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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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16 October 1947

SUBJECT: Request for Release of Machine Tool Section
Koyo Seiko K.K., Kokubu Plant, Code No. 32-114

TO: Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Sec

1. Reference to letter, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 25, subj: Petition for Release from Reparations Listing, Koyo Seiko K.K., Kokubu Factory, Plant Code No. 32-114, dated 13 June 1947.

2. Attached is a petition from Koyo Seiko K.K. in which the applicant has requested the release of the machine tool section of his factory which he states is not connected in any way with the production of ball bearings.

3. A resurvey of the Kokubu Plant has convinced the personnel of this team that the machine tool section should not be considered as part of the ball bearing facilities. Koyo Seiko does make replacement parts for the ball bearing machines in the machine tool section, but such repair work constitutes only a small minority of the production.

4. Recommend release from reparations listing of the 184 items of machinery and equipment which constitute the machine tool plant.

1 Incl:
Petition (quad)

MALCOLM E. CRAIG
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "request for
Release of machine Tool section Koyo Seiko S.A.,
Kokubu Plant, Code No. 32-114," dtd 16 October 1947

AG 004 - BA

1st Ind

EMN/abn/mk

Hq I Corps, APO 301, 23 Oct 1947

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. The letter referred to in paragraph 1, basic communication, consisted of a request of similar nature from the KOYO SEIKO KK. The correspondence was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement, dated 18 July 1947. At that time, the Osaka Military Government Team made recommendation that the application of the Koyo Seiko KK for release of subject machinery be denied, as it was believed that the machine tool shop was supporting the production of ball bearings. The basis for this opinion was that the machine shop was used for repair of machines used in the manufacture of roller bearings.

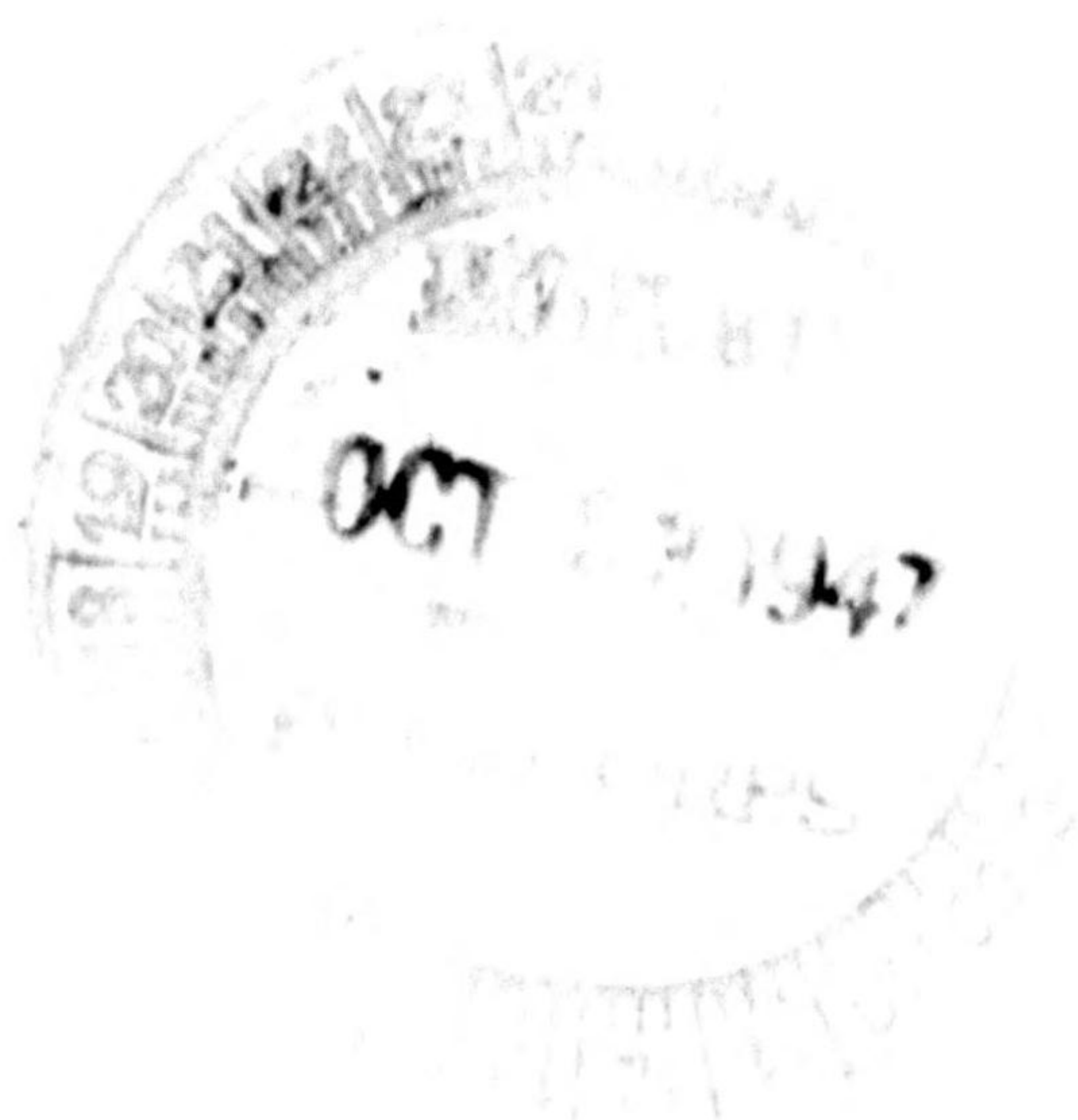
2. The Osaka Military Government Team has made a new survey of the Kokubu Kojo in connection with its present application. It is now the opinion of the industry officer of the team, that the machine tool portion of the plant should be exempt from reparations, inasmuch as it was not directly used in the manufacture of ball bearings. Information supplied in the inclosure to the basic communication appears to bear this out.

3. Forwarded for your consideration and necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
n/c

Charlie Ramsey
C. W. O. U.S.A.
Asst. Adj. Gen.



BASIC: Ltr. Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Request for Release of
Machine Tool Section Koyo Seiko K.K., Kokubu Plant, Code No.
32-114", dtd 16 Oct 47.

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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343, 29 Oct 1947

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers,
APO 500

The recommendation contained in paragraph 4 of the
basic communication is approved based on the information
furnished that the machine tool plant is not a part of
the ball bearing plant.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ R. Schafer
/t/ R. SCHAFFER
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

1 Incl;
1 copy w/d

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Request for Release of
Machine Tool Section Koyo Seiko K.K., Kokubu Plant, Code No.
32-114", dtd 16 Oct 47.

AG 095 (16 Oct 47) ESS/IN 3rd Ind

**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
APO 500, 29 December 1947**

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

The release from reparations listing of the 184 items of machinery
and equipment which constitute the machine tool plant of Koyo Seiko K.K.,
Kokubu plant is approved.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MACARTHUR:

**Incl:
w/d**

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

AG 004 (MG-EM) 4th Ind

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343, 5 Jan 1948

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

Attention is invited to the 3rd indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EIGHELBERGER:

**1 Incl,
s/c**

**/s/ R. Schafer
/t/ R. SCHAFFER
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst. Adjutant General**

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Request for Release of
Machine Tool Section Koyo Seiko K.K., Kokubu Plant, Code No.
32-114.", dtd 16 Oct 47.

AG 004 - BA

5th Ind

ABH/tn

Hq I Corps, APO 301.

TO: CO, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 25

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Attention is directed to 3rd Indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

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W. J. DUGAN
AGD
Asst. Adj Gen.

HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

CJM/kn

13 June 1947

SUBJECT: Petition for Release from Reparations Listing
Koyo Seiko K.K., Kokubu Factory
Plant Code No. 32-114

TO: Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Sec

1. Reference to letter, this headquarters, subj: Inventory of Integrated Reparations Plants, dated 10 May 47, and 3d Ind. thereto, file no. AG 004 - BA, Headquarters I Corps, APO 301 to Commanding Officer, Osaka Mil Govt Team, dated 29 May 47.

2. Attached is a petition from the Koyo Seiko K.K., Kokubu Factory, Plant Code No. 32-114 in which the applicant has stated that part of this factory is a machine tool plant which is not in any way connected with the production of ball bearings. The Koyo Seiko K.K. requests that the machine tool section of their plant be taken off reparations.

3. In the 3d Ind. of referenced letter above, the Commanding General, I Corps, has stated that the inventory of integrated reparations plants will include all machinery and equipment which were part of the normal operation of the factory. The machine tool section of this factory is definitely situated within the compound of the ball bearing plant. At present, the machine tool section is not outwardly making ball bearings; it is believed, however, that it is supporting the production of ball bearings in that parts for the repair of ball bearing making machines are made in the machine tool section.

4. Even after an inspection of the plant, and a study of the company's history, the Osaka Mil Govt Team cannot be convinced that the machine tool section is a separate factory.

5. Recommend denial.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
Petition

EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Petition for Release from
Reparations Listing Koyo Seiko K.K., Kokubu Factory Plant Code
No. 32-114", dtd 13 June 1947

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1st Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301, 13 JUN 1947

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Inclosure 1 to basic communication, consists of a petition from the Koyo Seiko K.K., Kokubu Factory (32-114) for removal from the reparations list. Subject plant has been selected for reparations within the precision bearing industry.

2. It is the opinion of the Osaka Military Government Team, that the Kokubu factory should be considered as a precision bearing plant in its entirety, and not be divided into a machine tool section and a precision bearing section. The plant operated as an integrated unit, and the precision bearing portion of the plant is dependent on the machine tool section. It is believed the plant is properly listed as classified at present. This headquarters concurs in the recommendation contained in paragraph 5, basic communication, that the application of Koyo Seiko K.K. for removal of the Kokubu Factory from the reparations list be denied.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

HHH/jt

26 October 1946

SUBJECT: Application of the Kokubu Factory, Koyo Seiko K.K.
for Release from Reparations Program.

TO: Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Sec

1. Attached are the following papers:

a. A petition from the Governor of Osaka Prefecture for the allowance of the existence of a bearing manufactory in the Osaka area. (quad).

b. History of the development of bearing manufactory in Japan. (trip).

c. Petition for release of subject factory by the head of the Industrial Section, Osaka Prefectural Office and indorsed for the Governor by the Osaka Liaison Officer. (quad).

d. A petition for subject company for release from the reparations program. (quad).

2. The above petitions are submitted for review and consideration.

3. The provisions of SCAPIN 1136 have completely stripped the Osaka area of all capacity to manufacture bearings by the selection for reparations of its fifteen (15) bearing plants.

4. It is requested that information be furnished this headquarters as to the over all plan in connection with the future of Japanese industry particularly as it effects the Osaka area, without this knowledge, we are at a distinct disadvantage.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl:
As indicated

/s/t/ C.M. KAMAR
1st Lt, Inf
Adjutant

BASIC: Ltr, Hq, Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Application of the Kokubu Factory, Koyo Seiko K.K. for Release from Reparations Program," dtd 26 Oct 1946.

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1st Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343.

1. The Kokubo Factory, Koyo Seiko K.K., is included on SCAPIN 1136 as one of the precision bearing plants in Japan subject to reparations. The plant has been assigned code number 114 by your headquarters for purpose of inventory.

2. The Kokubo Factory has submitted an application that the Koyo Seiko K.K. be removed from the list of plants subject to reparations. The Osaka Liaison Office has supported this application with considerable detailed material, and requests that the general information contained herewith be also applied to the balance of the precision bearing plants located in Osaka Prefecture. A number of separate applications for removal of precision bearing plants from the reparations list is being submitted by the Osaka Liaison Office, although the pertinent information in each case is similar to that contained in the inclosed application. MG

3. Osaka Prefecture has long served as the center of the precision bearing industry in Japan. The industry has become one of major importance in the Osaka area. At present, a total of 14 precision bearing plants are designated for reparations in this prefecture, and if all plants listed at present were taken for reparations would result in the elimination of this industry in central Japan.

4. Inasmuch as no criteria has yet been announced for selection of plants of this nature, the inclosed application is forwarded to your headquarters without recommendation. It is requested that information be supplied to this headquarters to enable a proper answer to be given the Osaka Military Government Team with regard to the question presented in paragraph 4 of the basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incls:
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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Application of the Kokubu
Factory, Koyo Seiko K.K. for Release from Reparations Program",
dtd 26 Oct 46.

AG 386.3 (MG-Em)

2nd Ind

14 Nov 1946

Headquarters Eighth Army, AFO 343

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers,
AFO 500
Attn: Reparations Branch, ESS/IN

1. Forwarded for consideration in view of the fact that the Kokubu Factory of Koyo Seiko K.K. was selected on the basis of reducing the productive capacity considered surplus to the minimum peacetime requirements of Japanese economy.

2. Attention is invited to the fact that 14 precision bearing plants located in Osaka Prefecture have been selected for reparations removal. There is considerable evidence in the inclosures that the removal of all of these plants would hinder and delay the reconstruction of Japanese peacetime industry.

3. Information is requested as to whether a further review is to be made in accordance with the criteria for selection within the ball and roller bearing industry with the view of deletion of facilities not properly coming within this criteria.

4. Attention is invited to paragraph 4 of the basic communication and paragraph 4 of the 1st indorsement. The information requested in these paragraphs would also be a distinct advantage to this headquarters in the processing of communications relating to removals and additions to reparations installations.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ R. Schafer
/t/ R. SCHAFFER
Lt Col., AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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Incl 2³ w/d
Incl 3⁴ w/d

AG 387.6 (26 Oct 46) ESS/IN 3d Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED
POWERS, APO 500, 23 December 1946

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Application of Koyo Seiko for the release of their main plant from the precision bearing reparations list is not favorably considered.

2. a. General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers prepared a detailed study of the industry, plant by plant, and concluded that two plants, one in Tokyo, one in Fujisawa, below Yokohama, were best suited to supply the capacity with a minimum of disruption of plant facilities and a more facile control by supervisory officials.

b. The attached petition from Koyo Seiko reveals no new information which was not previously known about the company.

c. In response to the request for an overall plan of Japanese industry, the following can be said: The plan for the future of Japanese industry is primarily dependent on the establishment of an industrial disarmament program and the final reparations program both of which are subject to approval of the Far Eastern Commission. While preliminary discussion has taken place on these subjects, no firm plan has been established at this time. An industrial production plan for the year 1947, is now in preparation and copies will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Eighth Army upon completion.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MACARTHUR:

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

3 Incls:
n/c

Ltr, Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Application of the Kokubu
Factory, Koya K.K. for Release from Reparations Programs", dtd
26 Oct 46.

AG 386.3 (MG-Ma)

4th Ind

2 Jan 1947

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301

Attention is invited to the 3rd indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHELBERGER:

/s/ R. Schafer
/t/ R. SCHAFER
Lt. Col. AGD
Asst. Adjutant General.

3 Incls:
n/s

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5th Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301,

7 JAN 1947

TO: CC, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 660

Your attention is directed to 3rd indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOLDTRUFF:

3 Incls:
n/s

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HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 660

HHH/jt

12 October 1946

SUBJECT: Koyo Seiko K.K., Nakagawa Kojo
60, 4-chome, Nakagawa-cho,
Ikuno-ku, Osaka.
(Code No 32 - 115)

TO : Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Sec

Attached is OI-1/2 Inspection Report for subject company.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

P. BURDICK
Capt., AUS
Adjutant

Incl:
OI-1/2 Inspection Report
(dupl)

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, subj: "Koyo Seiko K.K., Nakagawa
Kojo 60, 4-chome, Nakagawa-cho, Ikuno-ku, Osaka (Code NO. 32-
115)", dtd 12 Oct 46.

AG 004 - BA

1st Ind

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Hq I Corps, APO 301.

TO: CO, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 660

The Nakagawa Kojo of the Koyo Seiko K.K. will not be permitted to
resume operation.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

1 Incl:
Inspection Report (one)

BA 17671

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REPARATIONS PLANT OI-1/2 INSPECTION REPORT

FACTORY NAME: Koyo Seiko K.K., Nakagawa Kojo Pres Bg 32-115

LOCATION: 60, 4-chome, Nakagawa-cho, Ikuno-ku, Osaka.

I. COMPLIANCE WITH OI-1/2:

- (a) Twenty-four hour guard? Yes
(b) All entrances posted? Yes
(c) Unnecessary entrances sealed? Yes
(d) Official Custodian designated? Yes
(e) Dispersed machinery called in? None
(f) REMARKS: (Extent of Compliance with OI-1/2)
Full Compliance with OD-5

II. GENERAL CONDITION OF MACHINERY: Poor

- (a) Performance of protective maintenance Good, Lubricated & Clean
(b) Condition of housing Leaks in Roof
(c) REMARKS: Roof being repaired

III. OPERATION OF PLANT:

- (a) Plant (~~is~~) (is not) operating under reconversion permit No. None dated None.
(b) Recommend that this installation (~~should~~) (should not) be allowed to continue operation and reconversion activities.

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Very Old and battered machinery.

Date inspected 13 September 1946 Inspector _____

Final