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HEADQUARTERS
KYOTO MIL GOVT TEAM
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

CHH/cs

7 December 1948

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SUBJECT: Munitions Locating and Reporting

TO: Commanding General 25th Division, APO 25
Attention: 25th Division Ordnance Officer

Submitted herewith copy report control symbol ICR - 5 from the
Japanese National Rural Police, for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
As indicated above
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THOMAS R. HARBIN
1st Lt. Infantry
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
KYOTO MIL GOVT TEAM
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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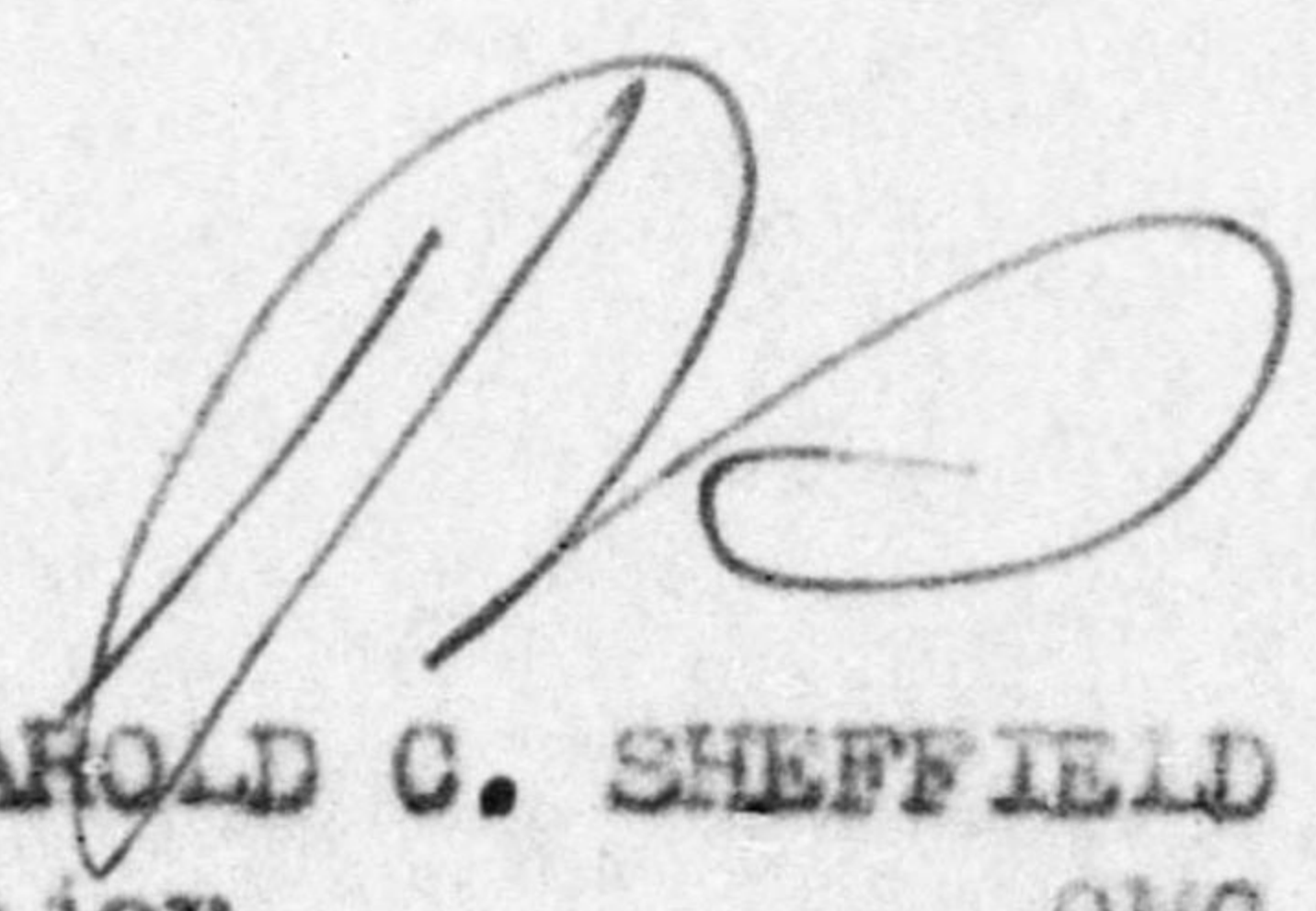
11 December 1948

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Commanding General 25th Division, APO 25
ATTN: 25th Division Ordnance Officer

Submitted herewith report on 'Discovery of Explosives by the
Japanese National Rural Police, Kyoto Prefecture, dated 10 December
1948, for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:


HAROLD C. SHEFFIELD
Major QMC
Adjutant

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As indicated

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Peace Preservation Division, Crimes
Prevention and Criminal Statistic
Section, Kyoto Prefectural Headquarters
of National Rural Police.

Kyoto, December 10, 1948

To : Col. Frank Kowalski,
Commanding Officer,
Kyoto Military Government Team Headquarters.

Subject: Discoveries of Explosives.

1. Following shown here is a report to your office on discoveries of explosives made December 3, 1948 in the jurisdiction of the Takeno District Police Station of National Rural Police.
2. A)
 - i) Date of Discovery: December 3, 1948, at around 11:00
 - ii) Geographical Location: North-western coast of Kyoto-fu, Kinki Districts, Honshu Japan.
 - iii) Precinct Police Station: Takeno-District Police Station of National Rural Police.
 - iv) Location of Explosive: On a rock of the shore, about 100 meters off from a house, Sunakata, popularly known as Ryugu Beach, Taida-cho, Takeno-Gun, Kyoto-fu.
 - v) Kind and Quantity of Discovered Explosive: One floating-mine; not known whether a U.S. Military property or a former Japanese Navy one.
 - vi) Action Taken by the Police: Fastened in cooperation with the Police and Civilians to the ground with wires so as not to float away.
- B)
 - i) Date of Discovery: December 3, 1948.
 - ii) Geographical Location: North-western coast of Kyoto-fu, Kinki Districts, Honshu, Japan.

- iii) Precinct Police Station: Takeno District Police Station of National Rural Police.
- iv) Location of Explosive: Taido Police Booth for Police Sergeants, Takeno-Gun, Kyoto-fu.
- v) Kind and Quantity of Discovered Explosive: One U.S. Army grenade-thrower; 10 cm in length and 7cm. in diameter.
- vi) Action Taken by the Police: In custody of the previously mentioned Police Booth for Police Sergeants ever since the date of receiving the information from a discoverer.

Yoshisuke Shibata
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Yoshisuke Shibata,
Superintendent, Kyoto
Prefectural Headquarters
of National Rural Police.

Translated by Gt. Mitamura.

KYOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 301 (Kyoto, Japan)

29 November 1948

SUBJECT: Swords

THRU: Liaison Office

TO: Kyoto City Police Bureau

Returned herewith is Police report, "Retention of Swords." Subject swords will be disposed of in accordance with Imperial Ordinance No. 300, 1946 and Operational Directive 75, 1946.

For reference see 1st Ind. Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, copy attached hereto.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl:
As indicated

THOMAS R. HARBIN
1st Lt. Inf
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
KYOTO MIL GOVT TEAM
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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13 November 1948

SUBJECT: Swords

TO: Commanding Officer, Kinki Military Government
Region, APO 301.

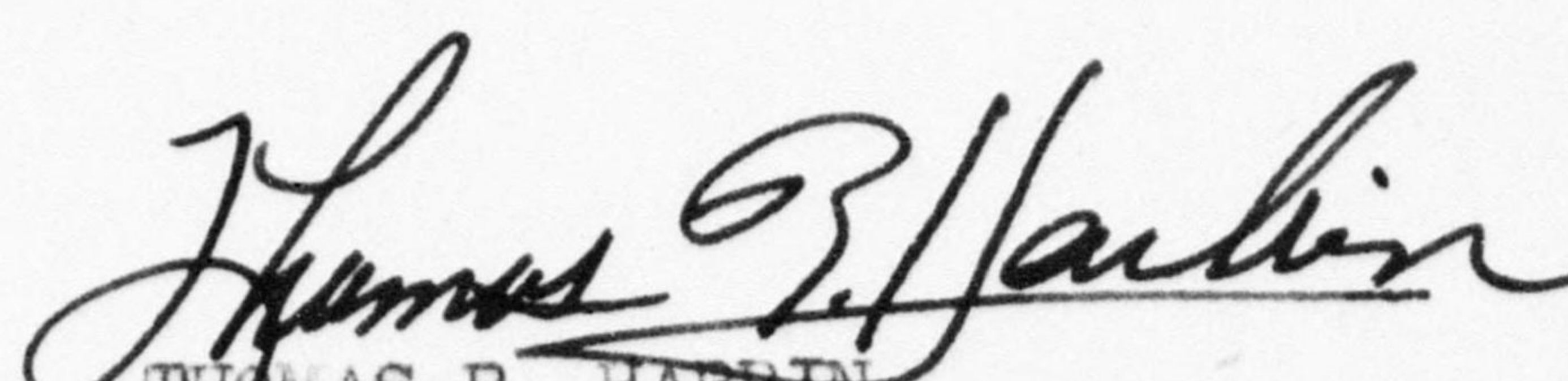
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2. It is believed that retention of these swords by the Japanese is a violation of Operational Directive Number 75, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 25 August 1946, as amended, unless special permission for their retention by the Dai-Ei Cinema Studio is granted.

3. The inclosed request for retention by the Dai-Ei Cinema Studio of the swords now in its possession for use in the making of motion pictures is forwarded for consideration. Retention of the swords by the Dai-Ei Cinema Studio is recommended.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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THOMAS R. HARBIN,
1st Lt. Infantry,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Kyoto Mil Govt Team, AFO 301, subj: "Swords," dtd 13 Nov 48

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Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, AFO 301,

24 NOV 1948

TO: CO, Kyoto Mil Govt Team, AFO 301

1. The retention of 39 nickel plated Samurai type swords appears to be a violation of Imperial Ordinance 300, 1946 and Operational Directive 75, 1946, as amended. Retention of the Chinese broadswords made of soft metal is a technical violation of the Imperial Ordinance in the same sense that painted bamboo or wood swords would be. However, there are provisions whereby certain weapons may be retained as indicated in attached English version of Imperial Ordinance 300.

2. It is therefore recommended that the swords in possession of the Dai-Ei Cinema Studio be disposed of in accordance with Japanese legal procedures.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BURNS:

2 Incls:
As indicated
(Imper. Ord. 300, 1946)

J. E. Englehardt
J. E. ENGLEHARDT
Capt., AGD
Adjutant

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KYOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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23 Nov 1948

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SUBJECT: Collection of Ammunition Brass and Scrap
THRU : Kyoto Liaison Office
TO : Financial Dept. Kyoto Branch, Osaka Finance Bureau

1. Reference is made to ltr, Kyoto Branch, Osaka Finance Bureau, subject: "To Gather the Bullet Scrap and Cartridge Case for Rifle and Machine-gun Use that was Buried in the Former Fukasaka Army Rifle Range", dtd 17 September 1948. (Incl 1)
2. Reference petition to collect ammunition brass and scrap is approved.
3. It is stressed that recovery operations must not hamper use of the range by the Occupation Forces and that upon completion of operations range must be returned to its original condition.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
As indicated above

THOMAS R. HAREIN
1st Lt. Inf
Adjutant

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KYOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 301 (Kyoto, Japan)

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18 October 1948

SUBJECT: Collection of Ammunition Brass and Scrap

TO : Commanding Officer
35th Infantry Regiment
APO 25, Unit 3

1. Enclosed petition subject: "To Gather the Bullet Scrap and the Cartridge-Case for Rifle and Machine-Gun Use that was Buried in the Former Fukakusa Army Rifle Range", dtd 17 Sept 1948, is forwarded to your office for your information and necessary action. *1079.5-1313*

2. The Miyagawa Co Ltd, request they be given permission to collect all caliber brass and scrap from the Nagaike range located at Kyoto-fu Kuze-gun Tonasho-mura. *1150,000-5251-1*

3. Permits have been granted to Miyagawa Co Ltd, by the Finance Ministry, in Tokyo the Osaka Finance Bureau and the Kyoto Branch of the Osaka Finance Bureau for the recovering of expended munitions.

4. Factory official state that with the use of seven (7) laborers, work will be completed within twenty-five (25) days. During this term, all responsibility for the restoration of the range will be held by the company and in the event of range practice by the Occupation Forces all operation will be postponed until the range has returned to normal.

5. Request concurrence of tactical troops as the range is still in use by Occupation Forces.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Thomas R. Harbin
THOMAS R. HARBIN
1st Lt., Inf
Adjutant

1 Incl
ltr (17 Sep 48)

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BASIC: Ltr, Kyoto, Mil Gov Team, APO 301, dtd 18 Oct. subj:
"Permission to collect old brass from Nagaïke range".

1st Ind

Headquarters, 35th Infantry Regiment, APO 25 Unit 3, 8 Nov 48

TO: Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25

AG 471
HQ 25th INF DIV

1. Your attention is invited to Basic communication.
2. The Nagaïke range located at Kyoto-fu, Kuze-gun, Tonasho-mura, Grid cord. (1079.5-1313.0) Map reference 1:50,000, sheet No. 5251-1, is not being used by troops of this command.
3. Request concurrence of tactical troops as this range is still being used by Occupational Forces.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Harold W Wilder
HAROLD W WILDER
1st Lt, 35th Infantry
Adjutant

Incl: n/c

AG 471 (E)(JM)

2nd Ind

Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, APO 25 17 NOV 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, 35th Infantry, APO 25, Unit 3

1. This headquarters has no objection to the Japanese collecting brass and scrap from the Nagaïke Range (1079.5-1313.0) while the range is not in use by Occupation Forces.
2. Care will be taken to insure that the range or range property is not damaged by this operation.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KEAN:



G. W. MASTER
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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471 3d Ind
Subject: Collection of Ammunition Brass and Scrap

Headquarters, 35th Infantry, APO 25, Unit 3, 18 November 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyoto Military Government Team, APO 301

Attention is invited to 2d Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HAROLD W WILDER
1st Lt, 35th Infantry
Adjutant

1 Incl:
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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT
 OSAKA FINANCE BUREAU
 KYOTO DISTRICT OFFICE

17 September 1948

SUBJECT: To gather the Bullet Scrap & the Cartridge-Case for Rifle & Machine-gun use that was buried in the former Fukakusa Army Rifle Range.

TO ; The Commanding Officer, Kyoto Military Government Team.

THRU ; Kyoto Liaison Office.

We have received the application of Miyagawa Co., Ltd. (Miyagawa Komusho.) to the effect that should like to gather, provided that observe the following items strictly, the buried bullet scrap and cartridge-case for rifle & machine-gun use in the former Fukakusa Army Rifle Range, (in use of Allied Forces).

Then, We respectfully beg your information concerning your eyes and noses for the above-mentioned gathering works after your investigation.

Following;

1. Above-mentioned works will be done the short term that is appointed by the Occupation Forces. (the gathering works will be finished for about 25 days.)
2. It sifts only the bullet scrap and the cartridge-case, so the Rifle Range will be never damaged.
3. the Applicant bear the responsibility for perfect restoration after the finish of said works.

M. Sakai

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 The Chief Of Kyoto District Office
 of The Osaka Finance Bureau.

Miyagawa Komusho:
Kyoto-shi, Fushimi-ku, Fukakusa, Nishi-kuboji-cho
(西久保町) Mr. Chusaburo Miyagawa

KYOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 301 (Kyoto, Japan)

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APO 25, Unit 3

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
Ltr (17 Sep 48)

THOMAS R. HARBIN
1st Lt., Inf
Adjutant

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OSAKA FINANCE BUREAU
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The Chief of The Kyoto District
Office of The Osaka Finance Bureau.

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KYOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 301 (Kyoto, Japan)

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21 September 1948

SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition

TO : Commanding Officer
35th Infantry Regiment
APO 25, Unit 3
ATTN: S-2 Section

1. The following listed ammunition, .25 and .30 caliber, has been discovered at the Uji Branch of the second Tokyo Military Arsenal located in Kyoto-fu Uji-gun, Higashi-Uji-cho:

- a. Rifle shell ----- 3 boxes
- b. Rifle shell, blank ----- 3 "
- c. Rifle shell case, w/cap ----- 1/3 "
- d. Rifle shell case, w/o cap ----- 1/3 "

2. Request ammunition be disposed of in accordance with Para 3a, Operational Directive 25, Hqs Eighth Army, subject: "Disposition of Enemy Supplies, Equipments and Facilities, dtd 9 April 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

THOMAS R. HARBIN
1st Lt, Inf
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS KYOTO MIL GOVT TEAM
APO 301 U.S. Army

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12 July 1948

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SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Commanding General 25th Division, APO 25
ATTN: Division Ordnance Officer

Submitted herewith negative report on "Discovery of Explosives" by
the Japanese National Rural police, for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
As stated above

THOMAS R. HARBIN
1st Lt. Infantry
Adjutant

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