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14 February 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. One conference, the regularly scheduled weekly conference with fire department officials, was held during the week of 7-12 February 1949. The Executive Officer was absent from this conference because of a meeting with the To officials on budgetary matters. The Superintendent of Machinery was also absent since he was out of the city on fire department business concerning the procurement of apparatus and equipment.
2. The chief of the fire department and other officials present reported progress in: (1) preparation of the final draft of the rules and regulations; (2) publicity campaign for the new fire reporting system; (3) preparation for holding of competitive examinations for appointment and promotion; (4) installation and testing of fire alarm headquarters equipment.
3. It is expected that the draft of the rules and regulations will be ready to submit to the To Council on 15 March.
4. Radio and newspaper publicity for the fire reporting system has begun and will continue.
5. It is anticipated that appointment and promotional examinations (separate examinations) will be held during April and that eligibility registers will be compiled by 1 June.
6. Installation of equipment is progressing satisfactorily. Both the Ministry of Communications and the Nippon Denki Company assure completion of their respective portions of the work by the end of February.
7. An inspection of new fire stations, Nos. 69, 2, 128 and 129 was made. Of this group only the first is now in service.

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28 February 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

Subject: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. One conference, the regularly scheduled weekly conference, and three meetings with fire department officials were held during the week of 21-26 February 1949. The Fire Marshal and the Executive Officer were absent from the weekly conference because of prior engagements.

2. Subjects of discussion were: (1) personnel transfers and assignments; (2) the officer college; (3) rules and regulations; (4) fire-fighting activities; (5) communications.

3. The transfer and reassignment of two assistant inspectors and twenty-eight sergeants was approved. These were routine transfers of company officers in the Fire-fighting Division.

4. It was suggested to the chief in charge of the officer college that the course of instruction be built around the new fire department rules and regulations and that all other material be omitted for the first few classes. The tendency is to want to pad the course, to make it fit a predetermined number of hours.

5. In the weekly conference, the Chief stated that it is expected the rules and regulations will be approved, published, and in effect by 1 April 1949. It was suggested that a promotional examination for the rank of chief inspector since there are now only two surplus officers in that rank and no eligibility register from which to make future promotions. The fire officials seem to be experiencing some difficulty in preparing those articles of the rules and regulations which govern such things as temporary and permanent physical disability, annual leave, property accountability, uniforms and official personal property.

6. The Deputy Chief reported the activities of the Fire-fighting Division for the week. There were 77 alarms during the week. There were 64 fires, three of which required the sounding of multiple alarms. Ambulances were dispatched in response to 52 calls. The average tsubo loss per fire was 14.5. The Deputy

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Chief reported that there were six incendiary fires in the Suginami Ward on 18 February. These fires were set by a group of teen-age boys who were later apprehended. It was suggested to the fire officials that the lads be taken on a conducted tour of fire department installations by either the Deputy Chief or the District Chief, that they be informed of the possible grave consequences of their pranks, and that they then be required to write essays on fire protection or on the daily life and work of a fireman.

7. The Chief of Communications submitted a report on the number of public telephones installed in the city. This information was requested a short time ago. There are at present 337 public telephone booths in the city; 122 are in the first district; 6 in the second district; 61 in the third district; 54 in the fourth district; 51 in the fifth district; 43 in the sixth district. An additional 200 booths will be installed by the end of this fiscal year and 700 more are planned for the next fiscal year. Mr. Nagahata reported that he had arranged with the Ministry of Communications to place information cards with the fire reporting number prominently displayed in each booth. It is anticipated that the number of fires reported by telephone will continue to increase. To further publicize the new fire reporting system, the Deputy Chief and the Fire Marshal were scheduled to participate in a man-in-the-street broadcast on 26 February. The Japanese newspapers have also given accounts of the new system.

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Metropolitan Fire Department

1. One conference, the regularly scheduled weekly conference, and three meetings with fire department officials were held during the week of 14-19 February 1949. The Chief and all division chiefs attended the weekly conference.

2. Subjects of discussion were: (1) transfer and assignment of personnel; (2) operation of central purchasing agency; (3) rules and regulations; (4) the officer college; (5) by-laws of the Tokyo Shobo Kyokai.

3. The transfer of sixty-five sergeants was approved. Most of these were assigned to the inspection units of the Fire Prevention Division. Only a few of the sergeants remain unassigned at this time.

4. The use of motor vehicles by the central purchasing agency was discussed. It was explained that a sufficient number of vehicles may be assigned on a full time basis but that since the Mechanical Division is responsible for maintenance of equipment all vehicles should be under the custody of the Superintendent of Machinery.

5. In discussion of approval for fire department rules and regulations it was explained by fire officials that under Japanese law certain rules may be approved by the Governor while others, known as regulations, must be approved by the Tokyo To Assembly. However, when approval is obtained, all will be combined into one volume to be known as the Basic Rules and Regulations for the government of the fire department.

6. Since much of the instruction to be given at the Officer College will pertain to fire department rules and regulations, and the proper application thereof, and since future promotional examinations will be based to a large extent on the same material it was suggested that a schedule be arranged whereby off-duty officers may attend the classes. In this manner a larger number of officers will have the benefit of training in the Officer College.

7. New by-laws for the Tokyo Shobo Kyokai have been drawn. These incorporate most of the suggestions which were made by the Fire Branch. Membership will be voluntary; the

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Chief will disqualify himself as a candidate for President; delegates from each battalion, elected by the members, will choose from among themselves the officers of the organization. The objectives of the organization remain much the same as before.

8. During the weekly conference the Chief stated that fire department officials have been invited to participate in a conference with police and health department officials on 24 February to determine what municipal agency shall transport bodies of persons killed in street accidents. Police and health officials want the fire department ambulances to be used for that purpose. It was explained that since the fire department now operates the only emergency ambulance service in the city, each ambulance serving approximately 275,000 people, this would place an added burden on the already over-taxed service.

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7 February 1949

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1. Several informal meetings and one formal conference with fire department officials were held during the week of 31 January - 5 February 1949.
2. Subjects of discussion were: (a) assignments of the 900-odd sergeants in the department; (b) matters concerning operation of the fire alarm headquarters; (c) the officer college; (d) misuse of fire apparatus.
3. Original lists of all fire department officers have been checked for accuracy. More than one hundred discrepancies were found. Some of these were because of resignations or death but the majority resulted from the fact that old Chinese characters used in names may be read in any one of a number of different ways. Four officers are still unrepatriated. An alphabetical listing of the 1467 active officers, showing rank and present assignment, has been compiled. The personnel section in fire department headquarters recently obtained some modern office files which will greatly facilitate maintenance of like records. All of the forms for personnel accounting and reports of unit activities, as recommended by the Fire Branch, have been adopted for use in the department.
4. Fire alarm headquarters equipment is being installed by the Nippon Denki Company under the supervision of one of their engineers. It is expected the installation will be completed on or about 20 February. Preparation of dispatch cards and installation of direct line telephones in all fire stations will be completed at about the same time. Instruction of the operators is continuing daily. The public relations section of the Fire Prevention Division will soon begin an intensive campaign to acquaint people with the new fire reporting system and to emphasize the importance of prompt reporting. A check of the fire records in Tokyo for January indicate that the number of fires reported by telephone was nearly double the number reported from watch towers. Another interesting fact is that the total tsubo loss in fires reported by telephone was about half of that in fires reported from watch towers.
5. Decision in the matter of courses to be taught at the officer college has not been reached as yet. Fire officials

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still persist in efforts to include long hours of instruction in subjects not directly related to the fire service. The new fire department rules and regulations will become one of the more important texts. Mr. Ankrom is currently engaged in the preparation of a course in leadership, adapted to the needs of the fire service, which will be of value in instruction of officers as his Training Manual for Firemen has been in the establishment of standardized instruction for recruit firemen.

6. Continued misuse of fire apparatus is observed in Tokyo. Such misuse usually involves using first line pumpers for hauling anything from building materials to drums of gasoline. It was pointed out to fire department officials that continued practices of this nature will be interpreted as an indication that the company involved is unnecessary as a fire-fighting unit and recommendations will be made to discontinue such companies.

7. A weekly conference between Fire Branch members and officials of the fire department was inaugurated. Conferences are to be held at 1330 on each Friday in the NYK building. It is hoped that in the near future all official business between the Fire Branch and the Tokyo Fire Department may be transacted during these weekly conferences. Fire department officials who have been requested to attend are:

Chief of the department
Deputy chief on duty
Executive officer
Fire marshal
Chief instructor
Superintendent of machinery
Chief of communications
Secretary to the chief

On the agenda for the weekly conferences are:

- a. A brief report by the chief on activities and events of the preceding week.
- b. Reports by other fire officials on progress made in projects under their cognizance.
- c. A summary of Fire Branch activities affecting the fire department during the preceding week.
- d. Questions by Fire Branch personnel on specific projects or activities.
- e. Questions by fire officials on policy, administration, or operational procedures.
- f. An outline of proposed work for following week.

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31 January 1949

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Metropolitan Fire Department

1. Five conferences with fire department officials were held during the week of 24-29 January 1949.
2. Subjects of discussion were: (a) fire department rules and regulations; (b) central purchasing agency; (c) organization of the Tokyo Shobo Kyokai; (d) fire department records; (e) the officer college.
3. The rules and regulations, with the exception of four articles to be prepared by fire department officials, have been accepted and approved with only minor changes. The four articles mentioned above will cover such details as sick leave, temporary and permanent disability, retirements and pensions. Sample regulations have been submitted by the Fire Branch but they must be adapted to fit Japanese standards.
4. The central purchasing agency, established in the accounting section of the General Affairs Division as a part of the reorganization, will begin full scale operation at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Additional storage space and equipment, as well as personnel, have been procured for the purchasing agency. Personnel, including recently appointed civilian clerks, are now undergoing specialized training.
5. The Tokyo Shobo Kyokai, an organization of employees of the Tokyo Fire Department, will be reorganized along more democratic lines than at present. Membership will be entirely voluntary. Officers will be elected by the members. It has been suggested that the chief of the fire department declare himself ineligible to hold office in the organization.
6. Fire department records will be studied and revised to conform with the requirements listed in the rules and regulations. Present records are unnecessarily detailed and complicated. Only such records as serve a useful purpose will be retained as part of the permanent record system.
7. The officer college is being established to provide advanced training in fire department administration, fire

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fighting techniques and fire prevention practices for fire department officers of the ranks of inspector and assistant inspector. The material to be taught, length of the course, and number of students were discussed. It has been emphasized constantly to fire officials that fire department training is of such a nature that training in other fields, particularly police, can not be used as a guide in determining the length of the course.

8. Fifty-six civilian clerks have been assigned to the various sections of headquarters. These clerks will be given a short indoctrination period before assuming their duties. The clerks were selected on the basis of competitive examinations and many of them are upper school or college graduates.

9. The switchboards and auxiliary equipment for the fire alarm headquarters have been delivered and installation and testing are now in progress.

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APD 500
24 January 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. Six conferences with fire department officials were held during the week of 17-22 January 1949.

2. Subjects of discussion were: (a) fire department rules and regulations; (b) requirements for appointment and promotion in the fire department; (c) recruiting; (d) building program for next fiscal year.

3. The rules and regulations prepared by the Fire Branch have been translated and each article and section is being discussed. Thus far only minor changes have been necessary. Basically, the rules and regulations are the same as those in effect in the District of Columbia Fire Department. When the current discussions are completed the finished draft (Japanese) will be submitted to this office for clearance before it is presented to the Tokyo To Assembly for approval.

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4. Requirements for original appointment as a fireman and service prerequisites for promotion have been established. These will be made a part of the rules and regulations.

5. In the discussion of future recruiting it was explained that the fire service as a career must be made more attractive if the higher type men desired are to be obtained. It was decided to establish eligibility registers for appointment on the basis of competitive examinations to be held not more than twice a year. In the past recruiting has been on a day to day basis without too serious attention to qualifications of individual applicants.

6. Proposed construction for the next fiscal year includes approximately 400 separate units. Many of these are small auxiliary buildings for oil storage or similar use. Fire department officials have been urged to proceed slowly in their rebuilding program. The tendency is to erect fire stations on sites owned by the municipality without careful consideration for the actual need of fire protection in the area concerned. Officials stated that funds were available, from appropriations, to build three stations but that the work must be started before March. This construction was approved as the fire protection in the areas will be improved by the addition of the stations. It is possible that one or two of the less desirable stations now in use may be closed when the new ones are completed.

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7. Five of the fire stations built, or being built, as part of the present fiscal year's program were visited and inspected. Two of these are on the same sites where stations were destroyed; the other three have been relocated to provide better protection in their respective areas. Construction work appears to be better than it was a year ago. By the end of March nine new stations will be in service.

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APD 500
17 January 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. Two conferences and two informal meetings with fire department officials were held during the week of 10-15 January 1949.
2. In the informal meetings the district chiefs of both platoons were present. Plans for the coming year were discussed and the importance of the district chiefs' part was stressed. District chiefs are the link between the fire fighting forces and the headquarters. Maintenance of high standards in discipline, training and administration, as well as the all-important responsibility of directing actual fire fighting operations, should occupy all of the time of district chiefs while in a duty status. A plan to compare records of tsubo loss per fire in each of the six districts was outlined. By this method it will be possible to accurately evaluate the effectiveness of fire fighting forces in the respective districts.
3. Two conferences on the establishment of a sound promotion system were held. It was decided to make promotions to the ranks of chief inspector, inspector, assistant inspector and sergeant on the basis of competitive examinations. Division chiefs will be selected by the chief of the fire department from among the chief inspectors with at least two years experience in grade. Such appointments shall be approved by the Governor. Service prerequisites for entrance to each type of examination were determined. Fire department officials explained that the fire department, as well as other municipal agencies, will be included in the provisions of the recently enacted new National Public Service Law at such time as it is implemented at municipal level. The standards now being established for promotion in the fire department, as well as for appointment to the fire department, may then be used in the municipal regulations.
4. The annual firemen's review held on 15 January marks another first in the Japanese fire service as this was the first time in the history of Japan that the review was entirely under fire department auspices rather than being police dominated as in the past.

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10 January 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. In several informal meetings with fire department officials during the week of 3-8 January 1949 various miscellaneous administrative and operational details were discussed.

2. Regulations for the fire alarm headquarters were submitted by Mr. Nagahata. These regulations, with minor changes, will be placed in effect. Mr. Nagahata reported that labor difficulties in the Nippon Denki company will delay completion of the switchboards by an estimated ten days. It was also reported that printing of the dispatch cards will be completed in late February.

3. Education division chiefs presented an outline of a proposed plan for the new officers' college. It appears that their program is somewhat over-ambitious and will not accomplish the purposes of the officer college, that is, to train staff officers of the fire department in administration, advanced fire fighting techniques and theories, and advanced fire prevention measures. Such training is designed to better qualify the officers for higher positions with increased authority and responsibility.

4. Mr. Ankrom reported keen interest displayed by members of the fire prevention inspection section in the first two lectures of his course.

5. Several sample fire department forms have been prepared and submitted to the headquarters. It is believed that adoption of these forms, and others to be prepared, will simplify routine reporting of unit, battalion and district activities. A request for a series of conferences with fire officials on eight subjects related to fire department activities was submitted to the chief on 6 January. It was suggested that the chief of the central purchasing agency try to expedite printing of the dispatch cards.

6. Deputy chief Oguchi submitted a detailed report on the fire which destroyed U.S. House 337 on the morning of 6 January. The fire, first discovered from a watch tower, had gained considerable headway before fire fighting units arrived. Five companies were dispatched to the location reported by the

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watch tower. Ten minutes following the initial report a telephone call reported fire at the correct address. Although the two locations are very close together, the latter report was treated as a separate fire (this is correct procedure) and five companies were dispatched. Two battalion chiefs and the chief of the fifth district also responded. All companies were in service at the fire and it appears that fire fighting was carried out as efficiently as possible.

While the report of this fire was interesting, it was pointed out to fire officials that the fire itself was no more significant than one in any similar Japanese occupancy.

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APD 500
3 January 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
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1. The week of December 27-31, 1948 was largely devoted to clearing up of routine administrative details related to the reorganization. Two meetings for the district and battalion chiefs of both platoons were held. These were attended by division and section chiefs of the fire department. The objectives of the reorganization were explained in detail and the part to be played by district and battalion chiefs to insure its success was emphasized. It was pointed out that the primary duties of district and battalion chiefs are those connected with direction of fire fighting operations and that chiefs materially weaken the fire defenses in their respective areas if they leave for any reason other than responding to emergency calls. Responsibilities of the fire fighting division in handling of fire prevention inspections were explained. Fire prevention, other than routine inspection work, will be the responsibility of the fire prevention division.

2. Two phases of the fire prevention program were discussed with Mr. Shigeno, the fire marshal. Responsibilities and duties of the inspection section members assigned to the six area units were outlined. An intensive ten-hour course in fire prevention functions is scheduled to begin on 4 January for all members assigned to the inspection section. Mr. Ankrom, of the Fire Branch, will conduct the classes. Organization of the investigation section was discussed. Mr. Matthews, who recently has investigated several fires in the Tokyo area with the chief of the investigation section, explained that the present section is unnecessarily large and suggested limiting the number to the chief inspector and the inspectors now assigned. This will be discussed further with Mr. Shioya in the near future.

3. Promotions and transfers of personnel will continue for some time until the best possible utilization of personnel is attained. The promotion of three assistant inspectors to the rank of inspector, effective 29 December 1948, was approved.

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6	Captain Jump	RAY
4	Captain Nealon	RAY
1	Administrative Officer	RAY
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APO 500
27 December 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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1. Several informal meetings were held with various fire department officials during the week of 20-24 December. Miscellaneous matters, both administrative and operational, were discussed.
2. All available officers in the inspector and assistant inspector ranks have now been assigned. The vacancies existing in these ranks will be filled by competitive examination as soon as fire department officials devise a satisfactory promotion policy. It has been suggested that three factors be used in establishing a final grade: (1) length of service; (2) an efficiency rating assigned by immediate superiors; and, (3) a competitive examination.
3. Work on the new fire alarm headquarters is progressing in a satisfactory manner. A visit was made to the factory of the Nippon Denki Company to inspect the switchboards now under construction. It appears that these instruments are of excellent construction and they incorporate many safety devices needed in equipment for emergency use.
4. Much of the surplus equipment which had cluttered the headquarters station for many months has been removed and this station now presents a better appearance. The two large wreckers built several months ago under the guidance of the Fire Branch, PSD, have been relocated for better coverage of the city. The superintendent of machinery plans to provide regular crews for these wreckers and to have them respond to all emergencies where such equipment may be needed.

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20 December 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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1. Four meetings with fire department officials were held during the week of 13-18 December 1948.
2. Personnel assignments continue to present the major problem. Dissatisfaction with the delay in completing the assignments of available officers was expressed and it was requested that these be completed by 20 December.
3. Establishment of a sound promotion policy, proper handling of disciplinary actions, resignations from and reinstatement in the fire department, revision of fire department rules and regulations, and revision of the Shobo Kyokai organization were discussed with the chief of the fire department.
4. It was explained to the chief of the fire department that the preparation of specific rules and regulations to govern administrative and operational procedures in the fire department will go a long way toward eliminating much of the confusion now connected with fire department functions. It was requested that the chief and his division chiefs consider carefully the proposed rules and regulations which have been submitted to them and that early approval action by the Governor and Assembly will be desirable.
5. Fire officials reported that response to recruiting efforts for civilian clerks had been very satisfactory. To date approximately 150 candidates have been examined and further examinations will be held in the near future. Many of the applicants have upper school or college training and it is hoped that the necessary number of qualified clerks will be assigned to headquarters divisions in a short time.
6. Through Mr. Kiyose, of the Tokyo Fire Alarm Company, it was learned that fire alarm boxes purchased by private citizens were being installed in Nihombashi ward and that one of the battalion chiefs had been instrumental in collecting funds for such installation. This matter was discussed with the chief of the fire department, the deputy chief, the executive officer and the communications chief. It was pointed out that fire alarm boxes

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installed without consulting the communications section of the fire department may not be in accordance with the plan for the proposed fire alarm system in Tokyo. It was further emphasized that battalion chiefs have as their primary duty the supervision of fire-fighting operations within their respective battalions and should not concern themselves with such specialized phases of fire protection as the installation of alarm boxes. It was further pointed out that on 21 August 1948 the chief of the fire department issued an order prohibiting any member of the fire department from soliciting funds for the operation or maintenance of any fire protection equipment.

7. An inspection was made of the room to be used as fire alarm headquarters. This room is now undergoing extensive repairs, including soundproofing with the best available locally procured materials. It is estimated that this work will be completed in three weeks.

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13 December 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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1. Three conferences with fire department officials were held during the week of 6-11 December 1948.
2. Personnel problems occupied most of the discussion time. The promotion of officers to the ranks of inspector and assistant inspector to fill existing vacancies was discussed. It was hoped that promotions could be deferred until the fire department can be placed under the civil service system but it now appears that the fire department will have to devise its own promotion policies.
3. Procedures to be used in the operation of fire alarm headquarters were discussed. The chief operator was advised to make these procedures as simple as possible.
4. Assignments of personnel to 61 key positions have been approved and officers concerned have reported to their new posts. Most of the 312 company officer assignments in the third and fourth districts have been approved.
5. In a meeting with the chief of the department and all division chiefs it was explained that the present promotion policy is considered inadequate and undesirable in many respects. Briefly, this system consists of the chief of document section selecting names from the mythical eligibility list, presenting them to the promotion board made up of all division chiefs for consideration. Men to whom no objection is voiced by any of the division chiefs are promoted. It was further explained that while promotion on a strict seniority basis is also undesirable it is the fairer of the two methods and should be used until such time as a reasonable promotion system, based on merit and competitive examinations, can be established.
6. It was learned in Saturday's conference that the room to be used as fire alarm headquarters still has not been vacated so renovation work can begin. It was pointed out to the officials that this procrastination is inconsistent with their positive statements during the past several months that the communication system is the key to the success of the reorganization. It was further emphasized that the chief of the fire department will be solely responsible if installation of communications equipment is delayed.

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7. It was explained to the fire officials that the delay in making promotions will not affect the assignment of personnel in the present ranks and that such assignments shall be made without further delay. The only condition is that the fire-fighting division shall be maintained at full strength and that no transfers will be made which will in any manner impair the efficiency of that division.

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1. Eight conferences with fire department officials were held during the week of 29 November - 4 December 1948.
2. The organization of the general affairs division and the functions of its sections were discussed. It appears that welfare work within the fire department organization is of vital importance during this time of economic stress. Most of the present work involves procurement of foodstuffs and other rationed goods at official prices for equitable distribution among all members of the department and civilian employees.
3. A decision was reached on the formation of the welfare section. This completed the reorganization of the headquarters. Each division and section now has a definite allowance of uniformed and civilian employees. While the reduction in total personnel assigned was not as large as had been anticipated, it is believed that operation will be much more efficient under the new plan. The work of all sections has been studied and apportioned according to purpose and process and sections have been placed under the control of the proper division chiefs.
4. The assignment of personnel was discussed. Eighteen key positions were filled according to the procedure outlined in the original conference on reorganization on 17 August 1948. The appointment of the two civilian engineers in charge of the two fire department repair shops to the rank of chief inspector was approved. This involves no increase in salary for the men but it was stated that the shops could function more efficiently under uniformed personnel. The promotion of the senior inspector (ten years) in the fire department to the rank of chief inspector was authorized. This man is also assigned to specialized work in the mechanical division. These changes create an excess of three chief inspectors in the department. Fire department officials agreed that future vacancies will be filled from the present chief inspectors, two of whom will continue to serve as battalion chiefs.
5. A discussion of the work to be done in fire alarm headquarters was held with the communication chief and the chief of building and repair section. The urgency of this work was emphasized and it was pointed out that the work should start immediately.

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6. Proposed assignments of 12 battalion chiefs and of section personnel numbering 40 were submitted and approved.

7. Proposed assignments of company officers in the third and fourth districts were submitted. These assignments, numbering 312, are now being studied.

8. An application to return to the Tokyo fire department was submitted by two former members currently employed in the National Fire Defence Board. It was stated by fire officials that a considerable number of men now working in fire departments in Tokyo To, outside the metropolitan area, earnestly desire to return to Tokyo. Decision on the two men in NFDB was deferred.

9. The despatch book, with a total of 2500 assignments, will be completed by 10 December. After checking by battalion chiefs it will be ready for the printer.

10. The communications chief is now engaged in instructing fire alarm operators in procedures to be followed in the new alarm headquarters.

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APC 500
29 November 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. Five conferences with fire department officials were held during the week of 22-27 November 1948.
2. The Chief of building and repair section, General Affairs, reported that he would be unable to carry out his work in a satisfactory manner with the personnel assigned to his unit. Discussion of this problem revealed that estimates for the three sections of General Affairs had been submitted by Chiefs Shinoda and Hokota without consulting the section chiefs. It was then decided to reopen discussion of the reorganization of General Affairs. These discussions were delayed because of two holidays and Chief Shinoda's absence from the city until 26 November.
3. The four-man committee appointed in August to study conditions in fire department headquarters reported that their task was completed. This committee has done a good job and been conscientious in its recommendations, some of which were unpopular with their superior officers in the headquarters.
4. Organization of the accounting section and the building and repair section was decided. To establish a central purchasing agency, some civilian clerical personnel are added to the accounting section. To properly supervise building and repair work, seven engineers are assigned to the building and repair section. A pool of firemen will be organized to handle most of the repair work, working on days off on a schedule prepared by the section chief.
5. The four-man committee was assigned the job of studying the present fire department rules and regulations and making recommendations for revisions.
6. The organization of only one section, the welfare section, remains to be determined. Fire department officials state that a considerable number (27) must be assigned to full-time work in handling welfare. It is my opinion that welfare work of the type and nature which benefits all firemen should be done by firemen on a voluntary basis and that only a few key personnel are necessary to coordinate the work.

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7. The room designated for fire alarm headquarters will be vacated on 1 December and work will begin to place it in good condition.

8. It is anticipated that personnel assignments for the headquarters will be completed this week and that all company officer assignments will be completed by the middle of December.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500
22 November 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. Four conferences with officials of the fire department were held during the week of 15-20 November 1948.
2. Fire prevention functions were discussed. Again it was emphasized that the responsibilities of the fire department in carrying out provisions of the Fire Service Law and Tokyo Fire regulations should not overlap or conflict with those of other municipal offices. Close cooperation is essential, especially with the Construction Bureau.
3. The layout of equipment for fire alarm headquarters was discussed. It was explained that the equipment and files used in receiving alarms and dispatching apparatus should be conveniently located to minimize the necessary movements of fire alarm operators.
4. Organization of the fire prevention section was completed. The new organization represents an increase in personnel but work formerly done in the battalions will now be handled by qualified fire prevention inspectors. The four divisions of fire prevention functions include inspection, investigation, public relations and records.
5. A tentative layout for fire alarm headquarters was established; positions of switchboards, relay racks and similar equipment was decided. Positions of maps, desks and files will be determined by trial and error at a later date.
6. The Superintendent General expressed satisfaction with the new organization and promised complete cooperation in carrying out the plan with the least possible delay. There remains one minor point relative to the general affairs organization to be decided. It is anticipated that complete headquarters organization, with assignment of personnel, will be finished early in December.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
15 November 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. Four conferences were held with officials of the Tokyo Fire Department (Fire Prevention Department) during the week of 1-6 November 1948.
2. Application of Article 7 of the Fire Service Law (approval of building permit applications by the fire department) was discussed at length. Fire officials consider it a part of their job to check construction details, advise the applicants of necessary changes, and to follow the progress of construction work to completion. The fire officials also desire that district, battalion and company officers act as inspectors to check on building permit applications.
3. Application of the Fire Prevention Regulations enacted by the Tokyo To Assembly in September 1948 was discussed. It appears that these Regulations place responsibility for enforcement of the Fire Service Law upon the fire department wherever the Law refers to "municipal by-laws". For example, the fire department examines applicants for permission to handle dangerous materials.
4. It was explained to the fire officials that as far as Tokyo is concerned the phrase "chief of fire station" in the Fire Service Law is without meaning and therefor district, battalion and company officers should not have the responsibility of checking building permit applications or the authority to approve or disapprove such applications. Fire prevention inspections made by men of the fire fighting department will be routine in nature and deficiencies noted will be reported to the fire prevention department for necessary corrective action.
5. In acting upon applications for building permits the fire department will consider only the type of construction which is proposed and the possible exposure hazards. The zoning map prepared by the Construction Bureau (Tokyo) and the standards for new construction established by Construction Ministry Ordinance No. 6, dated 27 October 1948, will be used by fire department inspectors in determining approval of applications. It was pointed out to the fire officials that they are not consulting architects and should not presume to take over functions of the Construction Bureau in checking complete details of plans.

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6. Two conferences were held with fire department officials responsible for establishing the new fire alarm headquarters. Organization of this unit was completed. Because of transportation difficulties it was decided that the three-shift system is impractical at this time. The operators will work on a two-shift schedule, with each shift divided into equal groups. A group will alternate four hour on-duty and off-duty periods during the working day.

7. A visit was made to a manufacturer of office equipment in an effort to find suitable filing cabinets for use in fire alarm headquarters. A manufacturer of equipment similar to that made by Cardex was located and negotiations between him and the fire officials have begun.

8. It was suggested to fire officials that work begin on the room to be used as fire alarm headquarters not later than 1 December 1948. The room is now occupied by units of the fire prevention department but it is anticipated that most of these men will be transferred to the field by 1 December.

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APO 500
8 November 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. Five conferences were held with officials of the fire department during the week of 1-6 November 1948. The Superintendent General attended the last of the conferences. It had previously been decided that it would be unnecessary for heads of departments whose organizations had been established to attend further conferences unless requested to do so. These department heads have been working on selection of key personnel and will submit recommendations within a few days for approval. Reorganization of fire department headquarters was the subject of discussion in all conferences.

2. Organization and functions of the Mechanical Department were discussed. The chief of this department is a qualified engineer who has a very good conception of the duties and responsibilities of his organization. The problems of maintenance and replacement of apparatus are more serious than was at first believed. Much of the present apparatus, although comparatively new, was manufactured during the sub-standard war years and is unreliable. When standards are established by the Mechanical Department, and a suitable manufacturer is located, a program of replacement will be instituted. This will undoubtedly mean greatly increased budgets for next year. The chief of the Mechanical Department plans to replace uniformed shopmen with civilian mechanics but under present conditions it is difficult to keep good mechanics on the wages the fire department can pay.

3. Discussions were started on the Fire Prevention Department. This organization, established about two years ago, has mushroomed into a rather unweildly outfit without too definite ideas of where they are going or how to get there. Increased authority and responsibility thrust upon the department by the enactment of the Fire Service Law last July has further complicated the situation. The tendency is for officials to insist upon the urgent need for additional personnel. Because of the importance of fire prevention as a line activity the organization of this department is receiving special attention. An analysis of the work has been made and functions of the department outlined as follows:
(a) supervision and coordination of inspection work done by regular members of fire fighting companies; (b) maintenance of a special corps of inspectors to make technical inspections and follow up on deficiency reports from company inspectors; (c) investigation of

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fire; (d) issuing of permits and licenses in compliance with existing laws and regulations; (e) public relations; (f) maintenance of complete records and statistics. Fire officials had nothing further to add to this list.

4. The scope of routine inspections to be made by the company members was discussed. It was suggested that groups of technical inspectors be assigned to work in each of the six districts and that these groups supervise company inspections in addition to their regular work of inspecting such buildings and installations as require engineering or technical knowledge.

5. The operation and organization of an investigation unit was discussed. Mr. Matthews was called into the conference at this point and he outlined investigation procedure and the operation of an investigation unit which he considered suitable for Tokyo. There are at present three men who have completed the Arson Investigation Course at the NFDB and three men are members of the class now undergoing training. These men will form the nucleus of a ten-man investigation section.

6. Administrative and operational procedures to be followed in the enforcement of Article 7, Fire Service Law, were discussed. Mr. Angell explained PSD interpretation of the article and outlined efficient methods of compliance with the law. It was suggested that the units assigned to districts, mentioned in paragraph 4 above, be given the responsibility of handling such inspections as are necessary in connection with approval or disapproval of applications for building permits. This may require the addition of three or four men to each unit but it is contemplated that all members of the unit will be qualified to pass on building permit applications. It was stated that under present conditions applications for building permits are submitted to the various ward offices where most of them (about 65 % in September) are acted upon without any reference to the fire department. This is undesirable since many of the smaller, less important buildings (ward offices may issue permits for buildings of less than 27 tsubo) present the most serious fire prevention problems.

7. In a conference with the Superintendent General and chief of General Affairs Department the organization and functions of the Central Office (Secretariat) were decided. Consolidation of work and the elimination of some duties resulted in reduction of 14 men from the former document section. A staff of one assistant inspector, two sergeants and two firemen was approved for the Superintendent General. The sergeants and firemen will work on the two-platoon system and serve as drivers and aides when responding to fires. The Superintendent General will submit names of recommended personnel for key positions in the Central Office for approval.

8. A name list of 62 men who reported to the fire department from the Santama area was submitted. Officers in this group will be assigned as company officers.

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9. Conferences on the organization of the Fire Prevention Department will continue for several days. This department will play an important role in the future in efforts to reduce the city's fire losses and should be set up to operate as efficiently as possible. There is need for instruction for inspectors, especially in the application of Article 7 of the Fire Service Law. Such instruction will be given, at least to key personnel, in the immediate future and long range plans include establishment of a school for fire prevention inspectors.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
1 November 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. Five conferences were held with fire department officials during the week of 25-30 October 1948. The Superintendent General attended three of these conferences and all departments were represented in four of the five conferences. In the fifth, the conference was with the Superintendent General alone. The reorganization of fire department headquarters was the subject of all conference discussions.
2. It was suggested that the present accounting section be raised to department status in view of the proposed plan to establish a central purchasing agency and a payroll unit to handle all department payrolls. It was suggested that qualified civilian personnel be placed in charge of all accounting work. It was suggested that activities and functions of the building and repair section be transferred to the Mechanical Department. It was suggested that the distribution of gasoline and lubricating oils, now handled by the accounting section, be made a function of the Mechanical Department. Elimination of the sub-sections of the Fire Fighting Department was discussed.
3. Separation of the accounting and building and repair sections from the General Affairs Department was opposed by fire department officials, principally on the ground that it would disrupt procedures established within the To governmental structure.
4. Results of the week's conferences were as follows; (a) sub-sections of the Fire Fighting Department were abolished, retaining only one assistant inspector on the staff of each of the two deputy chiefs; (b) records and personnel will be handled by the secretariat, directly responsible to the Superintendent General. This involves transfer of the document section from General Affairs Department to the secretariat; (c) retention of the accounting, welfare and building and repair sections in the General Affairs Department. Personnel in the latter two sections was reduced by 60%. Personnel of the accounting section has not been definitely determined. Distribution of petroleum products will become a function of the Mechanical Department.
5. A report of the disposition of the disciplinary case

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involving personnel of the 28th Battalion was submitted. Action by the Disciplinary Committee resulted in dismissal for four firemen, voluntary resignation for four firemen and reduction from battalion chief to company officer for one officer. The appointment of YAMAZAKI, Kiyoshi as 28th Battalion Chief was approved.

6. A conference on communication problems was held with Capt. Blankenship, Chief Oguchi and Mr. Nagahata. The purpose of this conference was to clarify certain points regarding the implementation of the proposed plan for the communications system. Capt. Blankenship emphasized the fact that all maintenance work will be done by the Ministry of Communications, that the master switchboard will be serviced by the Nippon Denki Co., and that there will be no need for a staff of maintenance men in fire department headquarters. Chief Oguchi and Mr. Nagahata stated that it will be desirable and necessary to retain the switchboards in the present main fire stations even after the new system is in service. However, Capt. Blankenship and Fire Branch are in accord that the switchboards will not be needed. Communications problems will be discussed further in a meeting scheduled for 1 November.

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APD 500
27 September 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Board.

1. Meetings with various Fire Board officials were held during the week of 20-25 September.
2. The Superintendent General reported that the To Assembly had approved the Fire Board budget. In approving the budget, Assembly members indicated that future appropriations should include specific provisions for improvement of buildings, improvement of water supplies and the procurement of a smaller type of fire apparatus for use in areas where roadways will not accommodate heavy apparatus. Mr. Shioya further stated that the general attitude of Assembly members toward fire department problems seems to be improving.
3. The To Assembly passed certain regulations regarding enforcement of the Fire Service Law. Translations of these regulations are being made.
4. Transfer of Engine Company 134 from the 23rd Battalion to the 21st Battalion was approved.
5. Day-off and acting chief officers schedules have been prepared for deputy, district and battalion chiefs and all company officers of the First and Second districts.
6. A drill schedule providing for one two-hour practical drill for each unit every week has been prepared. A schedule for company officer instruction (to be given monthly by the battalion chiefs) is being prepared; a schedule for monthly meetings of battalion chiefs with district chiefs is being prepared. All training programs will be continuous and will begin within a short time. Elimination of the early morning drill periods resulted in a change of reveille hour from 0500 to 0600 (summer months) and 0700 (winter months).
7. Dispatch book assignments have been completed for 1341 chomes. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of November.

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APC 500
23 October 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Department

1. Five conferences were held with fire department officials during the week of 18-23 October 1948. The Superintendent General attended four of the conferences and each department was represented at every conference. All discussions covered the plans for reorganization of fire department headquarters. The reasons for reorganization of headquarters were outlined and it was pointed out that the average daily fire loss, in excess of 2½ million yen, presents a challenge to all officials responsible for providing fire protection for Tokyo's citizens. Bases for specialization and apportioning of work among units were explained and it was stated that the objective of headquarters reorganization would be to eliminate entirely the unnecessary work and to assign the essential work to units according to a logical plan.

2. Analysis of the functions and activities of the Education Department was undertaken as the first step in headquarters reorganization. A chart of the proposed organization was submitted to the fire department officials. It was suggested that efforts be made to place fire department recruiting under the civil service system and that all recruiting be suspended for the present. There are now 340 recruits undergoing training at the school. Approximately 100 men from departments in the smaller municipalities of Tokyo To will be reinstated in the Tokyo fire department on 1 November. This is a sufficiently large number of men to fill vacancies for the next five or six months. It was suggested that activities of the Engineering Institute, engaged in training drivers and operators of fire apparatus, be transferred from the Education Department to the Mechanical Department. After an inspection of the grounds used by the Institute, it was suggested that plans should be started for establishment of a modern fire department training school on that site, located in Kami-Takata, Nakano Ward. It was suggested that the 1st sub-section, fire fighting section, Fire Fighting Department, be abolished as of 1 November and that functions and activities of the sub-section be transferred to district and battalion chiefs. (This suggestion resulted from previous study of the sub-section's activities.)

3. At the end of the week's conferences the organization of the Education Department was resolved. Recruiting has been suspended. The Engineering Institute was transferred to the Mechanical Department. Plans will be started for a modern fire department training school in

Nakano Ward and appropriations will be requested for the next fiscal year. The two divisions of the Education Department will be the Training School and the Officer College. The former will train recruits and supervise six drill units which will visit fire stations to conduct drills and in-service training. The latter will offer advanced training in command and administrative functions to qualify officers for more responsible positions in the fire department organization. Actual reduction of personnel in the Education Department (about 15 %) was not as large as anticipated but it is believed that the men assigned will be performing more useful work than in the past.

4. Two conferences were held with representative of the towns of Asakawa, Fuchu, Kokubunji and the city of Musashino. Necessary revisions of the fire defense organizations of these municipalities were discussed. Asakawa, a town of 7,500 near Hachioji, will rely entirely on Shobodan for fire protection and the 12 men now assigned to that station will return to Tokyo. Fuchu will maintain one station and 38 men, returning 17 to Tokyo. Kokubunji will maintain three stations and 40 men, returning 30 men to Tokyo. Musashino will maintain five stations and 100 men, returning 26 men to Tokyo. Pay scales and hours of work have been established in the three organized departments. It was definitely stated that all of the men concerned expressed a desire to remain in the smaller departments. Officials of the four municipalities were urged to enter into mutual aid agreements with other towns or cities to insure quick response to calls for assistance in the event of a serious fire.

5. Tokyo fire department officials informally reported an attack on a battalion chief by firemen assigned to the station used as battalion headquarters. A full report was requested and this report was submitted. Interest in this incident centers around the methods used of disciplining offenders. It is believed proper that a fire department trial board be established and that this board hear all evidence and award punishment. This will be the subject of further study and recommendations.

6. A chart of the proposed organization of each of the other four headquarters departments was submitted to fire officials for study. It is estimated that headquarters reorganization will be completed in ten days or two weeks.

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APC 500
16 October 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Board Dept

1. Although Fire Prevention Week functions occupied most of the week of 11-16 October, four conferences were held on reorganization with MFB officials.

2. Personnel problems continue to be the principal subject for discussion. It is now quite evident that MFB officials are stalling in the selection and assignment of company officers in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th districts until possible reductions in headquarters personnel are effected. Therefore, conferences with the Superintendent General and all department heads have been scheduled for next week. Findings and recommendations of the four-man committee which has been investigating headquarters organization and activities, although not complete at this date, will serve as a guide. There still remains in the minds of some department chiefs a feeling that the importance of a department is determined solely by the number of men assigned. This has resulted in certain activities being handled by sections without benefit of supervision by the qualified department head. A general outline of an efficient headquarters organization has been submitted to MFB officials. It is anticipated that there will be a substantial reduction - perhaps as much as 60% - in personnel doing clerical work and that there will be some adjustment of sections.

3. The day-off assignments of 46 company officers in the first and second districts were adjusted.

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Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
15 October 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Progress Report for Week of 7 September 1948
to 11 September 1948.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. Reorganization Plan for Tokyo Fire Department.

Mr. McKibbin held three conferences upon this subject. All these conferences concerned personnel assignments.

2. Communications System for Tokyo Fire Department.

Mr. Brooks oriented Mr. Martin upon this subject. Mr. Martin will monitor this project during Mr. Brooks' absence on leave.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Catalogue of Fire Hose.

Mr. Angell prepared data for a catalogue to be issued by the Teikoku Seni Kasha, Ltd.

2. Visits to Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Matthews visited the Institute to arrange for spontaneous ignition tests.

All other visits routine.

3. Press Conference.

Mr. Angell and Mr. McKibbin conducted a press conference where the reorganization plan of the Tokyo Fire Department was discussed.

4. Reconstruction of City of Fukui.

Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Martin discussed reconstruction plans with officials of the Construction Ministry, NFDB, and representatives from Fukui Prefecture. Fire protection will be given major consideration in the new plans.

5. Rubber Lined Cotton Jacketed Fire-Hose.

The Sakura Rubber Company will attempt to manufacture this type hose. Mr. Angell will provide them with specifications.

6. Building Inspection.

Mr. Matthews made an inspection of the facilities of the Josco Company at Yokohama.

7. Model Report Form Manual.

Mr. Ankrom is engaged in compiling this manual for use by the NFDB.

8. Grading Schedule for Cities.

Mr. Ankrom, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Martin discussed this subject with engineers from the Fire Research Institute. Technical phases were fully explained.

9. Fire Prevention Week.

Mr. Ankrom is working with the Japanese on plans for Fire Prevention Week.

George W. Angell
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Chief Fire Administrator

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
13 October 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Progress Report for Week of 13 September 1948
to 18 September 1948.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS1. Reorganization Plan for Tokyo Fire Department.

Mr. McKibbin held seven conferences upon this subject. The committee detailed to investigate headquarters organization have completed first assignment. Company officers in the first two districts have been assigned. Schedule for the training of fire fighters is being drafted. A request for the transfer of eleven inspectors to headquarter was disapproved.

2. Communications System for Tokyo Fire Department.

Mr. Martin conferred with Mr. Nagahata, Chief, Communications Section, MFB, upon this subject. Housing for fire alarm headquarters has been located. Action on budget is expected on or about 20 September 1948. Plans for installation of telephone lines are complete.

MISCELLANEOUS1. Ministerial Construction Ordinance.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom discussed this matter with officials of the Construction Board (Japanese). Several changes in this law will be necessary prior to submission for approval.

2. Inspection of Plant of Josco.

Mr. Matthews is completing a report on this inspection.

3. Site for Mechanical Section, MFB.

Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Martin are endeavoring to procure a portion of the property formerly occupied by the 720th M.P. Battalion for use as an automotive maintenance and storage pool by the Tokyo Fire Department. Some training would also be conducted here.

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4. Fire Prevention Week.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom are working on plans for Fire Prevention Week.

5. Fire Extinguishers.

Mr. Angell recommended that the Toyokawa Trading Company submit samples of their fire extinguishers to the Fire Research Institute for testing.

6. Visits to Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Matthews visited the Institute to confer upon arson course of instruction.

Mr. Martin visited the Institute to plan schedule for outside drill.

All other visits routine.

7. Motion Picture Projector Operators.

Mr. Angell discussed with Miss Stander, ESS/LA, the requirements for licensing of the operators. It was decided that operators of 16mm projectors using fire safe film need not be licensed.

8. Fire Prevention Section, MFB.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom conferred with Chief Shigeno and other officials concerning the organization of this section.

9. Amendments to Law of Fire Defense Organization.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Tashikawa, NFDB, discussed the matter of changing the words Administrative Bureau to Administrative Division. The latter term better defines its functions.

10. Revisions in Fire Service Law.

Mr. Angell is preparing some revisions in this law.

11. Conference with Officials of National Fire Defense Board.

Mr. Angell, Ankrom and Martin attended the weekly conference. The main topic concerned proposed changes in the Fire Service Law to conform with the Criminal Code.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
13 October 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Progress Report for Week of 20 September 1948
to 25 September 1948.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS1. Reorganization Plan for Tokyo Fire Department.

Mr. McKibbin held four conferences upon this subject. A schedule was drafted for instruction of company officers. The Tokyo To Assembly approved the fire department budget.

2. Communications System for Tokyo Fire Department.

Mr. Martin conferred with Mr. Kiyose upon this subject. The progress of installation of a box fire alarm system will depend upon how soon the Communications Section, MFB, can work out the activation plan.

MISCELLANEOUS1. Training Schools.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Martin attended the opening of training schools at the Fire Research Institute. These are the second classes to enter schools. Mr. Angell delivered an address of welcome.

2. Fire Prevention and Protection Text Books.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom talked with representatives of the Yurin Publishing Co. upon this subject. This company desires to translate and publish various texts now being used in the training schools of the Fire Research Institute. This matter will be further discussed with officials of the National Fire Defense Board.

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3. Importing of Jeep Type Fire Trucks.

Mr. Angell discussed this matter with Mr. Scott, representing the Willys Overland Co. The price (\$3500) appears prohibitive. Mr. Scott will further discuss this matter with Mr. Arai, National Fire Defense Board.

4. Ministerial Construction Ordinance.

Mr. Angell, Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Moeller conferred with representatives of the Construction Board (Japanese) upon this proposed ordinance. It was suggested that any new building laws be incorporated in the Urban Building Law. They will consult with the Japanese Attorney General to determine if this may be feasible.

5. Fire Pumper for City of Chofu.

Mr. Angell talked with Mr. Okawa, Mechanical Section, MFB, to ascertain if it might be possible to assign a fire pumper in good repair to the City of Chofu. This matter will be a subject of further study.

6. Acquisition of Property Occupied by Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Matthews talked with Mr. Tamura, NFDB, and suggested that application to acquire this property be filed. Mr. Tamura will consult with other officials of the NFDB.

7. Manpower Survey.

Mr. Ankrom engaged in compiling data for this survey.

8. Building Inspection for Fire Hazards.

Mr. Angell inspected the Tsujiki Kaikan Building.

9. Visits to Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Matthews accompanied Engineers of the Toyokawa Extinguisher Co. on a visit to the Institute. These engineers are interested in the testing of chemical type fire extinguishers.

All other visits routine.

10. Association of Fire Extinguisher Manufacturers.

Mr. Matthews visited the Taishan Extinguisher Co. to discuss plans for the organization of this Association. However, Lt. Col. Battey rejects our participation in helping form such Association.

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11. Survey of Fire Departments.

Mr. Martin made a survey of fire departments in Chofu and Fuchu. Due to lack of funds Chofu has no paid fire department and Fuchu contemplates making a reduction in their fire department.

12. Mutual Aid Plan.

Mr. Angell discussed this matter with officials from the Tachikawa Fire Department. The officials will attempt to establish such a plan with surrounding communities.

13. Fire Extinguisher Specifications.

Mr. Matthews is making a study of this subject.

14. Testing of Fire Extinguishers.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Matthews discussed policy for testing of fire extinguishers by the Fire Research Institute with Mr. R. Toyokawa, Toyokawa Fire Extinguisher Co.

15. Conference with Officials of City of Chofu.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Martin handled this conference. The Mayor of Chofu is convinced that he can increase the efficiency of the fire department by employing full time and fully paid operators on fire pumping engines.

George W. Angell
GEORGE W. ANGELL
Chief Fire Administrator

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
13 October 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Progress Report for Week of 27 September 1948
to 2 October 1948.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. Reorganization Plan for Tokyo Fire Department.

Mr. McKibbin held six conferences with the officials of the Tokyo Fire Department upon this subject. Nine fire stations will be built or undergo repairs. Funds will be taken from fire department budget. Other matters discussed at these conferences concerned disbursement of funds and the proposed communications system.

2. Communications System for Tokyo Fire Department.

Switchboard in headquarters has been installed and is in operation.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Assignment of Fire Pumping Engines to Chofu.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Martin conferred with Mr. Shioya and Mr. Shinota, Tokyo Fire Department and they agreed to assign two pumpers in workable condition to Chofu.

2. Manufacture of a Two Stage Centrifugal Pump.

Mr. Angell discussed this matter with Mr. Yamada, Toho Auto Engineering Co. and Mr. Yamada stated that his company will give consideration to manufacturing this type pump. He will further discuss this matter with Chief, Mechanical Section, Tokyo Fire Department, to determine requirements.

3. Urban Building Laws.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Matthews made recommendations to the construction Board (Japanese) that certain provisions of these laws be revised.

4. Visits to Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Martin discussed training schedule and training course for mechanics.

Mr. Matthews made a routine inspection.

Mr. Matthews and Mr. Martin attended classroom demonstrations.

5. Manpower Survey.

Mr. Ankrom compiled the data for Fire Branch.

6. Fire Department Mechanics Course.

Mr. Angell discussed this course with Mr. Endo who will act as Chief Instructor of this course. This man appears to have the qualifications necessary to this work.

7. Fire Service Law.

Mr. Angell held a discussion with Mr. Yosoka and Mr. Miyaji, NFDB, relative to changes in Article 35 of this law. It will be re-worded to give the fire department authority to completely investigate suspected arson fires.

8. Chofu Fire Dept.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Martin conferred with officials of this city upon fire protection facilities. It was recommended that the fire pumpers be manned by full time paid operators.

9. Mechanical Section, Tokyo Fire Department.

In a discussion with Mr. Angell, Mr. Okawa, Chief of this section stated that the painting of apparatus which formerly cost 200,000 yen is now accomplished in shops of this section at a cost of 80,000 yen.

10. Loan of Pumper to Mechanics School.

Mr. Martin made arrangements with the Tokyo Fire Department for the loan of a pumper to be used in teaching at the mechanics school.

11. Conference with Officials of Nippon Shobo Kyokai.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom attended this scheduled bi-monthly conference. This conference dealt with problems confronting the Shobodan members of this organization such as lack of adequate equipment, etc. All matters of importance will be further taken up with the National Fire Defense Board.

12. Conference with Officials of Boka Kyokai.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom attended the regular scheduled monthly meeting with officials of this organization. A scrutiny of their monthly budget expenditures was made and all items appeared in order.

13. Fire Prevention Talks.

Mr. Angell gave a talk to a soldier group at the Educational Center.

14. Fire Prevention Week Conference.

Mr. Angell conferred with Miss Jose, C.I. & E, upon this subject. All plans are in readiness for the week of 10 to 16 October.

15. Building Inspection.

Mr. Matthews made an inspection for fire hazards in a Chinese apartment house. He recommended that fire doors be left open to permit proper exit.

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Chief Fire Administrator

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500
16 October 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Board

1. Although Fire Prevention Week functions occupied most of the week of 11-16 October, four conferences were held on reorganization with MFB officials.
2. Personnel problems continue to be the principal subject for discussion. It is now quite evident that MFB officials are stalling in the selection and assignment of company officers in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th districts until possible reductions in headquarters personnel are effected. Therefore, conferences with the Superintendent General and all department heads have been scheduled for next week. Findings and recommendations of the four-man committee which has been investigating headquarters organization and activities, although not complete at this date, will serve as a guide. There still remains in the minds of some department chiefs a feeling that the importance of a department is determined solely by the number of men assigned. This has resulted in certain activities being handled by sections without benefit of supervision by the qualified department head. A general outline of an efficient headquarters organization has been submitted to MFB officials. It is anticipated that there will be a substantial reduction - perhaps as much as 60% - in personnel doing clerical work and that there will be some adjustment of sections.
3. The day-off assignments of 46 company officers in the first and second districts were adjusted.

CARLYLE R. MCKIBBIN
Fire Administrator

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500
11 October 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Board

1. Meetings with various Fire Board officials were held during the week of 4-9 October 1948.

2. Mr. Shiota reported events of a meeting at Osaka the previous week. This meeting was attended by chiefs or deputy chiefs of fire departments in the six largest cities of Japan and also by Mr. Arai of the NFDB. Problems common to all the departments represented were discussed. Among them were: (1) application of Article 7 of the Fire Service Law; (2) methods of handling arson investigation; (3) the need for a smaller type of fire apparatus; (4) communications; (5) Shobosan; and (6) welfare matters. Mr. Shiota explained the district-battalion system now being introduced in Tokyo and found considerable interest.

3. Mr. Okuna reported that work had begun on two fire stations, Oshima and Sugamo. This work will be completed about mid-November if progress is according to schedule.

4. There was further discussion of the accounting section work. It was suggested that fire department paydays be arranged to provide a more even workload for the section throughout the month. Specifically, it was suggested that payday for the 1st, 4th and 6th Districts be on the 10th of each month and for the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Districts on the 25th of each month. It was further suggested that a central purchasing agency be established and that no further purchasing or payment of bills be handled by the battalion chiefs.

5. Two tours of inspection were made, covering fourteen stations in the first and second districts. These inspections were unannounced and even the accompanying officials did not know which stations were to be visited. Conditions generally were very satisfactory. With the exception of headquarters, the stations were cleaner and the apparatus better kept than I have ever seen them. District and battalion chiefs and company officers were on duty as assigned. Some minor discrepancies were found and the correct procedure was explained to individuals concerned.

Follow up on report distribution

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
4 October 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Board

1. Meetings with various Fire Board officials were held during the week of 27 September-2 October 1948.

2. Mr. Okuna, Chief of the Building and Repair Section, reported that work on the first of nine fire stations would begin within a few days. The building or restoration of these nine stations was suggested several months ago by the Fire Branch to provide necessary fire protection in the areas concerned. Stations are as follows, in order of building priority: (1) Oshima; (2) Ikebukuro; (3) Sugamo; (4) Shimura; (5) Koume; (6) Kudan; (7) Osaki; (8) Rinko; (9) Ogu. Stations (2) and (4) will be new stations; others were burned out. Station (8) is a fireboat station. It was definitely stated by Mr. Shinoda that all funds for this work will come from appropriations and there will be no necessity for collecting money from individual citizens as has been done in the past.

3. There has been considerable discussion of the method of handling fire department payrolls. Fire Board officials state that preparation of payrolls is so complicated it will be necessary to have specialists assigned to each battalion to handle the work. This does not make sense and it was suggested that the MFB contact the Finance Ministry for guidance in establishing better disbursing facilities.

What is relationship of M/F with Municipal pay roll centering thru city of Tokyo - thru Tokyo?

4. Mr. Nagahata, Chief of Communications Section, reported that work has begun on the new switchboard for Fire Alarm headquarters. Estimated date of completion is late in December. Arrangements have been made for installation of telephone cable (400 pairs) from FA headquarters to the main telephone office on the Ginza. It was suggested that Mr. Nagahata concentrate his efforts on the first and second districts as soon as possible. Completion of even the basic telephone network seems to be several months away, however.

5. Mr. Shiota reported that members of the Police-Fire committee had inspected several of the fire stations and had particularly noted the lack of adequate fireboats. Recommendations for building two new boats will be submitted to the Assembly.

6. All personnel assignments have been made in the first and second districts and these districts were activated as of 0800 3 October.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APC 500
13 September 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Progress Report for Week of 30 Aug 1948 to 4 Sep 1948.
TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. Reorganization Plan for Tokyo Fire Department.

Mr. McKibbin held six conferences with officials of the Tokyo Fire Department upon this subject. All phases are progressing according to plan.

2. Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department.

There are no new developments to report concerning this project.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. "Fire Times."

A news item appeared in this newspaper criticizing the district battalion system plan. Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom conferred with the editor of this paper and he stated he published the contributed article in good faith but that he himself had no knowledge of the operation of this plan. After explanation of the operation of the plan he could appreciate the potential of increased efficiency and stated he would publish another article which would present the true facts.

2. Fire Prevention and Protection Motion Pictures.

The Fire and Marine Insurance Association sponsored the production of a motion picture in 1937 titled, "My Mother." This picture was viewed by the Fire Branch and can be effective in making people "fire-conscious."

3. Free Railway Transportation for Uniformed Firemen.

Mr. McKibbin completed arrangements with representatives of the railway companies to continue the policy of allowing firemen on duty and in uniform to ride the trains in Tokyo free of charge.

4. Fire Station Inspections.

Mr. McKibbin completed an inspection of Akasaka Fire Station.

5. Schedule for Classes at Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Matthews is engaged in revising the teaching schedule.

6. Model Report Forms.

Mr. Ankrom is engaged in drafting model report forms for use of fire departments throughout Japan.

7. Automatic Fire Alarm Device.

Mr. Angell conferred with representatives of the Thermo Fire Detector Mfg. Co. upon the practicability of a fire alarm device manufactured by that company. This device will be tested at the Fire Research Institute.

8. Fire Extinguisher Demonstrations.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Martin attended a demonstration of pump can foam, and carbontetrachloride type fire extinguishers manufactured by the Asia Company. Eighth Army is considering the purchase of these devices.

9. Inspection Section, Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Angell defined the mission of this section to officials of the Institute.

10. Earthquake and Fire Resistive Model Home.

2 Mr. Angell, Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Martin inspected this type home located in vicinity of D ave. and 17th st. Construction of this type will help greatly in retarding conflagration hazard.

11. Manpower Survey.

Mr. Brooks compiled work statistics of this Branch for use in manpower survey.

12. Uniform Materials for use of Shoboden.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Brooks conferred with representatives of the Firemens' Clothing Association upon this subject. It was made clear that purchase of uniform material for Shoboden in cities having a paid fire department will not be approved by this Branch.

13. "Burning Pits"

Mr. Matthews made arrangements for the digging of burning pits at the Fire Research Institute.

14. Manual Equipment.

Mr. Martin procured equipment for use in training of firemen and in testing laboratories of the Fire Research Institute.

15. Fire Department Survey.

Mr. Brooks prepared a questionnaire form upon fire department functions which will be disseminated throughout Japan by the National Fire Defense Board.

16. Fire Hose Pressure Tests.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Martin visited the Fire Research Institute to observe tests for rubber lined cotton jacketed fire hose. This hose failed to meet required test and manufacturers with attempt to improve the quality.

17. Weekly Conference with Officials of the National Fire Defense Board.

Mr. Angell, Matthews, Ankrom, Brooks and Martin attended this conference.

18. Catalogue of Fire Hose.

Mr. Angell will aid in compiling a catalogue to be issued by the Teikoku Sewd Hose Ltd.

19. Text Books.

Mr. Matthews procured from CI & E Library a set of general science books for use in teaching of classes at the Fire Research Institute.

George W. Angell
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500
18 September 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Board

1. Meetings with various Fire Board officials were held on 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 September. The Superintendent General attended the lectures on local autonomy at Tokyo University and two or three sessions of the Tokyo-To Assembly and was unable to be present at most of these meetings.

2. All company officers for the first and second districts have been selected and approved. Total personnel involved: 6 inspectors, 102 assistant inspectors and 270 sergeants. Acting battalion chiefs have been selected for the first and second districts (twelve battalions). Staffs for the deputy and district chiefs, consisting of one sergeant and two firemen for each chief, have been selected.

3. A proposed revision of the ranks of Fire Board personnel was discussed. The following ranks were suggested:

Superintendent General
Deputy Superintendent General
Chief Inspector
Inspector
First Fire Officer
Second Fire Officer
Sergeant
Fireman

This revision, which will be submitted to the Tokyo-To Assembly, eliminates the rank of assistant inspector and establishes the rank of second ~~fireman~~ fire officer to provide sufficient company officers. It was also suggested that the title "chief of fire station" be discontinued.

4. Duties and responsibilities of the battalion chief were outlined and explained. Duties of former main station chiefs have been so varied and often so unrelated to actual fire service activities that it is difficult for the Japanese to understand a chief devoting his entire time to fire department duties.

5. A revision of fire station daily routine was discussed. Firemen in the stations have been required to get up at 0500 and

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the three-hour period before change of platoons was spent in maintenance of quarters and equipment, drilling and the preparation of breakfast. It is felt that little benefit can be derived from such early morning drills or house work and that it is more desirable to make a schedule which conforms as closely as possible to a normal working day. The following schedule was suggested:

- 0800 -- Roll call; change of platoons
- 0800 -- 0950 -- Routine house work
- 1000--- 1130 -- School period
- ? | 1000 -- 1200 -- Drill period
- 1200 -- 1400 -- Drill period
- 1400 -- 1600 -- Drill period
- 2000 -- 0700 -- Sleeping period

This schedule is to be supplemented by a weekly drill schedule which will provide for one two-hour drill period per week for each platoon of every company. The weekly drill schedule will be so arranged that although thirty companies will be drilling at one time no two companies due to respond to any given alarm will be drilling at the same time.

6. The Boka Kyokai vacated the office space formerly occupied in MFB headquarters on 15 September.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
11 September 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo
Metropolitan Fire Board

1. Meetings with Fire Board officials were held in
PSD on 2,3,4,7,9 and 10 September.

2. Personnel problems occupied most of the time in each
of the meetings. Selections of company officers submitted by
the officials were revised in certain instances to take better
advantage of senior officers. A new problem has arisen involving
former MPB personnel who were "persuaded" to stay in the fire
stations outside of the 25 special wards when fire departments
were placed under municipal control last March. The fire station
at Chofu has been discontinued and MFB officials feel obliged to
reinstate one inspector, two assistant inspectors, four sergeants
and thirty-seven firemen. This seems to establish a bad precedent
since it is entirely probable that other stations outside the
metropolitan area, but within Tokyo To, will be discontinued, or
that individuals assigned to such stations will request reinstatement
in the MFB. Total number of former MPB personnel involved is
approximately six hundred.

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3. Mr. Kamiyo, chairman of the Fire-Police Committee, Tokyo
To Assembly, was invited to visit this office for a discussion of
the Shobodan problem. He came at 1000 on 9 September. A detailed
explanation of the vitally necessary improvements which could be
made in the MFB with the money which was being requested for the
Shobodan was given. The items of communications, fire stations in
unprotected areas, better fire boats and increased salaries for
firemen were stressed. It was also pointed out that in the event
of a disaster the resources and personnel of the occupation forces
are available for assistance. It was requested that Mr. Kamiyo
invite Governor Yasui to visit this office for further discussion.
Mr. Kamiyo stated that the governor's ill health may prevent his
coming but that he, Kamiyo, would relay the information completely
and accurately to the Governor.

4. On 11 September, Mr. Iwata, member of the Fire-Police
Committee, visited this office. The purpose of his visit was two-
fold: first, to ask for additional information on an item of two
million yen for the Boka Kyokai (Fire Prevention Association) in
the budget; second, to report on certain activities of the Boka
Kyokai within the past week. Mr. Iwata stated that there was no
request for budget for the Shobodan but that it had been indicated

that the two million yen mentioned above had been approved by GHQ. Calls to the MG offices of Mr. Abrams and Lt. Col. Sterling brought no additional information. Mr. Abrams was absent. Col. Sterling said he did not think the budget had been submitted for MG checking. Mr. Iwata, who will oppose the two million yen for Boka Kyokai, was told that the appropriation definitely did not have the approval of this office.

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5. Mr. Iwata further reported that on the afternoon of 3 September a meeting of 28 chiefs and 35 assistant chiefs of the Boka Kyokai, the chiefs of the Yotsuya, Kojimachi and Yodobashi fire stations, and "eleven Geisha girls" was held in the Yotsuya fire station. Speeches by Mr. Izuka, chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Yoshioka, chief of the Yotsuya fire station who was recently transferred to headquarters at the request of Chief Shigeno, Chief of Fire Prevention Department, without approval, bemoaned the fact that the Yotsuya station was being "abolished". They expressed hope that, though they must now accept the order of "a few men with 180 years' fire protection experience", a "change of administrators" would result in restoring Yotsuya to main station status. It was decided that the Boka Kyokai would not "abandon" the personnel of the Yotsuya station whom they had assisted in the past.

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6. Mr. Iwata further stated that he believed the recent order issued by the Superintendent General prohibiting the soliciting of funds by MFB personnel will be ineffective since there is no prohibition of accepting funds solicited by persons outside the Metropolitan Fire Board.

7. It is my personal opinion that the Boka Kyokai interferes, and will continue to interfere, with administration and operation of the Metropolitan Fire Board.

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CARLYLE R. MCKIBBIN *g.w.c.*
Fire Administrator

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
7 September 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Progress Report for Week of 23 August 1948 to 28 August 1948.
TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS1. Reorganization Plan for Tokyo Fire Department.

Mr. McKibbin held six conferences with the officials of the Tokyo Fire Department upon this subject. Twelve district chiefs have been selected and locations of district headquarters determined. Sixty-eight battalion chiefs were appointed. The company officers are now being selected. All phases of this plan are progressing satisfactorily.

2. Communications System for Tokyo Fire Department.

It is understood that 25 % of the budget requested for this project has been approved.

MISCELLANEOUS1. Press Conference.

Mr. Angell is preparing data for press conference to be held 8 Sept. 1948.

2. Fire Prevention Week.

Mr. Brooks attended conferences upon this subject with representatives of CI & E, MFB and the NFDB. Budgets were discussed and plans were made for programs to be held during Fire Prevention Week, 10 Oct to 16 Oct 1948, inclusive.

3. Special Tests.

Mr. Angell is making arrangements for the testing of fire hose, a hose clamp, fire resistive paint and an automatic fire alarm device at the laboratories of the Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Martin procured manual equipment to be used in the testing of fire hose.

4. Water Supply for Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Matthews attempted to find an alternate source of water supply for the Institute in case the present system was rendered inoperative. No alternate source is available.

5. Model Report Forms.

Mr. Ankrom is preparing a set of model report forms for fire department use.

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6. Drill Tower.

Mr. Martin selected site for location of drill tower on grounds of Fire Research Institute.

7. Demonstration of Fire Extinguishers.

Mr. Angell made arrangements with the Asia Trading Co. to witness demonstration of the water pump type fire extinguisher 31 August 1948.

8. Export of Linen Fire Hose to China.

Mr. Angell made a recommendation to the Kyosei Shoji Co. that no linen fire hose be exported to China until the needs of Japanese fire departments are fulfilled.

9. Breakdown of Deep Well Water Pump at Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Matthews and Mr. Martin visited the Fire Research Institute to investigate this breakdown. It will take approximately three days to complete repairs.

10. Expenditures of Boka Kyokai.

Mr. Ankrom reviewed expenditures of this organization for the period of 1 April to 31 July 1948, inclusive. No comments appeared in order.

11. Weekly Conference with Officials of National Fire Defense Board.

Mr. Angell, Matthews, Ankrom, Brooks and Martin attended this conference. It was decided that fire fighting instructor students at the Institute will take a short course in general science prior to beginning regular Instructors' Course. A study will be made of Article 31 of the Fire Service Law to determine if an amendment is necessary to allow the fire department a broader field in the investigation of arson. The functions of the Inspection Section were explained.

12. Schedule of Teaching at Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Matthews is engaged in revising this schedule.

13. Contribution for Fire Prevention by the Fire and Marine Association.

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This Association requested ~~this~~ Branch to prohibit the request for contributions from this Association. Mr. Angell stated that such prohibition was impossible but recommended that their Board of Directives adopt a policy of making contributions only to an organization interested in fire prevention and fire protection on a nation wide basis only. It is believed this recommendation will be accepted. Mr. Angell further discussed the matter with Mr. Royston of the Insurance Department, ESS, and he concurred in the opinion of this Branch.

George W. Angell
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Chief Fire Administrator

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
 SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
 Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
 PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APC 500
 7 September 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Board

1. Conferences were held with Mr. Shioya, Mr. Shinoda, and other officials of the Fire Board on 28, 29, 30, 30 August and 1 September 1948.

2. Selection of company officers is progressing in a satisfactory manner. Fire Board officials expressed a desire to make a large number of promotions of Sergeants to Assistant Inspector rank to fill positions of company officers. They were instructed to make no such promotions and detailed explanations were given showing that the positions could be filled from the present Assistant Inspector and Sergeant ranks. However, on 31 August, the Fire Board officials announced that they had promoted 62 Sergeants (35 from headquarters) to the rank of Assistant Inspector and that they would be assigned as company officers. ?

3. Although the Fire Board officials were specifically told in the conference with Lt. Col. Battey on 17 August 1948 that no transfers of personnel of Battalion Chief or higher ranks were to be made without approval of PSD, five Inspectors were transferred and assigned to new duties. Four of these men were transferred from fire stations into headquarters and one man was transferred from one section to another within the headquarters. These transfers were explained by Fire Board officials as essential for filling vacancies created by the assignment of three Chief Inspectors from headquarters as District Chiefs. Definite instructions for filling these vacancies had been given, to the effect that the men second in command of the sections involved should be appointed as section chiefs.

4. The decision on the above matters was as follows:

- a. To permit the promotions of 62 Sergeants to stand.
- b. To appoint the second in command to fill vacancies in three headquarters sections.
- c. To assign the four Inspectors transferred into the headquarters to the Fire Defense Department for temporary duty as a committee to study activities of various headquarters sections and make such recommendations as were indicated for reduction of personnel. The first assignment is for a study of the Guidance and Welfare Sections and report is to be submitted on 15 September.

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- d. To permit the inter-section transfer to stand.
- e. To take immediate steps leading to the removal of the Superintendent General should such deliberate violations of instructions occur again.

5. Considerable time was spent in discussing the Shobodan. Fire Board officials indicate a desire to reduce the present strength by approximately 30 % but it is still the opinion of the Fire Branch that no need for Shobodan as an auxiliary fire fighting force exists in metropolitan Tokyo. It was tentatively decided that the Superintendent General would inform the Governor that Shobodan is unnecessary for augmenting the Fire fighting forces under normal conditions. It is expected that the Governor will then indicate what emergency units he considers necessary.

6. On 30 August Mr. Kumagai of the Tokyo Kyuko Electric Line was contacted for the purpose of discussing the proposed withdrawal of the free transportation privilege extended to firemen in a duty status. A conference was arranged for 1 September with representatives of eleven transportation companies. At this meeting it was explained that the fire department is generally considered as a public service, emergency organization and that usually members of such organizations are extended the privilege of free transportation while in uniform and in a duty status. On 2 September, Mr. Kumagai, representing the companies involved, came to this office to say that the committee had approved a plan which will permit firemen to ride free while in uniform within the Tokyo To area. Mr. Shioya and Mr. Shinoda met Mr. Kumagai at that time and were informed of the decision.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APC 500
27 August 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Reorganization of the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Board.

1. Conferences were held on 23, 24, 25 and 26 August with Mr. Shioya, Mr. Shinoda, Mr. Hokota and Mr. Kawata.
2. The selection and assignment of two deputy chiefs and twelve district chiefs has been approved. District chiefs will continue in their present positions until further notice.
3. The selection and assignment of sixty-eight battalion chiefs has been approved. Battalion chiefs will continue in their present positions until further notice.
4. Mr. Shioya stated that the Governor has approved an appropriation of 46 million yen for the communications system. This will assure installation of the basic telephone network and will make it possible to establish a fire alarm headquarters which will handle the receipt of all alarms and the dispatching of all apparatus.
5. The problem of housing was discussed. The specific request of Fire Board officials was to obtain approval for the purchase of a dormitory in Bunkyo Ward. This dormitory, housing the families of twenty firemen, was built by the Hongo Boka Kyokai at a cost of 1,600,000 yen. There is a deficit of 400 thousand yen and the Boka Kyokai will give title to the building to the Fire Board if this amount is paid. This project was approved and the money will come from funds appropriated for the construction of an official residence for the Superintendent General. It was pointed out to the Fire Board officials that there are several areas in Tokyo where fire protection program should be concentrated on providing the necessary fire stations in these areas. It was also pointed out that providing for firemen and their families at public expense does not seem desirable at this time.
6. Efforts are being made to clear some of the deadwood out of headquarters. There are 25 Inspectors, 123 Assistant Inspectors and 194 Sergeants assigned to the offices of headquarters, the repair shops and the training school.
7. Schedules for days-off for district and battalion chiefs have been worked out and approved.

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8. The selection of company officers is progressing in a satisfactory manner. This involves the assignment of approximately six hundred men and since mass transfers are not desirable considerable thought must go into the selection and assignment in order that the men may remain as nearly as possible within the areas with which they are familiar.

9. The headquarters of four of the six districts have been relocated to take advantage of better stations and facilities. One station in the 29th Battalion was transferred to the jurisdiction of the 33rd Battalion and one station in the 33rd Battalion was transferred to the jurisdiction of the 29th Battalion.

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Fire Administrator

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
 SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
 Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
 PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500
 26 August 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Progress report for week of 16 August 1948 to 21 August 1948
TO: Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. Reorganization Plan for Tokyo Fire Department.

17 Aug. 1948. Lt. Col. Battey, Mr. Angell and Mr. McKibbin held a conference with officials of the Tokyo Fire Dept. to enlighten them as to the advantages of the district battalion system plan. The officials concurred that this is a good plan and agreed to proceed with its adoption.

18 Aug. 1948. Mr. Angell and Mr. McKibbin conferred with Chiefs Shioya and Hokata upon selection of key personnel, functions of administrative sections and general problems concerning all personnel affected by this plan.

Mr. McKibbin held conference the 19, 20 and 21 Aug to proceed with initial phases of this plan.

2. Communications System for Tokyo Fire Department.

The Tokyo To Council had budget plan for this project under consideration.

3. Instruction Course for Mechanics to be taught at Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Starr is drafting this course.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Visits to Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Matthews visited FRI to discuss policy of Mil. Govt. as pertains to the administration of the Institute. Also made one additional visit on routine matters.

don't understand what M. H. has to do with administration of FRI since it is established by laws. HET

2. Training Films.

Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Brooks visited Film Exchange to submit data upon number of and persons attending showings of film "Chemistry of Fire". Also procured an extension of thirty days additional loan period for the National Fire Defense Board to retain copies of this film.

Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Brooks returned recreation films to Film Exchange and procured additional reels for showing to students at the Fire Research Institute.

3. Information Material disseminated by National Fire Defense Board.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom conferred with Mr. Miyaji upon Fire Defense Law, Fire Service Law and Fire Prevention materials for schools now being disseminated by the Board.

4. Building Inspections.

Mr. Brooks inspected the Imperial Theatre.

5. Fire Escape Device.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Starr held a discussion with Mr. Okawa, Tokyo Fire Dept. regarding necessity of installing canvas escape chutes on various buildings in Tokyo. This Branch will give a further study to this project.

6. Testing of Rubber Lined Cotton Jacketed Fire Hose.

Plans are being made to test this hose at the Fire Research Institute.

7. Press Conference.

Mr. Angell and Mr. McKibbin are engaged in preparing material to explain the origin of the district battalion system plan and how it will improve the fire department operating procedure.

8. Nippon Shobo Kyokai.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom recommended that this organization confine its activities to promotion of fire prevention and fire protection activities only.

9. Fire Prevention Week Program.

Mr. Brooks attended a meeting upon this project at MFB. Budgets will be submitted and program of activity planned.

10. Inspection of Equipment.

Lt. Col. Battey, Mr. Angell and Mr. Starr inspected 5 ton wrecking truck at MFB.

Mr. Angell inspected a new heat actuating alarm device manufactured by the Taya Mfg. Co. This device will be tested at the Fire Research Institute.

11. Boka Kyokai.

Mr. Ankrom talked with officials of this organization regarding their plans for Fire Prevention Week.

12. Manufacture of Linen Fire Hose.

Mr. Angell discussed this project with Mr. Ito, Teikoku Seini Co., Ltd., and it appears that manufacturing of this product is proceeding as satisfactorily as might be expected.

George W. Angell
GEORGE W. ANGELL
Chief Fire Administrator

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APC 500
23 August 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Board Reorganization

1. On 19 August 1948, Chief Hokota brought the seniority list of all Chief Inspectors. Total is 22. Of these, fourteen are assigned to the fire fighting department, one to the Training School, one to the Palace fire brigade, and six to Fire Board Headquarters.
2. On 20 August a conference was held, attended by Mr. Angell and Mr. McKibbin, PSD, Mr. Shioya, Mr. Shinoda, Mr. Hokota and Mr. Kawata (Interpreter) of MFB.
3. Mr. Shinoda reported that a meeting of the Fire Committee, Tokyo To Assembly (17 of the 20 members present), was held at 1000 on 19 August. Mr. Shioya and Mr. Shinoda again explained the proposed reorganization plan and the committee promised approval and full cooperation.
4. A tentative list of selections for the positions of district chiefs was submitted. List taken under advisement.
5. Mr. Angell explained application of sections of the Fire Service Law and suggested that following order be issued to the Fire Board:

Officers or members of the Metropolitan Fire Board shall not enter into any negotiations with manufacturers, sales representatives or prospective purchasers of any fire protection, fire prevention or fire safety device of any kind (excepting negotiations in line of duty, with officials of the City of Tokyo), nor shall they recommend the purchase of or use of any such devices to the detriment of any other equipment which may be used for the same or similar purposes.
6. On 21 August a conference was held, attended by Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Brooks, PSD, Mr. Shioya, Mr. Hokota, Mr. Michi Kawata, Deputy Chief, and Mr. Kawata (Interpreter).
7. Seniority lists of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, a list of official residences and present occupants, information on recruiting and number of fires in 1948 were furnished.
8. The tentative selections for district chiefs were discussed.

The importance of the district chief's positions was compared to that of section chiefs in headquarters and it was emphasized that men with long experience in fire fighting should not be wasted in minor administrative positions. It was suggested that three of the six chief inspectors currently in headquarters be appointed district chiefs and that five of the chief inspectors with least experience be appointed battalion chiefs. The latter group will gain experience by acting as district chiefs.

9. It was suggested to Chief Shioya that recruiting be suspended indefinitely and that the activities of the training school be confined to in-service training. This was the first step to be taken in an effort to operate the fire department entirely on appropriated funds. Mr. Shioya stated that the average monthly loss from retirements, etc. is eighty men. He also stated quite positively that there is no difficulty whatever in obtaining budget for the total authorized strength of 7200 men, but that it is difficult to obtain money for the normal operative expenses, and that it is illegal to divert money appropriated for salaries into other channels. It was pointed out to Mr. Shioya that it is his responsibility as a public official to operate his department as efficiently and inexpensively as possible and that it is his duty to tell the Mayor and Assembly where savings can be effected. It is our private opinion, as yet not openly expressed, that the Fire Board can give adequate fire protection with approximately five thousand men.

10. Translations of the first five suggested orders were furnished. These orders were issued on 21 August.

11. Deputy Chief Kawata reported that the dispatch book for the Second District will be completed by the end of this month. He further reported that day-off and acting-chief schedules will be completed within a few days.

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Fire Administrator
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APC 500
23 August 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Progress Report for Fire Branch for Period of 9 August to 14 August 1948.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS1. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department.

9 Aug. Mr. Angell, Mr. McKibbin conferred with members of the Fire Committee, Tokyo To Council who rejected reorganization plan as proposed by this Branch.

11 Aug. Lt. Col. Battey and Mr. McKibbin conferred with Mr. Yasui, Governor of Tokyo To, and advised the Governor that the Public Safety Division believed that the reorganization plan should be adopted as proposed by the Fire Branch. The Governor stated that he would notify the Superintendent General of the Fire Department to put the plan into operation at once.

2. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department.

The Tokyo Council has not made a decision regarding appropriation for this project.

3. Instruction Course for Mechanics, to be taught at Fire Research Institute.

This course of instruction will be placed in operation sometime in November 1948.

MISCELLANEOUS.1. Visits to Fire Research Institute.

Mr. Matthews made five visits to the Fire Research Institute to review utilization of buildings, attend regular weekly conference and to attend graduation exercises.

Mr. McKibbin addressed the graduating class.

Mr. Brooks attended the weekly conferences.

2. Activities of Shobodan and Tokyo Shobo Kyokai.

Mr. Ankrom conferred with Mr. Shiya, Chief of Tokyo Fire Department, regarding activities of these two organizations. The Chief considers a Shobodan unnecessary in central Tokyo. The Tokyo Shobo Kyokai is an organization composed of paid members of the Tokyo Fire Department and engages in social and welfare activity only.

Mr. Brooks conferred with Mr. Shigeno, Chief of Fire Prevention Tokyo Fire Department, concerning activities of the Shobodan. Mr. Shigeno would make no official statement but, as a private citizen, believes a Shobodan in Tokyo to be unnecessary.

3. Tokyo Fire Department Budget.

Lt. Col. Battey and Mr. McKibbin visited the offices of the Military Government Team of Tokyo to discuss this budget. Lt. Col. Sterling and Mr. Abrams, MGT, stated that they will give this office every cooperation in eliminating any unnecessary items.

4. Fire Prevention Week Program.

Mr. Brooks is working upon this project and conducted several conferences with official of the Tokyo Fire Department.

5. Special Addresses.

Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Ankrom prepared and delivered addresses upon Fire Prevention and Fire Protection to the Prison Group.

6. Activities of the Shobo Pump Kogyokai.

Mr. Ankrom conferred with Mr. Yamada, Toho Auto Engineering Co., regarding commissions paid this organization but since it has not been dissolved no action will be taken by this Branch.

George W. Angell
GEORGE W. ANGELL
Chief Fire Administrator

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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APD 500
19 August 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Progress report by Metropolitan Fire Board officials

1. A conference on fire department reorganization in NYK on 18 August 1948 at 1000 was attended by Mr. Angell and Mr. McKibbin, of PSD, and Mr. Shioya, Mr. Hokata and Mr. Kawata (Interpreter) of the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Board.

2. Mr. Shioya stated that he had met with the Governor and received specific instructions (oral) to carry out the reorganization of the Fire Board. He further stated that both he and the Governor desired assistance in obtaining budget for the communications system.

3. Mr. McKibbin explained that the entire communications system need not be provided for in the current budget but that only a sufficient amount to cover installation of the basic telephone network was necessary.

4. Mr. Shioya stated that he had talked with Mr. Kamiyo, Chairman of the Fire Committee, Tokyo To Assembly, who indicated that committee approval would be forthcoming. Mr. Kamiyo stated that he had discussed the problem with Mr. Ishihara, Chairman of Assembly would be forthcoming.

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If you wanted it follow up daily until its under way.*

5. Information was requested as to accomplishment of suggested steps in preparation for activation of remaining five districts. Suggestions were made to MFB officials in June when the First District was activated. It appears that little or nothing has been done, except for the work on the revised dispatch book which is progressing satisfactorily.

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6. Information on personnel (seniority lists and assignments) and on official residences will be furnished promptly and it is anticipated that the twelve district chiefs will be selected by the end of this week.

7. The necessity for arranging schedules for days-off for chief officers and schedules for acting chiefs was emphasized. It was explained that the assignment of the same days off to chiefs in adjoining battalions should be avoided.

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Fire Administrator
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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AFG 500
16 August 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Progressive Report for Fire Branch for period of 2 August to 7 August 1948.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department.

Mr. Angell, Mr. McKibbin, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Starr and Mr. Brooks conferred with several groups from different Wards of Tokyo and explained operation of the proposed reorganization plan. It was also pointed out that more efficient operations will result from the adoption of this plan.

2. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department.

The Tokyo Council has under consideration the budget appropriation for this project but have as yet reached no decision.

3. Drafting Instruction Course for Mechanics to be taught at Fire Research Institute.

This course of instruction will be placed in operation at some-time in November 1948.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Visits to Fire Research Institute.

a. Mr. Matthews made numerous trips to the Institute to discuss property utilization.

b. Mr. Ankrom visited Institute to teach operation of motion picture projector.

c. Mr. Angell and Mr. Martin visited Institute to direct setting up of laboratory equipment for the testing of small fire appliances.

d. Mr. Martin delivered a lecture upon training methods to students at the Institute.

2. Recreational Films.

Mr. Ankrom procured recreational films from C I & E for showing to students at the Fire Research Institute.

3. Orientation session for students of Fire Research Institute

Mr. Matthews, Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Martin conducted this session at which comparisons were made between operation of fire departments in the United States of America and Japan.

4. Special Visits.

Mr. Matthews visited Kawasaki to discuss a plan for reorganization of the fire department in that city.

5. Importing of Fire Appliances.

Mr. Starr conferred with a representative of the Asia concerning importing this type of equipment.

6. Fire Prevention Week.

Mr. Brooks and Mr. Martin visited MFE to begin plans for this project.

7. Reports.

Mr. Ankrom completed all daily and Weekly Reports.

Carlyle R. McKibbin
for GEORGE W. ANGELL
Chief Fire Administrator

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISIONAPO 500
5 August 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Progress Report for Fire Branch for Period of 26 July to
27 July 1948.
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TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS1. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department.

This project is now under consideration by the Fire Committee of the Tokyo To Council.

2. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department.

The budget for this project is now under consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS1. Fire Research Institute.

a. Mr. Matthews delivered an address to students graduating from the Arson Investigators Course.

b. Mr. Martin conducted a firemen's training class at the Institute.

2. National Fire Defense Board.

a. Mr. Starr discussed the procurement of uniform material with Mr. Arai. A system will be promulgated whereby the paid fire departments will be given priority of allocation of this material.

b. Weekly conference 30 July 1948. All matters discussed were, in general, routine.

c. Special conference 31 July 1948. Subjects discussed included personnel replacement problems, procuring of fire equipment, Fire Prevention Week and personnel training.

3. Inspection of Fire Fighting Equipment.

a. Mr. Starr inspected new model fire pumps trailer units of the Showa Company.

b. Mr. Matthews visited factory of the Japan Heavy Industries, Ltd., to inspect a ladder truck now under construction.

c. Mr. Angell and Mr. Starr visited the MFB to inspect and photograph a four ton wrecker truck procured from Army surplus and for use of MFB.

d. Mr. Angell and Mr. Starr visited the factory of the Toho Automobile Engineering Co. to inspect and photograph a new gasoline tank truck to be used for delivery of gasoline to each fire station within Tokyo.

4. Inspection and Training Programs.

Mr. Martin conducted inspection and training programs at Kameari, Shiba and Tamaesawa Fire Stations.

5. Special Fire Training Contest.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Brooks visited Tamaesawa Fire Station to witness a fire training contest between members of the Fire Dept.

6. Reorganization of Kawasaki Fire Department.

Mr. McKibben and Mr. Matthews visited Kawasaki to propose that the fire department adopt the district battalion system plan. Consideration to this proposal is now in the hands of the city officials.

7. Historical Record.

Mr. McKibben worked with S & A compiling data pertaining to the Fire Branch.

8. Boka Kyokai.

a. Mr. Ankrom discussed Fire Prevention activities with officials of this organization.

b. Mr. Ankrom held a conference with officials of this organization 29 July 1948 to discuss budget, contributions, and expansion of organization.

9. Shobo Kyokai.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom held a conference with representatives of this organization who had met here and representing all of Japan. A general discussion of the objectives of the organization was held.

10. Press Conference.

Mr. Angell attended a press conference 29 July 1948.

11. Arson Course.

Mr. Matthews worked upon phases of this course with Mr. Marayama of NFDB.

George W. Angell

GEORGE W. ANGELL
Chief Fire Administrator.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
Public Safety Division

APD 500
26 July 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Progressive Report for Fire Branch for period of
12 July to 17 July 1948.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department.

On July 16 Mr. McKibbin talked with Municipal Fire Board officials on dispatch book. At this time assignments have been completed for 1st District with a total of 640 locations.

2. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department.

Progress satisfactory.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Cloth for Firemen Uniforms

On 15 July Mr. Kudo of Fire Clothing Association conferred with Mr. Starr requesting help in securing cloth for uniforms for Shobodan members. He was informed that Shobo Sho comes first and that Shobodan would have to wait.

2. Importing of Fire-fighting Equipment

a. In Mr. Starr's report for 2 July it was stated that ESS had refused to list sprinkler heads and alarm valves as import items. On July 13 it was reported that these items had been placed on the approved list.

b. Mr. Warner of Frazier Sokikk called asking about having fire-fighting engines placed on approved list for import. He represents a jeep fire engine company. Any answer to this question would have to wait Mr. Angell's return.

3. Fire Research Institute:

a. Mr. Starr is working on a mechanical course to be taught at Fire Research Institute. On 16 July he had a con-

ference with Dr. Kobayashi who is trying to obtain a professor from Imperial University, who taught internal combustion engines in the mechanical department, to teach in Fire Research Institute.

b. On 14 July conference was held with members of Fire Research Institute at which meeting it was decided that the school should be extended for one month during the session from 20 September to 20 December.

4. Fire Service Law

Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Matthews attended meeting of prefectural officials from eastern Japan at Toritsu 1st Middle School. Meeting sponsored by the NFDB for the purpose of discussing Fire Service Law and other fire problems. A short talk was made by Mr. McKibbin urging prefectural officials to await interpretation of NFDB enforcing law. During the week there were representatives from MFB and Fire Research Institute who conferred with various members of this office. They were all given the same information that was given the prefectural officials.

5. Educational Movies

On 16 July Mr. Ankrom reviewed script for motion picture entitled Kaji no Hanaski "Story on Fire".

6. Scientific and Mechanical Research

On July 17, Mr. Starr conferred with Nihon Zokki about making couplings for Sakura Rubber Company to be used on two test pieces of 2½ inch rubber lined hose.

7. Shobo Kyokai

On July 13, Mr. Ankrom held discussion with officials of Shobo Kyokai. Topics discussed included action of Shobodan in event of flood; morale of members of Shobodan; and various activities of Shobo Kyokai.

George W. Angell
GEORGE W. ANGELL
Chief Fire Admr.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
Public Safety Division

APD 500
19 July 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Progressive Report for Fire Branch for Period of
28 June to 3 July 1948.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department.

On July 1, Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Brooks conferred with 20 to 24 members of the Police and Fire Committee of the Tokyo-To Council concerning the district battalion system for Tokyo. The functioning of the system was explained and the Japanese officials asked them many pertinent questions. They showed considerable interest in the system and it appears likely that the plan will be approved.

2. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department.

Progress satisfactory.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Building Codes

On June 28, Mr. Angell, Mr. Martin and Mr. Starr conferred with Mr. Arai and other members of the National Fire Defense Board on the subject of building codes. NFDB want fire departments to have certain authorities for approval of building construction which normally should be the responsibility of the Construction Board. This office called attention to the fact that it was not feasible for the fire departments to have authority to approve or disapprove construction at will as the personnel of the construction board should be qualified to do this. The advice of this office was accepted.

2. Clothing for Firemen Uniforms

On 28 June, Mr. Angell discussed with Mr. Yamuka of the Tokyo Fire Department the probabilities of procuring cloth for uniforms for the members of the fire department. The members of the Tokyo Fire Department have not had uniform replacement during the past two years and this office will give them every aid in an attempt to procure this material but we are not agreeable to supplying same material for the officials or men

of the Shobodan

On June 29, Mr. Starr talked with Lt. Col. Waldron, Price Control, ESS, concerning availability of uniform material. Col. Waldron stated that a request for this material would be given consideration.

3. Importing of Fire-fighting Equipment

On 28 June Mr. Hudson of Mather & Platte, visited this office to discuss the importing of sprinkler heads. On June 29 Mr. Starr talked with Mr. Wm. S. Vaughn and Mr. Otis of ESS in regard to placing sprinkler heads and alarm check valves on approved import list. They concurred and will submit formal approval in the near future. On July 1st, Mr. Starr conferred with Mr. Hudson regarding this matter and Mr. Hudson reported that ESS has rejected his company's request for importing subject items but further conferences will be held.

4. Imperial Palace Fire Department

On 30 June Mr. Angell and Mr. McKibbin met with officials of the Tokyo Fire Department concerning operation of the Fire Department within the Palace Grounds. Chiefs Shinoda and Nakota representing the Tokyo Fire Department and Mr. Tamaura, the Imperial Guard, and present Chief of the Palace Grounds Fire Department for that Department were present at the meeting.

The results of this meeting are as follows:

1. One of the two fire stations in operating in the Imperial Palace Grounds will be closed.
2. The Palace Grounds Department will be operated under the 4th battalion and the Detached Palace Department will operate under the 3rd battalion.
3. Personnel will consist of 24 fire-fighters, 3 assistant inspectors and 3 sergeants.
4. Salaries will be paid from the Tokyo Fire Department budget.

5. Observation Class

On 28 June, Mr. Matthews visited Research Institute to conduct classes in observation. Students were given a specified period of time to observe a given area and were then questioned upon their observation. Results were satisfactory.

6. Shobo Kyokai

On 1 July, Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom in the company of Lt. Col. Dattay attended a conference with members of the Industrial, Price and Distribution and Anti-trust and Cartels Divisions of ESS to discuss activities of the Shobo Kyokai, Boka Kyokai and Kogyokai. The divisions named will make a study of activities of listed organizations and decided what course of action can be taken. The Anti-trust and Cartels Division will maintain liaison with Fire Branch. They also requested that this branch will continue investigation.

7. Article 7 of the Proposed Fire Service Law.

On July 1. Mr Angell had conference with two officials of the Construction Board concerning Article 7 of the proposed Fire Service Law. This article deals with issuance of building permits. The Construction Board wants this clause modified but this branch does not approve any modification. The Construction Board will give further study to this matter.

8. Shipment of Fire-fighting Equipment

On June 30. Mr. Starr procured two flat cars from MRS to enable the Inzuka Manufacturing Company to ship two new fire trucks to Toyama Keibodan. Fire trucks have been finished and ready to ship for more than a month but railroad officials at Shinagawa would not provide flat cars.

9. New Fire Laws

On 29 June Mr. McKibbin discussed with Chief Shigino and Mr. Okawa, Tokyo Fire Department, the subject of new fire laws sponsored by the Welfare Ministry pertaining to hotels, bath houses and places of public assembly. They were advised to consult the National Fire Defense Board on this subject.

10. Budget for Fire Alarm System in Tokyo

On 29 June, Mr. Brooks discussed budget for installation of fire alarm system in Tokyo with Mr. Kiyase of Tokyo Fire Alarm Company. Mr. Kiyose informed this office that construction of a fire tower at Maebashi has been suspended and that a box fire alarm system will be installed in its stead. This is in line with recommendations of this office. Mr. Brooks talked with Mr. Nagahata, Chief of Communications Tokyo Fire Department regarding budget for installation of fire alarm system. Progress on submission of budget is satisfactory.

Carly R. McKibbin

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APC 500
14 July 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Progressive Report for Fire Branch for Period of
6th to 10th of July 1948.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department.
Action suspended pending decision by Tokyo-to
Council.
2. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department.
Progress satisfactory.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Classes in Instruction at Fire Research Institute.
 - a. Mr. Angell, Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Martin attended official opening ceremonies of the school. Mr. Angell delivered an address. Meeting was attended by officials of the Japanese government, members of the National Public Safety Committee, and representatives of Municipal Fire Board and Public Safety Division.
 - b. A conference was held on the 9th of July with members of NFDB regarding qualifications for personnel attending school. It was decided that the next class would be comprised of assistant inspectors or higher rank and the school term would be extended one month.

2. Fire Service Law.

Conference with members of the NFDB regarding amendments which were not acted upon by the House of Counsellors and the House of Representatives when the Fire Service Law was passed on July 5th. It is understood that these amendments will be considered in the new session of the Diet.

3. Chapter 1, Book II, of Code of Criminal Procedure.

Mr. Angell wrote an interpretation of this Section to be disseminated to the Military Government Teams.

4. Scientific and Mechanical Research.

a. Mr. Yuki Sato of Sakura Rubber Co., Tokyo, brought specifications and samples of rubber lined hose, being manufactured by his firm for 8th Army using ramie in the place of cotton in the outer jacket. On July 8, Mr. Starr went through Sakura Rubber Company Plant to see process for making lined hose. This is only in the experimental stage as no tests have been made. In the near future pressure tests will be made.

b. Mr. Starr accompanied Dr. Ronde to Mr. Nohmi's factory in Nishiogikobu-ti to witness a demonstration of a fire reporting device similar to Aero in America. The test was highly successful.

5. Shobo Kyokai

a. Conference on July 8th. It was recommended that Shobo Kyokai confine its activities to acting as a benefit organization to members of Shobodan and their families. They agreed. They will confer with this office the last Thursday of each month to discuss the problems encountered during the month.

b. Conference on July 10 regarding liquidation of the materials now on hand, welfare work and publication of new fire magazine. It is satisfactory with office that the Shobo Kyokai sell materials they now have on hand. This office had no comment in regard to the welfare activity. This office declined to write an article for their magazine.

Carly R. McKelvin

for GEORGE W. ANGELL
Chief Fire Administrator

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
2 July 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Progress Report for Fire Branch for period 21 June 1948 to
26 June 1948.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department

Progress satisfactory.

2. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department

Action awaiting approval of project and budget by Tokyo-
To Council.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Classes in Instruction at Fire Research Institute

Mr. McKibbin, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Martin have been aiding
the instructors at the Fire Research Institute in conducting classes
in Fire Instructors' Training, Arson Investigator's Course and
training in fire fighting techniques.

2. Disaster Preparedness Plan

Mr. Angell is engaged in drafting a plan for fire depart-
ment operations for use at time of disaster.

3. Recreational Motion Pictures

Mr. Angell and Mr. Brooks procured from CI & E two motion
pictures for showing to students at Fire Research Institute. Mr.
McKibbin and Mr. Angell projected these pictures beginning at 2100
hours 22 June 1948.

4. Fire Fighting Responsibilities within the Palace Grounds

Mr. Angell conferred with Lt. Col. Battey and Mr. Eaton
upon this subject. It was decided that three fire fighters will
man each truck and will be supplemented by guards in event of
emergency. The guards will have responsibility for fire prevention
patrol.

5. Article No. 7. Fire Service Law

Mr. Angell redrafted this article which concerns issuance of permits for new construction. It is now under consideration for approval.

6. Fire Station Construction Programs for City of Tokyo

Mr. McKibbin worked upon this project. It was decided that there will be no further construction until supplemental budget is approved.

7. Weekly Conference with Members of National Fire Defense Board

Mr. Angell and Mr. Brooks attended this conference. All matters discussed were routine.

8. Communications Meeting at Dai Ichi Building

Mr. Brooks attended the weekly meeting. Capt. Blankenship prepares memorandum for record.

9. Address to be delivered to Press Conference 7 July 1948

Mr. Angell prepared an address to be delivered to this group.

10. Investigation of Shebo Kyokai and Related Organizations

Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom engaged in this activity, Mr. Angell informs Lt. Col. Battey daily as to progress.

11. Inspection and Training Program

Mr. Martin conducted inspection and training program at Suginami Fire Station.

12. Field Trips

Mr. Starr is in the field on temporary duty.

13. Reports

Mr. Ankrom prepared all daily and weekly progress reports.

George W. Angell
GEORGE W. ANGELL
Chief Fire Administrator

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500
24 June 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Progress Report for Fire Branch for period 14 June 1948
to 19 June 1948

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department

Following a series of discussions upon this project the target date for activation of all remaining fire districts was set at 1 Sept 1948.

2. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department

a. Cabinet Order authorizing the Ministry of Communications to take over the Fire and Police communications system was passed by the Cabinet Ministry.

b. Preparation of budget is progressing satisfactorily.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Opening of Training Schools at Fire Research Institute 14 June 1948

All members of Fire Branch attended. Mr. Angell and Mr. McKibbin delivered addresses of welcome.

2. Model Arson Law.

Mr. Angell is engaged in drafting a Model Arson Law for consideration by the Public Safety Committee, House of Councilors.

3. Training Films

Mr. Angell and Mr. Brookes reviewed training films which may be used in conjunction with courses at Fire Research Institute.

4. Fire Prevention in Schools

Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Martin showed a motion picture of emergency evacuation of schools at the Bunkyo Ward School.

5. Field Trips

Mr. Ankrom departed on field trip 14 June 1948 and Mr. Starr departed 15 June 1948.

6. Disaster Preparedness Plan

Mr. Angell is preparing plan for consideration of the Public Safety Committee, House of Councilors.

7. Procurement of Fire Fighting Appliances

Mr. Martin procured fog nozzle, plug pipes, fog applicators and foam proportioners for use at Fire Research Institute.

8. Weekly Conference with National Fire Defense Board

All matters discussed were routine. Mr Angell, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Martin attended.

9. Fire Instructors' Training Course, Arson Course and Fire Fighter Training Course at Fire Research Institute

Mr. McKibbin, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Martin are aiding the Japanese Instructors in the teaching of these courses.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APD 500
16 June 1948

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Progress Report for Fire Branch for period 7 June
1948 to 12 June 1948.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department

Several meetings were held with officials of Tokyo Fire Department.

a. Discussed operation of the First District, which is operating according to plan.

b. Outlined a plan for drafting Rules and Regulations to govern the Tokyo Fire Department under the new District Battalion system.

c. Proposed the early activation of the remaining five districts in the Tokyo Fire Department.

2. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department

a. Attended communications meeting with representatives of Civil Communication Section and Japanese Government in Dai Ichi Building. Ministry of Communications has completed tentative plans for rehabilitation and extension of telephone alarm system. Tentative estimate of cost is ¥5,289,694.

b. Cabinet Order transferring the police and fire department wire plant to the Ministry of Communication will be submitted to the cabinet 11 June 1948.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Weekly conference with members of National Fire Defense Board

Subjects discussed were as follows:

a. Bacteriological tests for water supply will be made monthly by Public Health Office and more frequently at the Fire

Research Laboratory. Food supply for students has been arranged for, also transportation. Training films are to be procured and various fire demonstrations are to be arranged. Students will furnish their own writing materials. This conference was attended by all members of Fire Branch.

2. Importing of Sprinkler Heads

a. Mr. Angell and Mr. Starr conferred with Messrs. Hudson of Mather and Platte Co., regarding importation of sprinkler heads from England. Referred them to Mr. Vaughn of ESS.

3. Visits to Fire Research Institute

a. Mr. Angell and Mr. Matthews, to inventory equipment necessary for use in conducting experiments and demonstrations.

b. Mr. Ankrom, to check construction progress, which was found to be satisfactory.

c. Mr. Martin, to check training progress of the Institute fire-fighting complement.

d. Mr. Starr, to arrange for the grading of the grounds of the Institute. Work to commence 10 June.

e. Mr. Angell, to conduct experiments with materials producing explosive dusts.

f. Mr. Matthews, to assist in disposal of bomb from the grounds of the Institute.

4. Reorganization of Fire Prevention Section, Tokyo Fire Department

a. Mr. Brooks talked with Chief Shigero about inspection forms to be used in the Fire Prevention Bureau. Forms were prepared by this office. Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Starr also worked on this.

5. Official Opening of Fire Research Institute

a. Mr. Angell was engaged in preparing final details for opening of Fire Research Institute on June 14, 1948.

6. Films Previewed

a. Messrs. McKibbin and Matthews previewed a Japanese fire prevention film entitled "Beware of Fire", to be used in Instructors' Training Course at the Fire Defense Board.

7. Fire Service Law

a. Mr. Angell conferred with Public Safety Committee, House of Counsellors of the Diet, to urge early passage of the Fire Service Law. Prospect of early passage is favorable.

8. Mechanical Section of Tokyo Fire Department

a. Mr. Angell discussed operation and organization of Mechanical Section with Chief Okawa, who is reorganizing fire department repair shops to operate more efficiently. Progress reported as satisfactory.

9. Financial and Material Losses by Fire in Japan

a. Mr. Angell talked with Mr. Dillon, CI&E, and furnished statistics of fire losses in Japan. These figures will be used in conjunction with the showing of the film titled "Beware of Fire".

10. Fuel Allocation for Marine Division of Tokyo Fire Dept.

Messrs. Angell, Brooks and Martin conferred with officials of Tokyo Fire Department concerning fuel allocation which this office thought excessive. Allocation of gasoline was reduced by 800 liters upon our recommendation.

11. Equipment for Fire Research Laboratory

Messrs. Angell, Matthews, visited several shops and supply houses in an effort to procure glass laboratory equipment for experiment and demonstration. Heat resistant glass not available at present.

12. Firefighter Training Program at Fire Stations

a. Mr. Martin conducted training program at Ogikubo and Musashino Fire Stations.

13. Fire Instructors' Course at F.R.I.

a. Mr. McKibbin talked with Mr. Sakama regarding selection of students for this course and recommended that only personnel with fire service background be permitted to attend.

14. Extinguisher Chemicals and Fire-fighting Material

a. Upon investigation, Mr. Martin was advised that some of this material, which is in excess and may deteriorate, may be made available for use at the Fire Research Institute. This material is now stored at Yokusaka Naval Base.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500
9 June 1948

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Progress Report of Fire Branch for period 1 June 1948 to
5 June 1948.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division.

Continuing Projects

1. Arson Investigation Training Course

This project completed.

2. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department

Two meetings held with officials of Tokyo Fire Department.
First District activated 1 June 1948.

3. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department

a. Attended communications meeting with representatives of Civil Communications Section and Japanese Government in Dai Ichi Building. Ministry of Communications will prepare cost estimates for installation of entire system. Captain Blankenship will prepare memo for the record.

b. Visited MPB in company of Captain Blankenship to discuss progress being made on communications system budget. Plans for budget are progressing very satisfactorily.

Miscellaneous

1. Weekly Conference with Members of National Fire Defense Board

Subjects discussed included modification of Fire Service Law, notifications of arrival of students at Institute, procuring of tools to repair fire pumpers, rules and regulations for student body, recreational films, water storage and miscellaneous matters. Mr. Angell, Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Starr attended this conference.

2. Re-organization of Fire Prevention Section, Tokyo Fire Dept.

Sample inspection manual given officials for translation and adoption.

Diagram showing channels of supervised inspection service prepared and delivered to officials. Mr. Ankrom and Mr. Starr handled this project.

3. Firefighter Training Program at Fire Research Institute

A training program was inaugurated for the fire fighting complement of the Institute. Mr. Martin.

4. Importing of Sprinkler Heads and Alarm Check Valves

Mr. Starr conferred with the National Fire Defense Board upon this subject. Mr. Arai, NFDB, will write a justification for importing directed to ESS.

5. Mechanical Repairs to Deep Well Pump and Fire Pumps at Fire Research Institute

Repairs to deep well pump ~~is~~ complete. Repair of fire pumps is progressing slowly due to lack of parts. Mr. Starr is expediting this project.

6. Fire Prevention Talks

Mr. Angell addressed the Engineering Association of Building Equipment 4 June 1948. Approximately 30 professional men present.

7. Schedule for Teaching of Arson and Fire Instructors' Training Courses

Mr. McKibbin and Mr. Matthews visited the FRI to arrange the schedule for opening of these courses 14 June 1948.

8. Inspection of a Model Prefabricated Non-Combustible Type Housing

Mr. Matthews inspected this type housing model now being constructed by the Japanese Government. Is supposedly fire resistant and earthquake proof. This office will make no recommendations until further study.

9. Weekly Inspection Visit to Fire Research Institute

Mr. Ankrom conducted construction progress inspection and an inspection for fire hazards. Construction is progressing satisfactorily and housekeeping in buildings is excellent.

10. Test of American Type Hose Coupling for Use on Japanese Fire Hose

Mr. Starr and Mr. Brooks were present at the test. Several slight changes will be necessary before adoption for use. Future tests will be made within four to six weeks.

11. Gasoline Allocation Request for Fueling of Fire Boats

This request is excessive and Mr. Brooks and Mr. Martin will attempt to have quantity requested reduced.

12. Training Programs for Fire Fighters at Tokyo Fire Stations

Mr. Martin conducted inspection and training programs at Nishiarei and Ogikubo Fire Stations.

13. Use of Street Sign Boards to Disseminate Fire Prevention Information

The Tokyo Fire Department proposed construction of 100 signboards throughout Tokyo for this purpose. Due to scarcities of building material and high cost of construction Mr. Angell and Mr. Ankrom recommended against this project.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Civil Intelligence Section, G-2
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

AFPO 500
3 June 1948

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Progress Report of Fire Branch for period 24 May to 29 May 1948.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division

Continuing Projects

1. Arson Investigation Training Course

Mr. Matthews and Mr. Murayama continued with corrections in translation of this course.

2. District Battalion System for Tokyo Fire Department

a. Work on dispatch book was begun.

3. Central Communication System for Tokyo Fire Department.

a. The Nippon Electric Company will submit plans for modern telephone switchboard.

b. Mr. Kiyose, Tokyo Fire Alarm Co., is now assisting officials of the Tokyo Fire Dept. in preparing budget for this project.

c. Ministry of Communications reports satisfactory progress upon the rehabilitation of outside telephone lines.

Miscellaneous

1. Mr. Angell:

a. Conferred with Mr. Masaji Yoshida regarding an address to be delivered to the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry 29 May 1948.

b. Visited factory at Yokohama to inspect a new type of non-combustible pre fabricated housing.

c. Attended weekly conference with members of the National Fire Defense Board.

d. Conferred with Chief Shigeno, Fire Prevention Section, Tokyo Fire Dept., concerning fire losses, inspections and inspection forms. Mr. Ankrom also attended this conference.

e. Prepared address to be delivered to Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry 29 May 1948. ✓ (2)

f. Held two conferences, in addition to the regular weekly one, with members of the National Fire Defense Board.

g. Conference with Dr. Kobayashi, Fire Research Institute, on the subject of equipping laboratory at the Institute. Mr. Brooks also attended this conference.

h. Was requested by Mr. I. Nohmi, Director, The Engineering Association of Building Equipment, to deliver an address to that group at 1400 hours 4 June 1948.

i. Visited Fire Research Institute to discuss procuring of laboratory equipment and other miscellaneous matters. Also discussed further improvements to the grounds of the Institute. Mr. Starr was present on this visit. (3) ✓

j. Delivered address to the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

2. Mr. McKibbin:

a. Six meetings with officials of the Tokyo Fire Dept. on subject of the district battalion system.

b. Attended weekly conference with members of the National Fire Defense Board. (2)

c. Held a meeting with the officials of the Tokyo Fire Dept. whom have been assigned to prepare the new dispatch book. ✓ (2)

3. Mr. Matthews:

a. Made visit to factory at Yokohama in company with Mr. Angell. (2) ✓

b. Attended weekly conference with members of the National Fire Defense Board.

c. Visited Fire Research Institute to arrange for installation of training aids for use in teaching students at the Institute. (2)

d. Conferred with Mr. Murayama, NFDB upon various technical phases of the Arson Course. ✓ (2)

4. Mr. Ankrom:

a. Consulted motion picture branch of CI&E regarding procurment of completed film, "Chemistry of Fire."