

Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 4 Nov 49

TO: Custodian U. S. Vaults, Osaka Mint, APO 25

For necessary action.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL O'MORONDO:

1 Incl:
n/cGEORGE MINARIK
Captain CE
adjutant

FILE UNDER NO.

410.2

INDEX SHEET
SYNOPSIS

SUBJECT: Procedure for Release from Custody at Vaults, Bank of Japan,
Tokyo, and the Mint, Osaka

FROM: SCAr

TO: 8th Army

DATE: 18 Oct 49

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
 United States Army
 Office of the Commanding General
 APO 343

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 AGMGF 386.7

21 October 1949

SUBJECT: Precious Metal Inventory, United States Vaults, Osaka Mint.
 (13 October 1949)

THRU: Commanding General
 I Corps
 APO 301

TO: Custodian, United States Vaults
 Osaka Mint
 APO 25

1. Approved incremental Report No. 1 of Proceedings of Board of Officers as indicated is forwarded herewith for your permanent record.
2. Inventory of lots represented by the attached board report supersedes all previous respective inventories and records will be established accordingly.
3. Inventory forms have been withdrawn and forwarded direct to Custodian, United States Vaults, Osaka Mint, with information copy of this letter.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

- 2 Incls
1. Inventory of lots
 as indicated above
 2. Incremental Report No. 1

/s/t/ J. A. O'BRIEN
 CWO, USA
 Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS
Osaka Mint
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

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21 October 1949

SUBJECT: Report Number One
Board of Officers - Inspection and Preparation
of Final Inventory of All Precious Metals -
United States Vaults, Osaka Mint, Osaka

THRU: Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301

13 October 1949

TO: Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343
Attention: Civil Affairs Section

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in paragraph 1, Special Order 118, Headquarters I Corps, 25 May 1949, the following report is submitted:

- a. The Board met pursuant to above instructions.
- b. All members of the Board were present
- c. Submitted herewith for approval by appointing headquarters and forwarding to Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343, are certified IBM sheets covering ingots in the following lots:

Lot No. R 0004	Lot No. R 0010	Lot No. 9
Lot No. R 0005	Lot No. R 0016	Lot No. 342
Lot No. R 0009	Lot No. R 0017	

d. No date for completion of project can be indicated at this time.

e. Findings and recommendations of the board will be included in final report.

FOR THE BOARD:

8 Incls:

1. Inv. Lot R0004 (quad)
2. Inv. Lot R0005 (quad)
3. Inv. Lot R0009 (quad)
4. Inv. Lot R0010 (quad)
5. Inv. Lot R0016 (quad)
6. Inv. Lot R0017 (quad)
7. Inv. Lot No. 9 (quad)
8. Inv. Lot No. 342 (quad)

/s/t/ CHESTER D. HAISLEY
Colonel, Infantry
President

HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

Action approved.

19 October 1949

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COULTER:

/s/t/ A. SEIPEL
Lt. Col, AGD
Asst Adj General

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Eighth Army, file AGWGF 386.7, dtd 21 Oct 49, subj:
"Precious Metal Inventory, United States Vaults, Osaka
Mint. (13 October 1949)".

AG 410.2 - BA

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 25 October 1949

TO: Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

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Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 26 October 1949

TO: Custodian, Osaka Mint, APO 25

2 Incls:
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
 United States Army
 Office of the Commanding General
 APO 343

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 AGMGF 326.7

8 Oct 49

SUBJECT: Transfer of Occupied Japan Export-Import
 Revolving Fund Gold

TO: Commanding General
 I Corps
 APO 301

1. Reference is made to letter, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 410.2 (14 Jul 49) CPC/AD, 17 September 1949, subject: "Substitution of Precious Metals Held as Occupied Japan Export-Import Revolving Fund Assets," attached hereto as inclosure 1.

2. Action, as indicated in paragraph 2 above referenced letter, has been completed by the Custodian, United States Vaults, Bank of Japan, Tokyo.

3. Compliance with provisions of paragraph 3 above referenced letter is desired.

4. Upon completion of action indicated in paragraph 3 above, a report of accomplishment is desired.

5. Authorization for Release form has been forwarded, with information copy of this letter, direct to the Custodian, United States Vaults, Osaka Mint, for action.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

1 Incl
 Ltr GHQ SCAF

/s/ J. A. O'Brien
 CWO USA
 Asst Adj Gen

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Eighth Army, file AGMOF 386.7, dtd 8 Oct 49, Subj: "Transfer of Occupied Japan Export-Import Revolving Fund Gold".

AG 386.3 - BA

1st Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 18 Oct 49

TO: Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

Forwarded for your information and compliance with paragraph 4 basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COULTER:

1 Incl:
n/c

/s/ P. L. Nash
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 18 October 1949

TO: Custodian, Osaka Mint, APO 25

1 Incl:
n/c

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Eighth Army, file ACGMF 386.7, dtd 8 Oct 49, Subj:
"Transfer of Occupied Japan Export-Import Revolving Fund
Gold".

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3rd Ind

Hq., Osaka Mint, APO 25, Osaka Honshu

26 October 1949

TO: Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

Action, as indicated in paragraph 3 above referenced letter, was accomplished on 17 October 1949 on Osaka Mint Release number R0001, and Osaka Mint Receipt number 0347. Distribution of these vouchers together with the original Authorization for Release Form has been made in the normal manner.

1 Incl:
n/c/

CHESTER D. HAISLEY
Colonel, Infantry
Custodian

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq 8th Army, file AGOOF 386.7, dtd 8 Oct 49, subj:
"Transfer of Occupied Japan Export-Import Revolving Fund
Gold".

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4th Ind

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Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 27 October 1949

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

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1 Incl:
n/c

G. M.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
 United States Army
 Office of the Commanding General
 APO 343

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6 October 1949

SUBJECT: Records, OJEIRF, Osaka Mint Portion.

TO: Commanding General
 I Corps
 APO 301

FOR FILE

1. Reference is made to Exhibit E, "Report of Audit of OJEIRF Account," attached hereto as inclosure 1.

2. Information is desired as to whether or not adjusting vouchers, correcting discrepancies as noted, have been prepared and forwarded to appropriate sections.

3. It is desired that Exhibit E (Inclosure 1 hereto) be returned with replying indorsement to this headquarters.

4. Inclosure has been forwarded direct to Custodian, United States Vaults, Osaka Mint, together with information copy of this letter for action and reply.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

1 Incl
 Exh. E
 Report of Audit

/s/ t/ J.A. O'BRIEN
 CWO USA
 Asst Adj Gen

AG 410.2 - BA

1st Ind

REC/af

Hq I Corps, APO 301, 13 October 1949

TO: Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

Forwarded for your information and compliance.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COULTER:

1 Incl:
 n/c

/s/ t/ A. SEIPER
 Lt Col, AGD
 Asst Adj General

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq. 8th Army, file AMGF 386.7, subj: "Records,
OJEIF, Osaka Mint Portion", dtd 6 Oct 49

AG 386.7

2nd Ind

Hq. Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 14 October 1949

TO: Custodian, Osaka Mint, APO 25

1 Incl:
n/c

G. M.

File

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq. 8th Army, file AGMGF 386.7, subj: "Records, OJEIF, Osaka Mint Portion", dtd 6 Oct 49

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3rd Ind

Hq., Osaka Mint, APO #25, Osaka Honshu, 27 Oct 49

TO: C. O., Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

Adjusting vouchers covering so much of Exhibit E, "Report of Audit of OJEIF ACCOUNT as affects the accounts of the Custodian, Osaka Mint, have been prepared and forwarded to appropriate sections as follows:

- E(1) Transfer Vouchers R0008 & R0009, dated 19 September 1949.
- E(2) Transfer Vouchers R0022 & R0023, dated 27 October 1949.
- E(3) Transfer Vouchers R0018 & R0019, dated 24 October 1949.
- E(4) Accounting regulations prescribe inventories be kept by gross weight and fineness. Computations of fine weight shown in this item were not made at the Osaka Mint and corrections noted do not affect records of the United States Vaults, Osaka Mint.

1 Incl
nc

/s/t/ CHESTER D. HAISLEY
Colonel, Infantry
Custodian

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4th Ind

EST/ms

Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 1 November 1949

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1 Incl:
n/a

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EXHIBIT E

OCCUPIED JAPAN EXPORT-IMPORT REVOLVING FUND
Precious Metals in Custody as of 30 April 1949
Osaka Mint - Audit Adjustments

OJEIF
Lot Item
No. No.

Description

Add (-) Deduct
Fine Weight
Grams

The following items were taken into U.S. custody direct from the Imperial Japanese Mint, Osaka. Subsequent reinventories of the vaults have disclosed numerous clerical errors in the original ingot listing as prepared by the U.S. vault personnel, but have consistently substantiated the accuracy of the fineness data reflected on the official Japanese mint records. An item by item comparison of the U.S. vault listings with the available Japanese records disclosed the following discrepancies had not been corrected as of 30 April 1949:

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R0001 4

Silver Ingots
 Ingots #136 to 172 (recorded fineness 800.0 - 960,962.4 f.w. gms
 @ 1,201,203.0 g.w. (mint fineness 799.8 960,722.2 f.w. gms
 gms Decrease 240.2 f.w. gms

(-) 240.2

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R0014 6

Silver Ingots
 Ingot #S13128 (recorded fineness 719.9 14,147.5 f.w. gms
 @19,652.0 g.w. gms (mint fineness 720.0 14,149.4 f.w. gms
 Increase 1.9 f.w. gms

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R0015 1

Silver Ingots
 Ingot #122 (recorded fineness 720.1 23,162.7 f.w. gms
 @32,166.0 g.w. gms (mint fineness 720.0 23,159.5 f.w. gms
 Decrease 3.2

(-) 3.2

OJELRF
Lot Item
No. No.

Description

Add (-) Deduct
Fine Weight
Grams

The following arithmetical errors were noted in the computations of fine weight

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R0004	25	Gold/Silver Ingots Gross weight 25650.9 gms; silver content 051.0 Fine weight computed as 1308.2 gms; should be 1308.1 gms	Silver content	0.1
R0016	19	Gold/Silver Ingots Gross weight 111.953.7 gms; silver content 305.0 Fine weight computed as 34.145.9 gms; should be 34.157.1 gms	Silver content	(-) 11.2

The above adjustment are applied to the respective Lot and Item balances on Exhibits D-2 and D-3.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
APO 500

AG 410.2 (8 Aug 49)GPC/CD

8 September 1949

SUBJECT: Release of Coin Collections Composed of Ancient
Japanese Coins

TO: Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343

It is desired that the coin collections, described in inclosed
Authorization for Release Form Nos. 000365 and 000366, be released
from the U. S. Vaults, Osaka Mint, Osaka, Japan, to authorized
representatives of the Ministry of Finance, Japanese Government against
signed receipt.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

1 Incl
Auth Release
Form Nos. 000365
and 000366 (In Trip)

/s/t/ A J REHE
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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AGMGF 386.7 1st Ind Sep 13 1949
SUBJECT: Release of Coin Collections Composed of Ancient Japanese
Coins (8 September 1949)

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

Inclosure has been withdrawn and forwarded with information copy
of basic letter direct to the Custodian, United States Vaults, Osaka
Mint, for action.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

1 Incl
w/d

/s/t/ J. A. O'BRIEN
CWO USA
Asst Adj Gen

AG 410.2 - BA

2nd Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, Sep 19 1949

TO: Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

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3rd Ind

Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 21 Sept 49

TO: Chief, Osaka Mint, APO 25

G. M.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
 SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
 APO 500

AG 410.2 (10 Jun 49)CPC/CD

12 August 1949

SUBJECT: Release of Precious Metals

TO: Commanding General
 Eighth Army
 APO 343

It is desired that scrap gold enumerated in inclosed Authorization for Release Form No. 000322, be released from the U. S. Vaults, Osaka Mint, Osaka, to authorized representatives of the Ministry of Finance, Japanese Government, against signed receipt.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

1 Incl
 Auth Release
 Form No. 900322

/s/ t/ A. J. REHE
 Major, AGD
 Asst Adj Gen

AGM/GF 386.7

1st Ind

August 17, 1949

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

Inclosure has been forwarded direct to Custodian, U. S. Vaults,
 Osaka Mint.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

1 Incl
 w/d

/s/t/ J. A. O'BRIEN
 CWO, USA
 Asst Adj Gen

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BASIC: Ltr, GHQ SCAP, AG 410.2, dtd 12 Aug 49, subj: "Release of Precious Metals."

AG 410.2 - BA

2nd Ind

REC/af

Hq I Corps, APO 301, 20 August 1949

TO: Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

C. R.

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AG 410.2 - BA

3rd Ind

ELM/ms

Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 23 August 1949

TO: Custodian, Osaka Mint, APO 25

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FILE UNDER NO.

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INDEX SHEET
SYNOPSIS

SUBJECT:

Restitution of Ingot Cart from silver
coins removed from the Netherlands East Indies

FROM:

SCAP

TO :

8th Army

DATE:

5 Aug 49

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HEADQUARTERS -
OSAKA HING
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

9 August 1949

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SUBJECT: Assignment of Code Numbers

FROM: Commanding Officer
Kinki Civil Affairs Region
APO 25

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TO: Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343
Att'ni: Finance and Civil Property Division
Civil Affairs Section

1. Pursuant to verbal allocation of code numbers, the attached codes for precious metal accounts are forwarded herewith.
2. Request concurrence.

1 Incl:
Additions to code (quad)

CHESTER D. HAYSLEY
Colonel, Infantry
Custodian

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1st Ind

DET/ms

Hq. Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 10 August 1949

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1 Incl
n/s

G. H.

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Osaka Mint

5 August 1949

Assignment of Code numbers:

(Mr. Shaw, GPC, assigned block of 630 to 700 to O. H. to use on Japanese coins not previously assigned code numbers).

CODE	DENOMINATION	METAL	ERA	ADDITIONAL NOMENCLATURE
630	1 Bu	Ag	Tempo	
631	1 Bu	Ag	Meiji	
632	1 Shu	Ag	Kaei	
633	2 Shu	Ag	Heiva	
640	Chogin	Ag	Kei	Futatabo
641	Chogin	Ag	Kei	Yotsubo
642	Chogin	Ag	Kyoho	
643	Chogin	Ag	Genbun	
644	Chogin	Ag	Bansai	
645	Chogin	Ag	Tempo	
646	Chogin	Ag	Ansei	
650	Hameitagin	Ag	Keicho	
651	Kameitagin	Ag	Genroku	
652	Hameitagin	Ag	Kei	Futatabo
653	Hameitagin	Ag	Kei	Mitsubo
654	Hameitagin	Ag	Kei	Yotsubo
655	Hameitagin	Ag	Genbun	
656	Hameitagin	Ag	Bansai	
657	Hameitagin	Ag	Tempo	
658	Hameitagin	Ag	Ansei	
659	Hameitagin	Ag	Kyoho	
660	5 Monme	Ag	Heiva	
661	1 Ryo	Ag		Ginban, Akita
662	2 Bu	Ag		Ginban, Akita
663		Ag	Teisho	Baiyao
670	10 Ryo	Au	Nanen	
675	1 Ryo	Au	Nanen	
676	1 Ryo	Au	Kei	
680	2 Bu	Au	Nanen	
681	1 Bu	Au	Nanen	
682	1 Bu	Au	Kei	
685	2 Shu	Au	Tempo	
686	2 Shu	Au	Nanen	
687	2 Shu	Au		Kosha Kokin
688	2 Shu	Au		Kosha Kosadakin
689	2 Shu	Au		Kosha Koshigekin

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CODE	DENOMINATION	WEIGHT	GRA	ADDITIONAL NOMENCLATURE
690	1 Shu	Au		Kochu Kokin
691	1 Shu	Au		Kochu Koshigekin
692	1 Shu	Au		Kochu Kosadakin
693	1 Da	Au		Kochu Kokin
694	1 Da	Au		Kochu Koshigekin
695	1 Da	Au		Kochu Kosadakin

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MINT
APO 25 Osaka Honshu

19 July 1949

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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOT 338.

THRU: COMMANDER OFFICER, KINKI CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION, APO 25.

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, EIGHTH ARMY, APO 343,
Att'n: Finance & Civil Property Division,
Civil Affairs Section.

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1. Disposition instructions are requested for six gold bars, weight 225.6 grams, presently located in item 1, lot 338, Osaka Mint.

2. Gold was deposited in the Mint on 27 September 1948 pending investigation. Trial by Japanese Court resulted in fine for defendant but no mention was made of confiscation of gold. All information available here is presented as part of letter from Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, copy forwarded herewith as inclosure to this letter.

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1 Incl:
Ltr from CG 25 Div.

CHESTER D. HAINES
COLONIA INFANTRY
CUSTODIAN

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EST/ra

Hq. Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 20 July 1949

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1 Incl:
w/c

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BASIC: Ltr, Osaka Mint, 410.2, subj: "Disposition Instructions
for Lot 338", dtd 19 July 49

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 26 July 1949

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343.

Forwarded to your headquarters for information and instructions.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
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/s/t/ A. SEIPEL
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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AGMGF 410.2 3rd Ind
SUBJECT: Disposition Instructions for Lot 338.

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343, 3 August 1949

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500
Attention: Civil Property Custodian, Comptroller Division,
Precious Metals Branch

1 Incl
n/c

J. A. O'B

AG 410.2 (19 Jul 49)CPC/AD 4th Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS, APO 500
19 October 1949

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference is made to letter to Commanding General, Eighth Army, 20 June 1947, subject, "Treatment of Precious Metals Held in Custody in Imperial Mint in Osaka," from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

2. It is desired that the 6 gold bars referred to in basic communication be retained in custody, and that ownership of said property be recorded as "Japanese Government."

3. Subject gold bars will be processed under the provisions of paragraph 2a, reference 1 above.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

1 Incl
n/c

/s/ t/ C. D. CONLEY
Major AGD
Asst Adj Gen

AGM/GF 410.2 5th Ind
SUBJECT: Disposition Instructions for Lot 338. (19 July 1949)

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343, 21 October 1949

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1 Incl: J. A. O'B
n/c

AG 410.2 - BA 6th Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 27 October 1949

TO: Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, Apo 25

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1 Incl: P. L. N.
n/c

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Hq Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 28 October 1949

TO: Custodian, Osaka Mint, APO 25

1 Incl: G. M.
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MINT
APO 25, Osaka Honshu

6 July 1948

410.2

SUBJECT: Treatment of Precious Metals in Custody

Thru : Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
Att'ni: Civil Affairs Section, Finance and Civil Property
Division.

1. References:

- a. Letter, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 410.2 (20 Jun 47) CPC/CD, 20 August 1948, subject as above.
- b. Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, AGMOP 386.7, 14 September 1948, subject as above.
- c. Letter, this headquarters, 410.2, 30 January 1948, subject: "Disposition of Manufactured Articles of Precious Metals in Custody in U.S. Vaults, Osaka Mint, and 3rd and 4th indorsements thereon.

2. Mr O. C. Garst of the Economic and Scientific Section, GHQ, SCAP, and Mr George I. Purdy of the Natural Resources Section, GHQ, SCAP, inspected the following items on 21 September 1948 and recommended they be reserved for Japanese Industry:

LOT	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	WEIGHT
4	14	Forceps, w/platinum tips (crucible tongs)	20	Prs	1,922.9
25	1	Gold Chloride, bottled, sealed	83	btlc	2,075.0
25	3	Gold Chloride, bottled, seals broken	59	btlc	1,475.0
40	2	Spinnerets, large, Nickel, Chrome, Manganese	199	ea	1,163.3
40	3	Spinnerets, small, Nickel, Chrome, Manganese	99	ea	88.1
40	4	Wire, silver, approximately 10% gold, dia 2-3 mm	60	rolls	104,569.3
54	153	Rhodium powder, Purity 999.6	1	jar	401.0
54	154	Rhodium powder, Purity 999.6	1	jar	317.8
54	155	Rhodium powder, Purity 999.6	1	jar	1,246.0
54	156	Rhodium powder, Purity 999.6	1	jar	191.9
54	158	Iridium powder	1	jar	498.2
62	1	Silver wire, Purity 999.8	63	rolls	138,829.7
62	2	Silver-copper wire, Purity approx 60%, 2 & 3 mm	133	rolls	214,024.6
68	1	Gold Chloride, 1 gram glass vials	83	vials	83.0
89	1	Silver Solder, wt includes container	11	rolls	307.0
137	1	Silver powder, Purity 985.5, wt incl containers	1	box	23,806.4
170	1	Silver powder, Purity 996.0, wt incl containers	106	pkgs	248,211.8
177	1	Spinnerets, platinum	4	ea	29.2
321	1	Silver sheets, Purity 999.0	96	pc	688,787.0

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Ltr, Hq Osaka Mint, 410.2, Subject: Treatment of Precious Metals in Custody.

3. Inasmuch as the release of the Items listed in paragraph 2, supra, to the Japanese Industry has not been directed, and it is believed that the Industry is not in need of a majority of these Items, the following recommendations as to their disposition are made in order that treatment action as contemplated in paragraphs 2b and 3, reference 1a may be expedited:

Lots 4, 25, 40 (Item 4), 62, 68, 69, 137, 170, 177 and 321, process at Osaka Mint in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2b and 3, reference 1a

Lot 40 (Items 2 and 3), release to Japanese Industry

Lot 54, Transfer to the Custodian, U. S. Vaults, Bank of Japan, for processing.

CHESTER D. HAYSLEY
Colonel, Infantry
Custodian

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1st Ld

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Hq. Kiaki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 19 July 1949

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

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Ltr, Hq Osaka Mint, 410.2, Subject: Treatment of Precious Metals
in Custody.

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 25 July 1949

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

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AGMGF 410.2 - 3rd Ind
 SUBJECT: Treatment of Precious Metals in Custody

29 July 1949

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500
 Attention: Civil Property Custodian
 Comptroller Division
 Precious Metals Branch

J. A. O'B

AG 386.7 (6 Jul 49)CPC/AD th Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS,
 APO 500, 30 Sept. 49

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. It is desired that the physical custodian, United States Vaults, Bank of Japan, Tokyo, receive into custody from the Japanese Government 65,748.5 fine grams gold and 1,330,603.3 fine grams silver. These precious metals will be in the form of bars of mint or near mint fineness.

2. It is further desired that, upon receipt of information showing the accomplishment of the deposit mission described in paragraph 1 above, the physical custodian, United States Vaults, Osaka Mint, Osaka, release to authorized representatives of the Ministry of Finance, Japanese Government, against signed receipt, the precious metal laboratory items, commercial forms and other property itemized in the inclosed Authorization for Release Form Numbers 000367, 000368, 000369, 000370, 000371, 000372, 000373, 000374, 000375, 000376, 000377, 000378, and 000379.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

1 Incl
 Auth for Release
 Form Nos. 000367
 to 000379 inc (in Trip)

/s/t/A. J. REHE
 Major, AGD
 Asst Adj Gen

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5th Ind

4 October 1949

SUBJECT: Treatment of Precious Metals in Custody. (6 July 1949)

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

Inclosure has been withdrawn and forwarded, with information copy of basic communication and preceding indorsements, to the Custodian, United States Vaults, Osaka Mint, for action.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

1 Incl:
w/d

/s/t/J. A. O'BRIEN
CWO USA
asst Adj Gen

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AG 386.3 - BA

6th Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 11 October 1949

TO: Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25

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AG 386.3 - BA

7th Ind

REC/ms

Hq. Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25, 13 October 1949

TO: Custodian, Osaka Mint, APO 25

G. M.

[Signature]