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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

WEH/sy

13 November 1948

SUBJECT: Disposition of Confiscated Items from the International Parcel Post

THRU : Channels

TO : Commanding General
Hq. Eighth Army
APO 343

1. The attached letter requesting the return of a 23 jewel gold watch which was confiscated by the International Mail Parcel Post Section, Osaka Custom House, was received by this headquarters. Receipt of innumerable similar letters by this headquarters requesting return of confiscated items to the original sender is believed to be caused by ignorance of customs regulations by people sending the related articles into Japan.

2. The following non-relief items were received by this headquarters and disposition is hereby requested:

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<u>Articles</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
a. Ring, 18 K Gold, $\frac{1}{4}$ Karat Diamond	1
b. Ring, 10 K Gold	1
d. Watch, pocket "Elgin" 15 Jewel, sterling	1
d. Earring, gold-filled	1
e. Watch, pocket, gold, 23 Jewel	1
f. American currencies	
Five-dollar bills	1
One-dollar Bill	2
Half-dollar Coin	1
Ten-cents Coin	1
One-cent Coin	2

3. Information is requested whether disposition established concerning the items in Par 2 above may be used as a policy for the disposition of future similar items.

1 Incl:
Letter from Paul A Rear.

s/ Malcolm E Craig
t/ MALCOLM E CRAIG
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

BASIC: Ltr, Osaka Mil Govt Team, Subj: "Disposition of Confiscated Items
From the International Parcel Post" dtd 13 Nov 48.

AG 040-BA

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Hq I Corps, APO 301

19 November 1948

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

Forwarded pursuant to provisions of paragraph 4, Operational Directive 60, 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
n/c

WILDER A JOHNSON
Capt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

AGMGL 012

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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

17 December 1948

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

1. Regulations pertaining to relief parcels have been supplied all member nations of the Universal Postal Union and Diplomatic Missions in Japan. Information as to the permissible contents of relief parcels has been widely published in Japan. Gift articles such as watches, fountain pens, electrical appliances, etc., are not permitted entry nor will they be returned to sender.

2. Items a, b, c, d, and e mentioned in paragraph 2 of basic letter should be turned over to the Japanese Customs for disposition in accordance with Japanese laws and regulations. Item f, American currencies, should be converted to yen at the nearest finance office. Yen so obtained should be delivered to a recognized relief agency to be used for relief purposes.

3. Pending publication of additional instructions from SCAP request for disposition of confiscated items will be forwarded to this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

1 Incl
n/c

MONROE N HINEY
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

WEH/sy

(Legal and Government Section)

12 November 1948

SUBJECT: Unaccounted International Mail
Confiscated Items

TO : Commanding Officer
Osaka Military Government Team
APO 25

1. As a result of an inventory taken by this section 15 October 1948, the following listed items received from the International Mail Section, Osaka Custom House were unaccounted for :

<u>Name of Article</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Brooch, Golden	each	1
Toy	"	2
Snap	"	38
Needle	"	45
Lighter, Cigarettes	"	2
Cigars	"	37
Aspirin	tablet	200
"	bottle	1
"	ozs.	14
Sulfadiazoll	tablet	3325
Hair clipper	each	1
Handkerchief	"	19
Cream, Toilet	bottle	6
Comb, Hair	each	3
Powder, Tooth	can	1
Lipstick	each	4
Eyebrow pencil	"	3
Rubber boots	pair	2
Stockings	"	30
Thread (Spools)	each	135

APPROVED:

Malcolm E. Craig
MALCOLM E CRAIG
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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Legal Officer

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HIDEYUKI TSUCHIYA
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**HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM**

MM/ym/jt

5 October 1948

SUBJECT: Report on 35,000,000 Yards of Incentive Cotton Cloth

TO: Osaka Liaison Office

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1. You are directed to submit to this Headquarters weekly reports on the progress of dyeing 35,000,000 yards of cotton cloth which is to be distributed as incentive goods for farmers.
 2. Included in the initial report will be the following:
 - a. List of warehouses in Osaka Prefecture storing 35,000,000 yards of cloth to be dyed for incentive goods purposes and number of yards in each warehouse.
 - b. The number of yards moved to the dyeing factories.
 - c. Number of yards dyed and ready for shipment.
 - d. Number of yards shipped to various prefectures for distribution.
 - e. Any obstacle retarding the rapid progress of the program.
 3. The initial report will be submitted to this Headquarters by 9 October 1948. The succeeding reports will contain all the information as directed in paragraph 2b to e and due at this Headquarters each Saturday thereafter.

**MALCOLM E. CRAIG,
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding**

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

EBM/BJ

7 May 1948

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SUBJECT: Individual Clothing and Equipment

TO : Commanding Officer
Hq & Hq Detachment
Kinki M. G. Region
APO 301

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1. In compliance with letter, Headquarters Kinki Mil Govt Region
subject: "Individual Clothing and Equipment" dated 5 May 1948, the
following report is submitted:

a. Short Items

(1) Trousers, cotton - 18 pr

(2) Shirts, cotton - 6 ea

2. The above listed short items are on Req. No. 48-QM-543 dated
6 May 1948 submitted to 25th Inf Div QM Depot.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CLARENCE S. DAVIS
Captain, Infantry
Asst. Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

JBS/myt

5 May 1948

SUBJECT: Release of Confiscated Items

TO: Mr. Katayama
International Mails Custom Inspection Section

1. This office has received numerous visitors who have requested release of certain items to them which had been confiscated in the course of custom inspections and subsequently delivered to this office for disposition in accordance with directives of higher authority.

2. Since your section reports all confiscated items to higher headquarters, it is impossible for this section to make any disposition of the commodities other than the disposition required by Eighth Army and SCAP. Therefore, it is requested that all future applicants requesting delivery of confiscated articles, previously delivered to Military Government, be disposed of by your section without sending them to this office.

MALCOLM E. CRAIG
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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26 March 1948

SUBJECT: Disposition of Confiscated Items
THROUGH: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
TO: Commanding General, GHQ, SCAP, APO 500

1. Under date, 21 January 1948, this headquarters requested information concerning the disposition of non-relief items confiscated from the International Mails.

2. By 2nd Indorsement, GHQ, SCAP, File No. AG 386.5 (21 Jan 48) ESS/FI, dated 20 February 1948 directed 'non-relief items be released by the Osaka Military Government Team to recognized Japanese Relief Agencies to be sold and proceeds used for relief purposes.'

3. It is believed by this headquarters that such disposition will require more minute surveillance than can be exercised in order to prevent the confiscated items from finding their way into the blackmarket.

4. It is requested that this headquarters be authorized to use said materials as incentive goods to be given or sold at an appraised price to the members of deserving organizations. For instance,

- a. To encourage the economic police
- b. To encourage tax workers in performing efficiently
- c. To encourage boys and girls in reformatories to be better boys and girls

5. It is believed by this headquarters that such a disposition of said confiscated items will aid in obtaining

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better local administration and will not be likely to add to our blackmarket difficulties.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

SAMUEL G. KELLY
Lt Col. Infantry
Executive

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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12 February 1948

SUBJECT: Laundry and Dry Cleaning Service

TO : Commanding Officer
HQ & HQ Detachment
Kinki M. G. Region
APO 301

1. In compliance with letter, Headquarters Kinki Mil Govt Region, subject: "Laundry and Dry Cleaning Service" dated 4 February 1948, the following information is hereby submitted:

- a. Quartermaster Laundry
- b. Payroll reduction
- c. Done by QM laundry sent on Tuesday and returned on Friday. No charge made to Enlisted Men for the work.
- d. Supplies obtained by QM laundry.
- e. Seven (7) miles. Half an hour by truck.
- f. No comments.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Samuel G. Kelly

SAMUEL G. KELLY
Lt. Col., Inf.
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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21 January 1948

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SUBJECT: Disposition of Confiscated Items

THRU: Channels

TO: Commanding General
Hq Eighth Army,
APO 343

1. Recently the Japanese Custom Service in Osaka delivered to this headquarters, a number of items extracted by said service from the International Mail Relief Parcels. A number of items extracted were classified by the Japanese officials as non-relief items, and this headquarters requests information concerning the disposition of the following items:

- a. Mechanical pencils
- b. Fountain pens
- c. Alarm clocks
- d. Cigarette lighters
- e. Electric irons
- f. Magazines and newspapers
- g. Umbrellas
- h. Cosmetics

2. Information is requested concerning the disposition of excessive American cigarettes, as well as the quantity of penicillin permitted to be received by an individual in any one parcel and the disposition of excessive quantities.

Malcolm E. Craig

MALCOLM E. CRAIG
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 25, dtd 21 Jan 48,
subj: Disposition of Confiscated Items.

AG 311.7(MG-L)

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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

5 FEB 1948

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500

1. Osaka Military Government Team requests disposition of items extracted from international relief parcels which are not suitable for relief purposes.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 2 of the basic letter. Tokyo Kanagawa Military Government Team has stated that in the Yokohama Area, up to 2,000,000 units of penicillin have been passed as a non commercial quantity of medicine.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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R. Schaffer
R SCHAFFER
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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AG 386.5(21 Jan 48)ESS/FI

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS, APO 500

20 FEB 48

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. All items except item f listed under paragraph 1 of basic letter should be released by the Osaka Military Government Team to recognized Japanese relief agencies to be sold and the proceeds used for relief purposes. It is recommended that magazines and newspapers, listed as item f, if approved by Civil Censorship Detachment, be distributed by the Civil Information and Education section of the Osaka Military Government Team to Japanese public reading rooms.

2. Cigarettes, tobacco, drugs, etc., which have been removed from relief packages because of excessive quantities should be released to recognized Japanese relief agencies for general distribution to the needy.

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BASIC: Ltr, HQ Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 25, dtd 21 Jan 48, subj: Disposition of Confiscated Items

3. The maximum amount of penicillin passed in any one relief package should not exceed 2,000,000 units.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

J. F. Bradshaw
J. F. BRADSHAW
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

AG 311.7(MG-L)

3rd Ind.

1 MAR 1948

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

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Attention is invited to the 2nd indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EICHELEBERGER:

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R. Schaefer
R. SCHAEFER
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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Hq I Corps, APO 301

TO: CO, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 25

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