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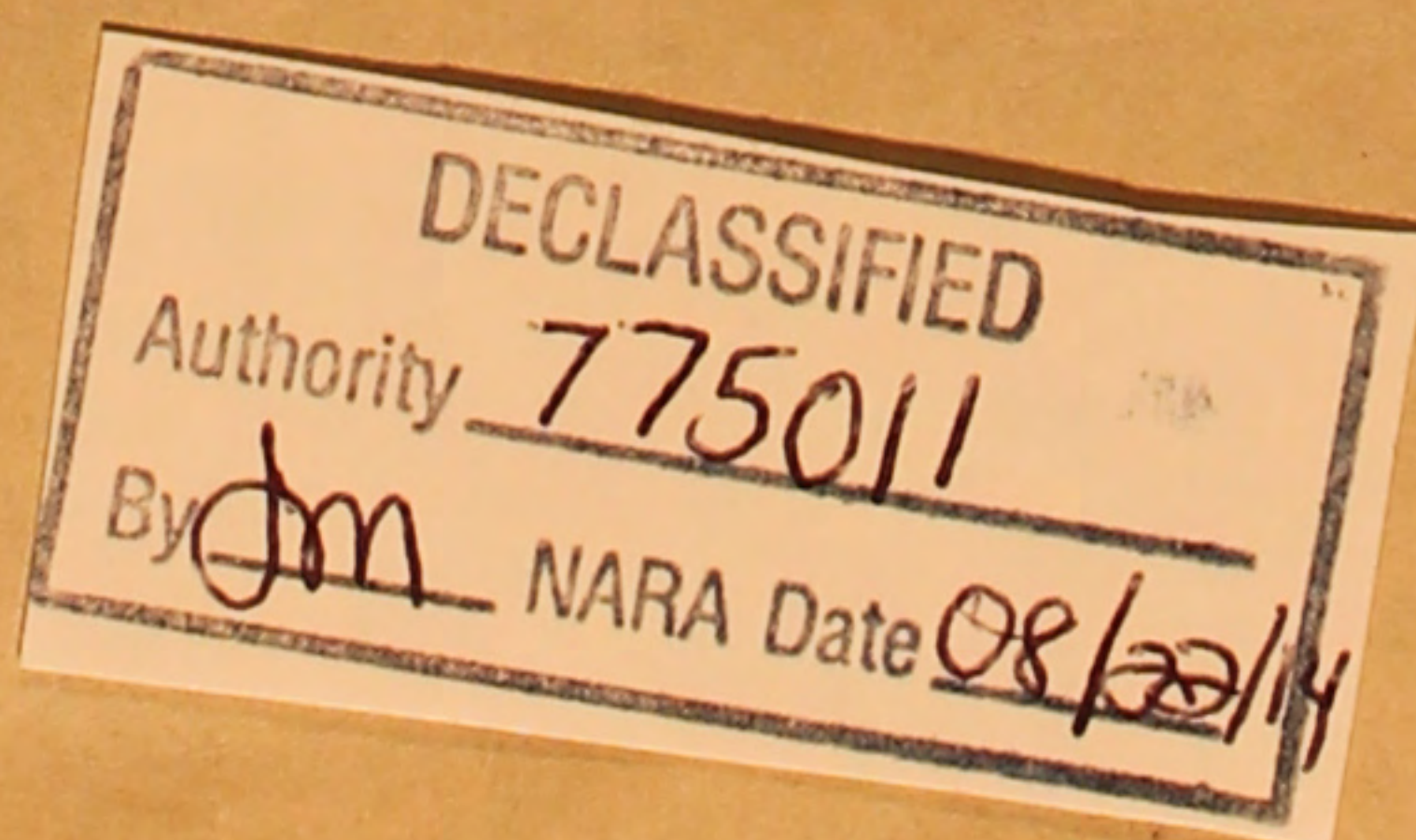


INVESTIGATION REPORT  
OF  
POW CAMP # 4  
OF THE FUKUOKA POW BASE CAMP HQS.

MOJI, KYUSHU, JAPAN

NOTE:

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LEGAL SECTION, GHQ, SCAP, TOKYO  
Fukuoka, Japan

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25 January 1946

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Summary of the Investigation of POW Camp #4, of the Fukuoka POW Base Camp Headquarters.

TO : Lt. Col. Richard E. Rudisill, Chief, Investigation Division.

1. GENERAL:

Investigation of POW Camp #4, of the Fukuoka POW Base Camp Headquarters was undertaken by 1st Lt. Charles V. Ramey, ASN O-580168, accompanied by Tec 4 Taro Shimomura, ASN 36468393, ATIS Section, GHQ, SCAP, Tokyo, as interpreter, between the 17th and the 22nd of January 1946.

2. BUILDINGS:

The POW's were housed in a former Y.M.C.A. building in the North-eastern section of the city of Moji, Kyushu, Japan, in the first part of the war. After August, 1944, two additional buildings were also used by the POW's, the first being used in part as a messhall and officers' sleeping quarters, and the second being used as a hospital. The second of these buildings had formerly been used to house the Camp Jap staff personnel, and office, which in August 1944 moved to another building adjacent to the Y.M.C.A. building. Additional buildings in the camp site included a small stucco building that was used as a guardhouse, and a building used to house the latrines, urinals, washroom, and bathroom of the POW's. The Y.M.C.A. building was of stone construction and was a two-story building, the interior of which was modified with wooden construction to provide three floors for POW quarters. The Building housing the latrine and other facilities was of wooden construction, with large cracks between the boards and of single board construction. The buildings used for the camp office, hospital, and messhall were of standard Japanese wooden construction. A sketch indicating the relationships of these buildings to each other is included in this report as Exhibit 10. A sketch of the guardhouse is included in this report as Exhibit 11.

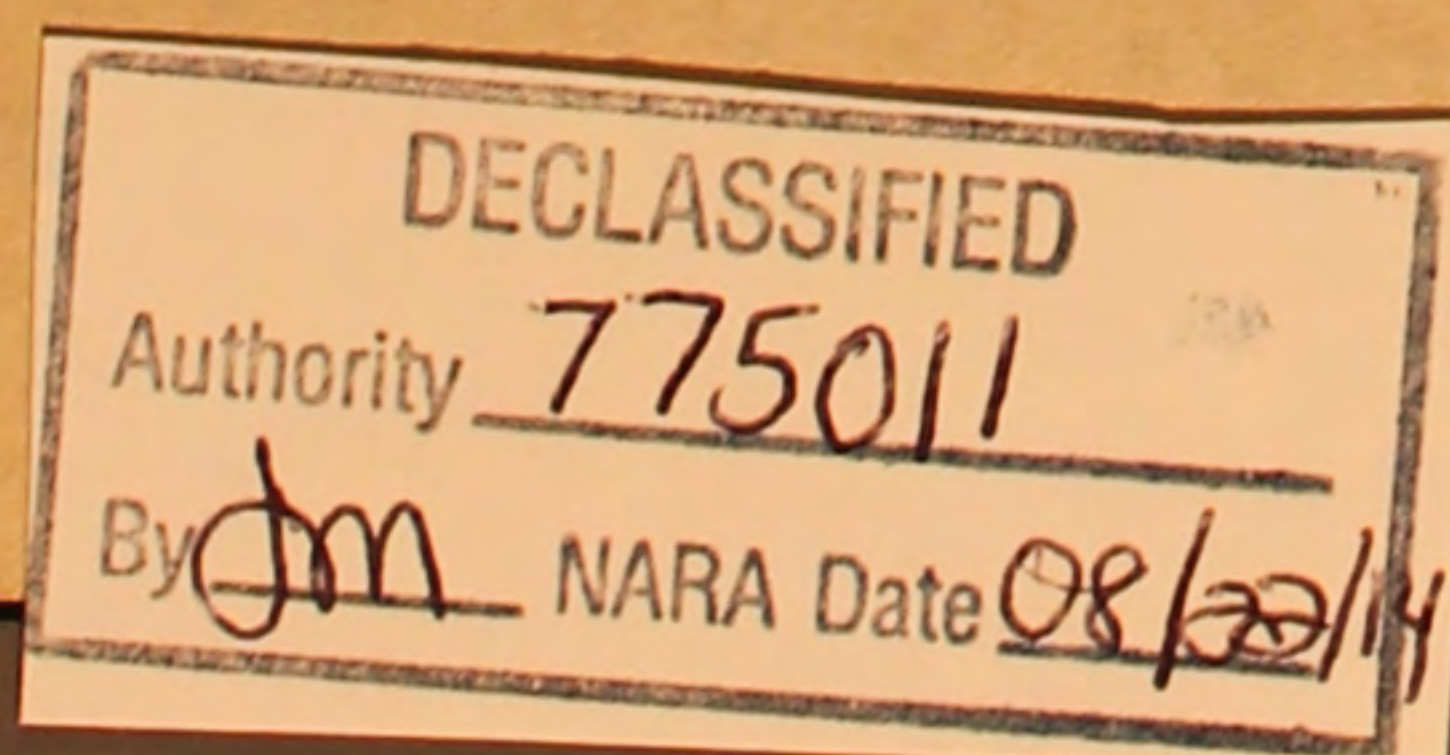
3. SANITATION FACILITIES:

There were eighteen latrines for the use of the POW's. These latrines consisted merely of stalls over a concrete pit, with an uncovered hole in the floor. The washroom facilities consisted of a number of wooden sinks with merely cold water piped to them. The bathing facilities merely consisted of a single concrete tub, about eight feet wide, four feet deep, and ten feet long, with the water being heated by some iron coils at one end of the tub, with a small coal stove attached to it as the source of heat.

4. PRISONER WORK SITES:

The POW's were used as stevedores in the loading and unloading of Jap ships at anchor in the Moji Harbor, Moji, Kyushu, Japan, and in the warehouse district in an around the SOTOHAMA Railway Station in the city of Moji. The name of the company using the men working on the ships was the NIYAKU KAISHA. All work done by the POW's from this Camp was for one or another of the affiliates of the Kanmon Stevedoring Company, an overall company controlling all dock work in the Moji-Shimonoseki area.

5. POW PERSONNEL:



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POW personnel included a standing population around 300, including British, Dutch, and American, with the latter the predominant nationality. Lists of the POW personnel of this Camp were unobtainable in Moji. POW's destined for all parts of Japan disembarked at Moji Harbor, and some of the weaker of these were assigned temporarily until their death to Camp 4. POW's that were dead on arrival at this port were cremated at the crematory used for the POW's of this Camp, and their ashes kept with those of the POW Camp dead, namely, in a common grave on the hillside above the northeastern section of the city of Moji, above the HONGANJI TEMPLE in KUSUNOKI-MACHI, in the city of Moji. The location of this burial site is indicated in Exhibit 6 of this report, as is the location of the city crematory of Moji where the POW were cremated, and the location of the Camp itself.

6. GUARD PERSONNEL

A roster of the guards of this camp was unobtainable. However, some of the Jap personnel, both military and civilian, are mentioned in the statements of NAOYOSHI BABA, YUJI NAKAMURA, AND MASAO NAGAMATSU, listed respectively as Exhibits 3), 4), and 5), of this summary.

7. MEDICAL PERSONNEL

Medical personnel for this camp, is listed in the statements of MASAO NAGAMATSU, and YUJI NAKAMURA, Exhibits 5), and 4), of this summary. The Jap personnel included a 2nd Lt. TOZO MAEKAWA, a 1st. Lt. ATSUSHI AZUMA, a Sgt.-maj. TANIGUCHI, Pvt's. SAKAGAMI, and KIYOAGI UENO, and a civilian, MORIO INOUE. The POW medical personnel included a British Lt. BARCLAY, a Dutch Lt. DOPPERT, a United States Navy Pharmacist's Mate DAUL, and two orderlies, an American named LEVY, and a British named HOLTHAM.

8. HOSPITALIZATION

The POW at first did not receive hospital treatment. They remained in their own beds in the camp, while undergoing treatment. During the period of convalescence, and while they were assigned light duty in the camp area, they were not given the customary 705 grams of rice or its substitutes. See statement of YUJI NAKAMURA, Exhibit 4.

9. DISPOSITION OF POW DEAD

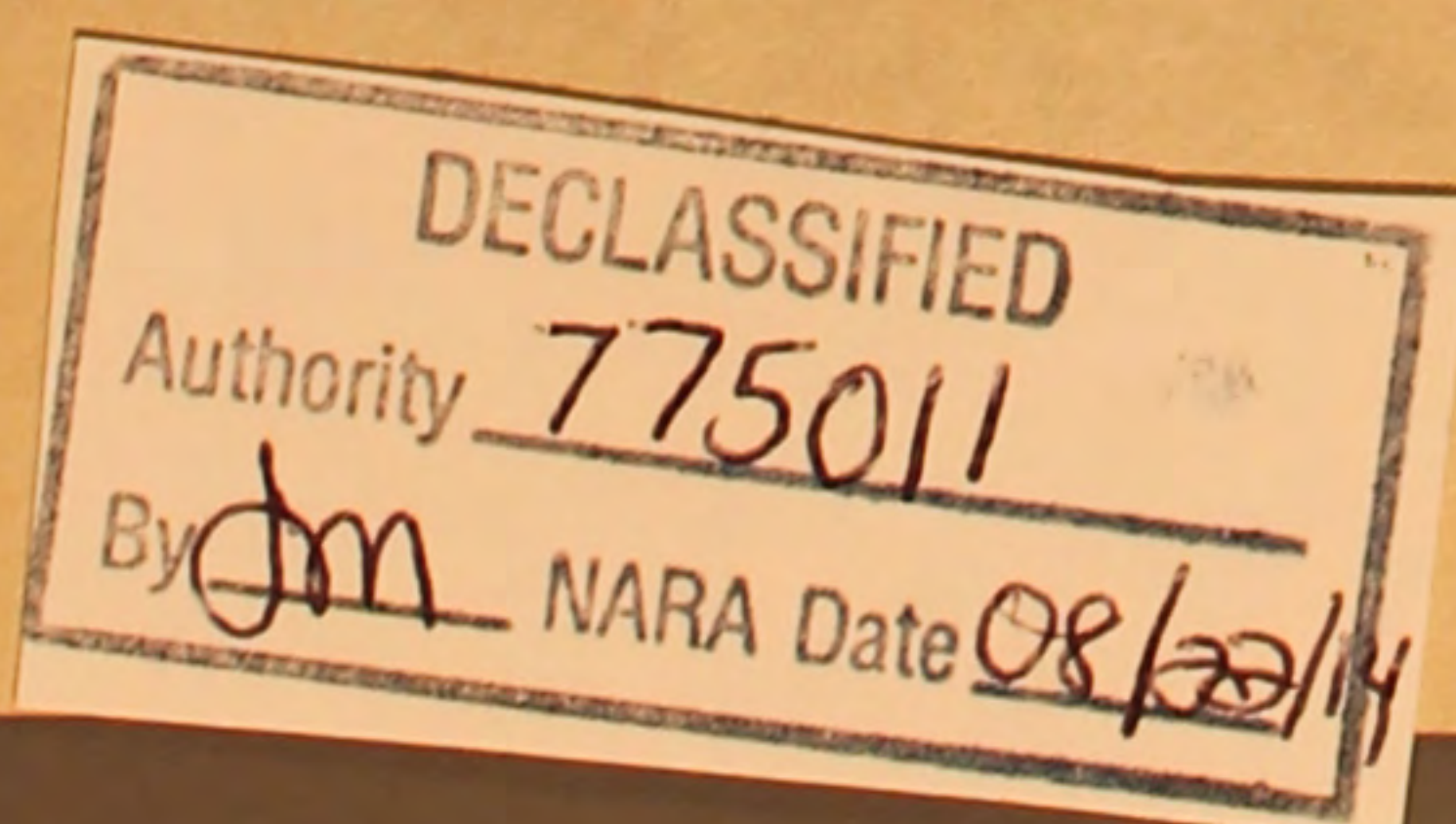
The dead of the camp and the POW dead on arrival at Moji Harbor, were cremated in the city crematory of Moji, which is at Moji-shi, Maruyama-machi, 2 Chome, Number 1215. The ashes of the POW dead were originally stored in the camp itself, and later moved to a temple nearby the camp for storage. This temple subsequently burned down. Later, in May, 1945, the ashes of all POW dead were interred in a common grave on the hillside above the HONGANJI TEMPLE, in KUSUNOKI-MACHI, in the city of Moji. The ashes of subsequent dead were also put in this same grave. This grave site has been beautified by the Japs, on the order of the Allied Occupation Forces of that city, and the ashes of the POW dead still remain at that site.

10. LIGHTING FACILITIES IN THE CAMP AREA

Lighting facilities were evident in every building except the one, and only confinement cell of the guardhouse. However, lighting available for the POW at night, was highly restricted. See statement of YUJI NAKAMURA, Exhibit 4.

11. Fences

The camp site was bordered for the most part with stone walls that existed prior to the usage of the area as a POW camp site. Small



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distances of open ground had barbed wire fences. No evidence of electrification of these fences exist.

12. GUARDHOUSE

The guardhouse was a small, unheated stucco building near the gate of the camp area. There were three rooms in this building. The first, about ten feet square, was of problematic usage, although it is presumed that it was used as an office. The middle room was used as sleeping quarters for the guards that were on duty, and was also about ten feet square. The last room was the only cell in the building, and was about eight feet long, by four feet wide, and was about ten feet high. It was unheated, and unlighted except for the amount of light that could come through an opening about three by eight inches, by the side of the door to the cell.

13. TORTURE DEVICES

No evidence of torture devices existed in the camp area.

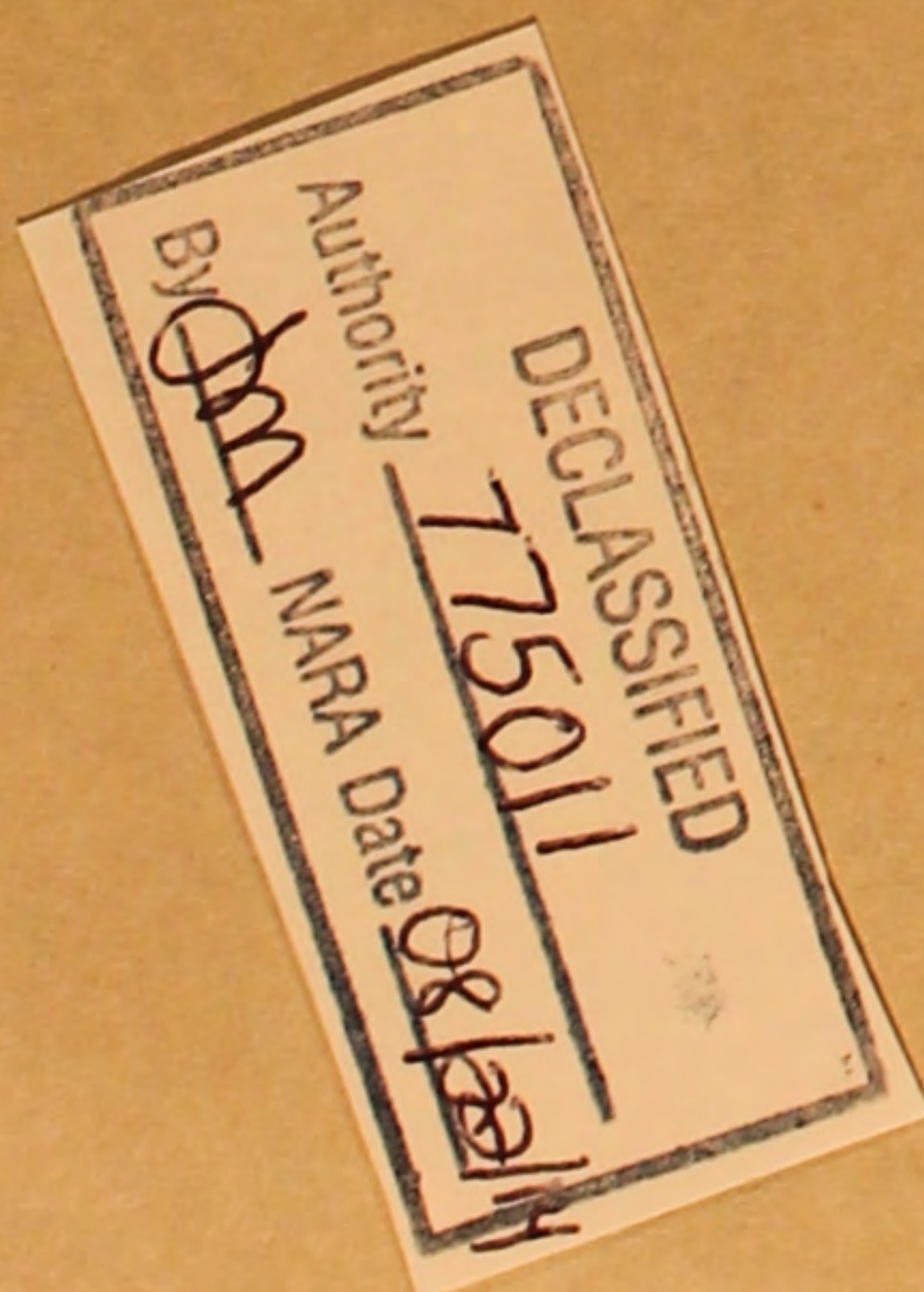
14. LIST OF EXHIBITS

Enclosed herewith are the following Exhibits to be considered a part of this report:

- EXHIBIT
- 1) Death record extracts from the Death Records of the City Hall at Moji, Kyushu, Japan, relating to POW personnel
  - 2) Extracts from the records of the city crematory at Moji, Kyushu, Japan
  - 3) Statement of NAOYOSHI BABA
  - 4) Statement of YUJI NAKAMURA
  - 5) Statement of MASAO NAGAMATSU
  - 6) City map of Moji, Kyushu, Japan, showing the locations of the POW camp, the POW burial site, the crematory.
  - 7) Pictures of the Camp Site
  - 8) List of captions for the above pictures
  - 9) Affidavit of Lt.-Col. Charles W. Stratton, who furnished above Exhibits 1), and 2), to the undersigned
  - 10) Overall sketch of the camp site area (not to scale)
  - 11) Sketch of the guardhouse (not to scale)

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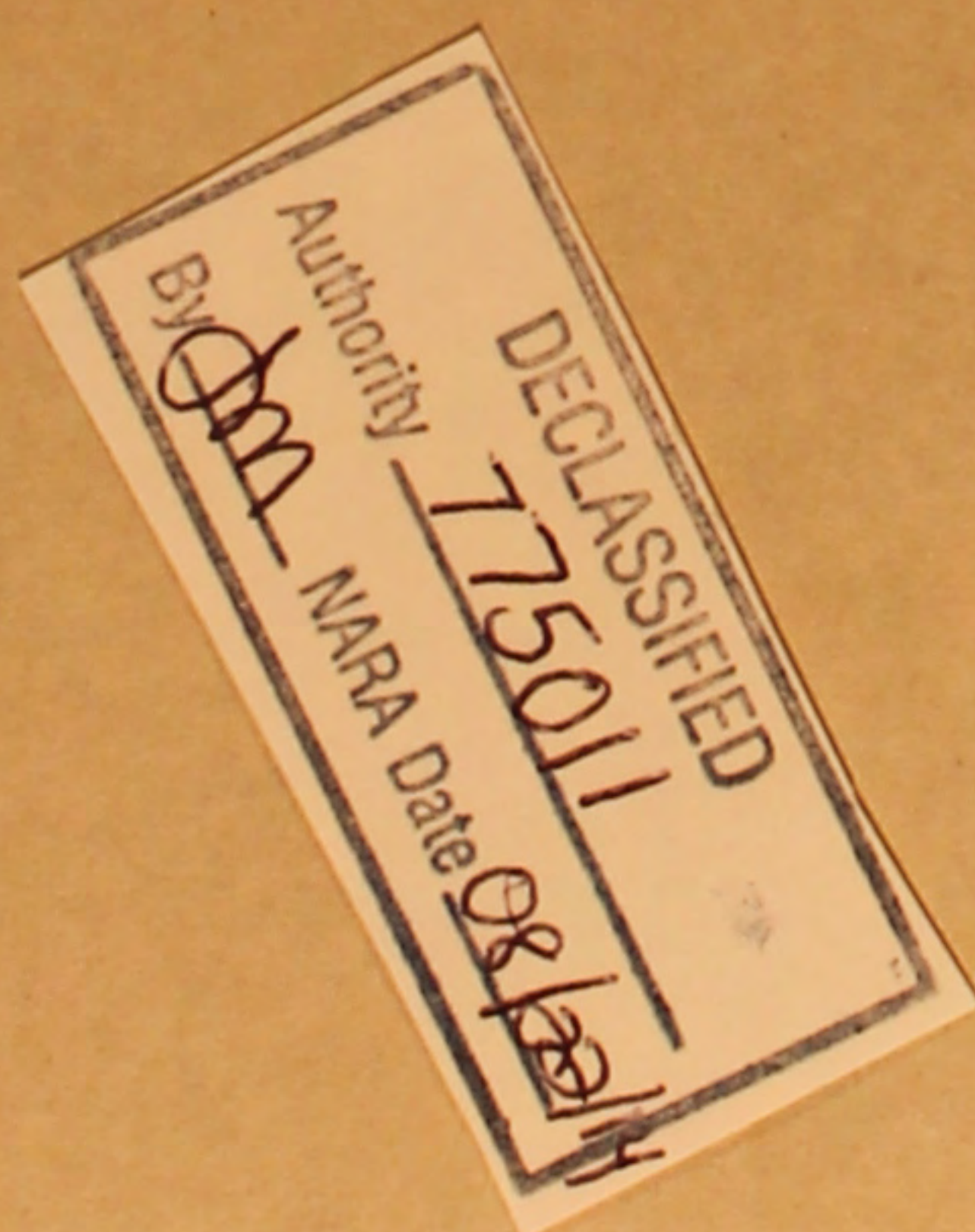
MEMORANDUM : 26 January, 1946

SUBJECT : Pictures taken at POW Camp 4, of the Fukuoka POW  
Base Camp Headquarters

TO : Lt.-Col. Richard E. Rudisill, Chief, Investigation  
Division

Herewith submitted are the pictures taken during the course of investigation of war crimes committed at POW Camp 4 of the Fukuoka POW Base Camp Headquarters by CHARLES V. RAMEY, 1st. Lt. CE, ASN C-580168.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, CHARLES V. RAMEY, do hereby certify that the above photograph was taken in my presence on or about 21 January, 1946 during the course of my investigation of POW Camp 4, of the Fukuoka POW Base Camp Headquarters, and that it is a true and accurate reproduction of the front view of the grave containing the ashes of the POW dead from the above camp, as it appeared at that date.

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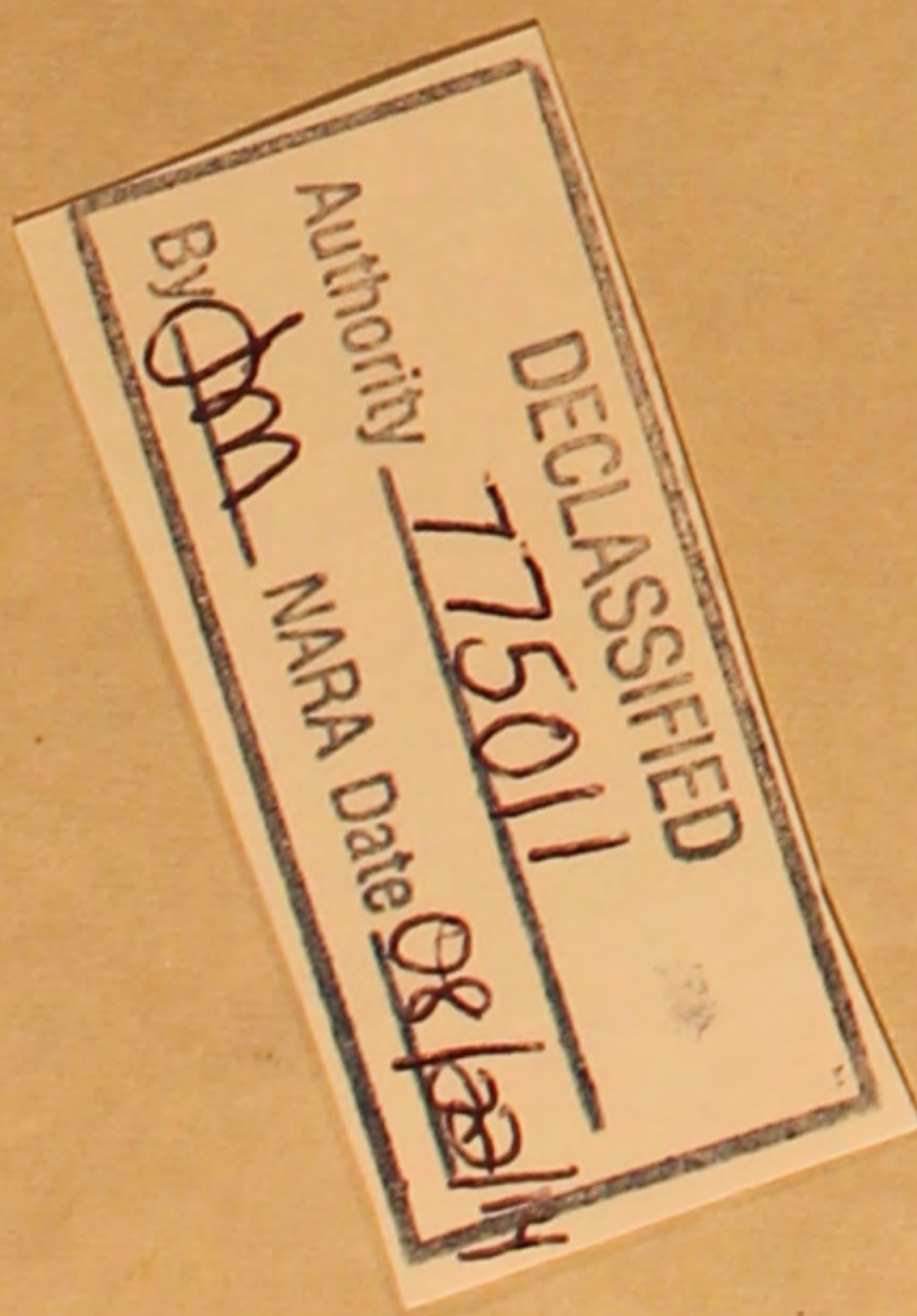
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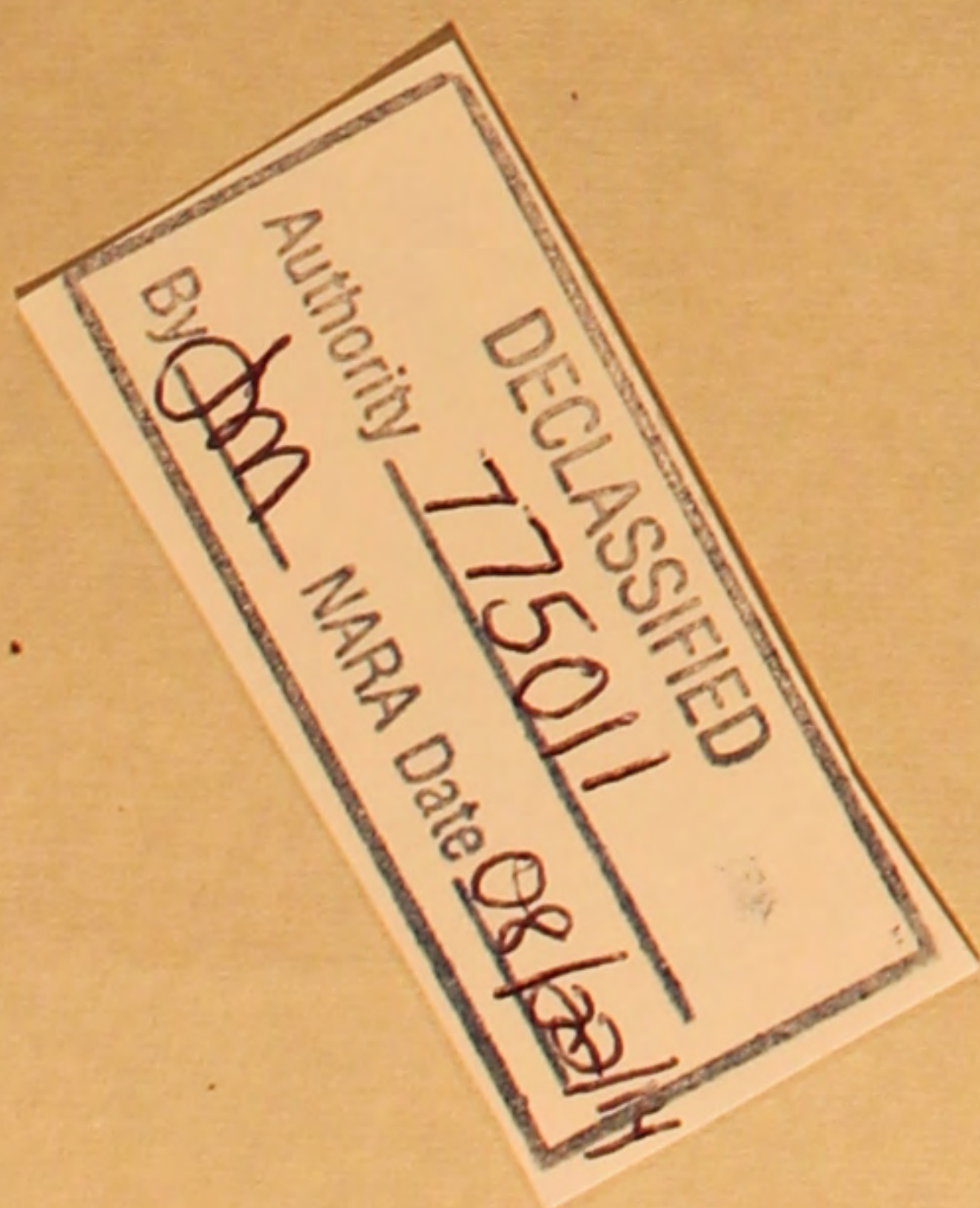
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I, CHARLES V. RAMEY, do hereby certify that the above photograph was taken in my presence on or about 21 January 1946 during the course of my investigation of POW Camp 4, of the Fukuoka POW Camp Headquarters, and that it is a true and accurate reproduction of the front view of the Y.M. C.A. building used as a POW barracks of the above camp, as it appeared on that date.

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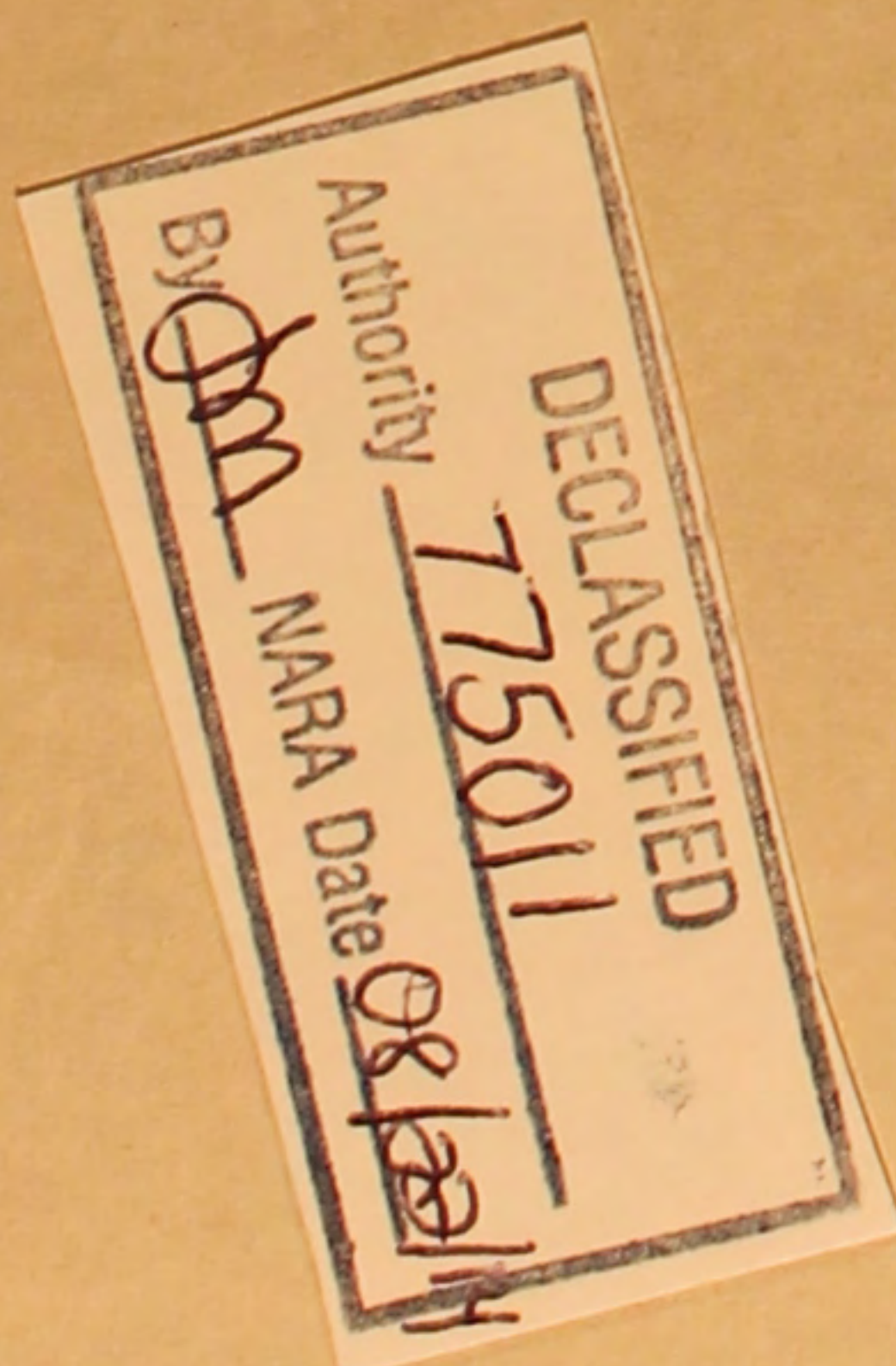
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I, CHARLES V. RAMEY, do hereby certify that the above photograph was taken in my presence on or about 21 January 1946, during the course of my investigation of POW Camp 4, of the Fukuoka POW Base Camp Headquarters, and that it is a true and accurate reproduction of a view illustrating the proximity of some of the buildings integral with that camp: (from left to right) a) the Y.M.C.A. building, b) the building used as a messhall and officers' quarters, c) the building used as a POW Camp Office Building, d) the edge of the guardhouse, as it appeared on that date.

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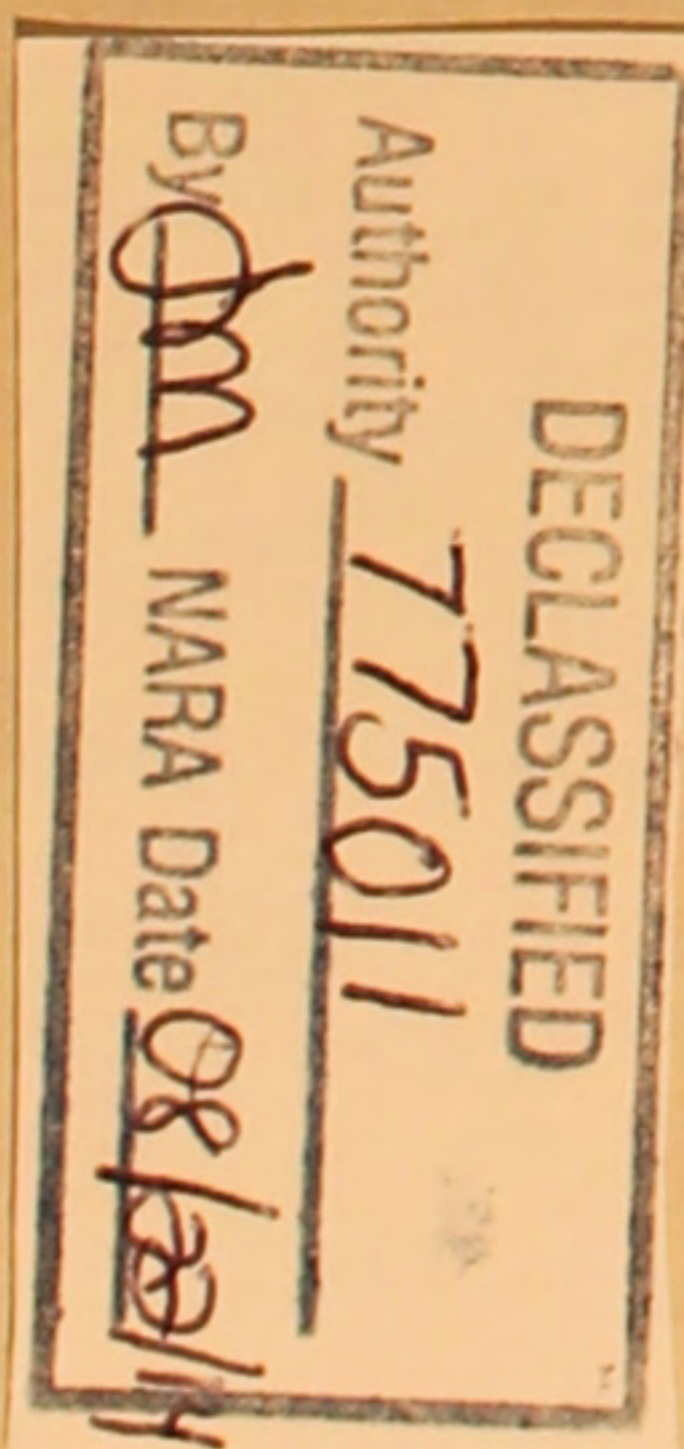
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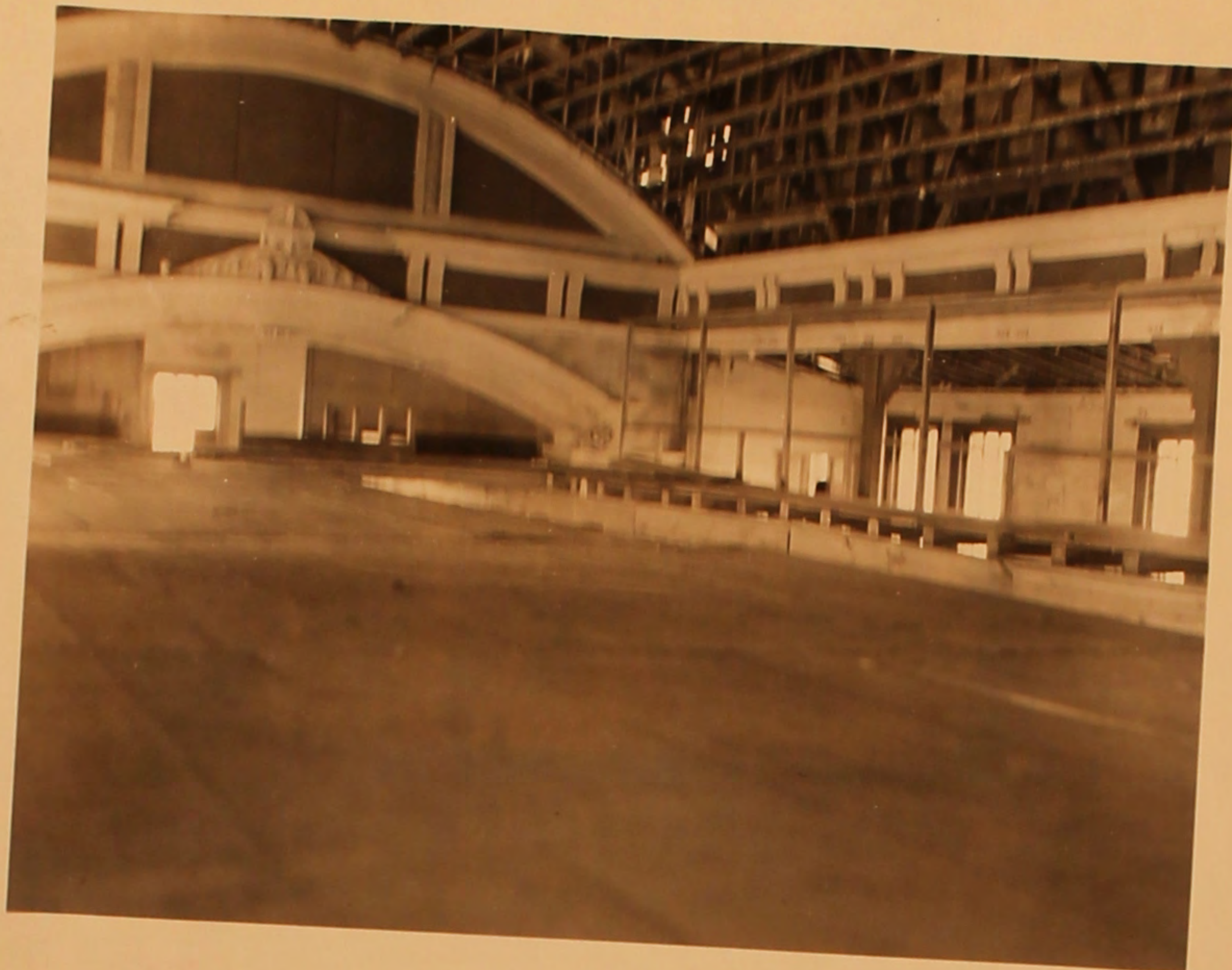


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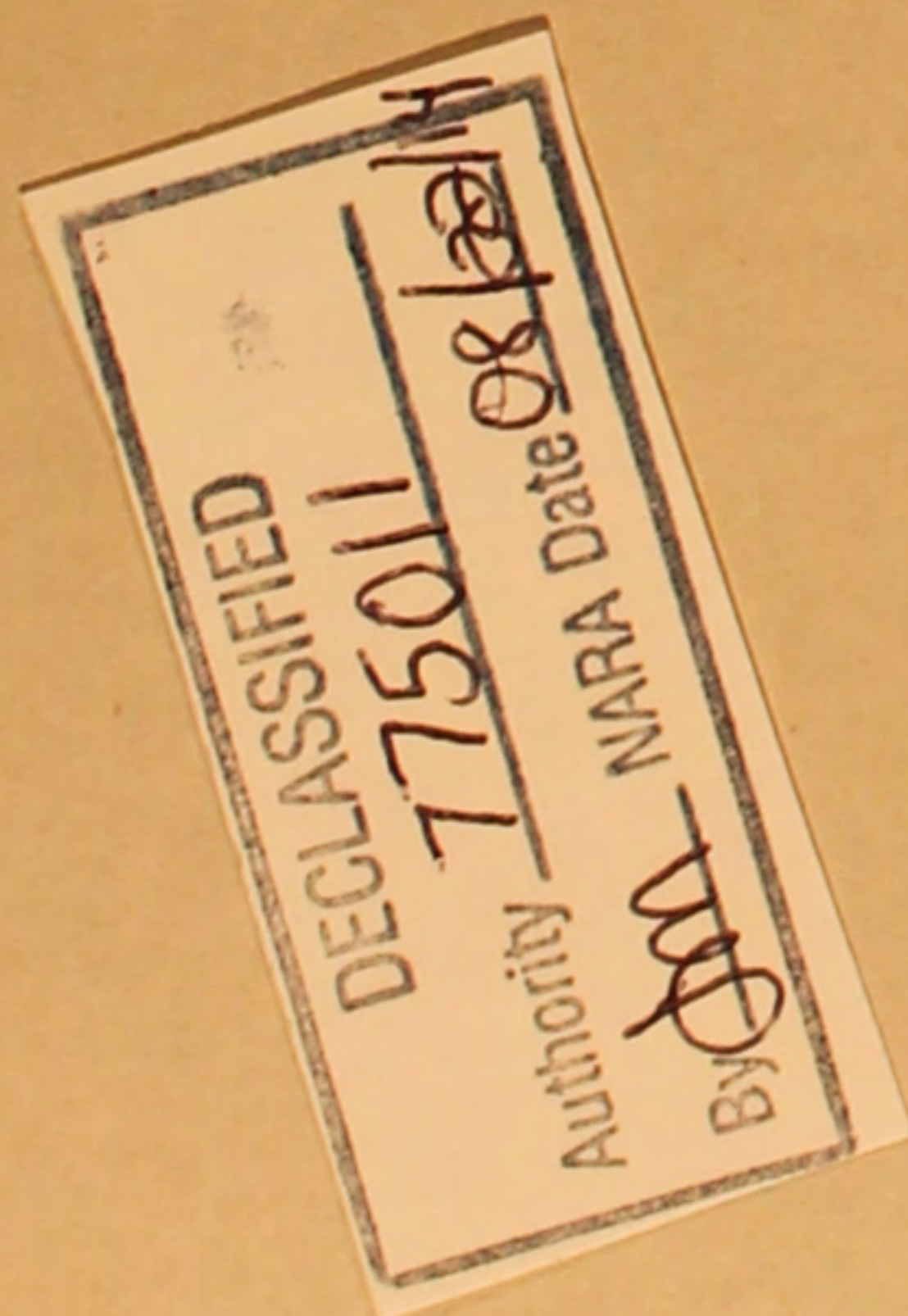
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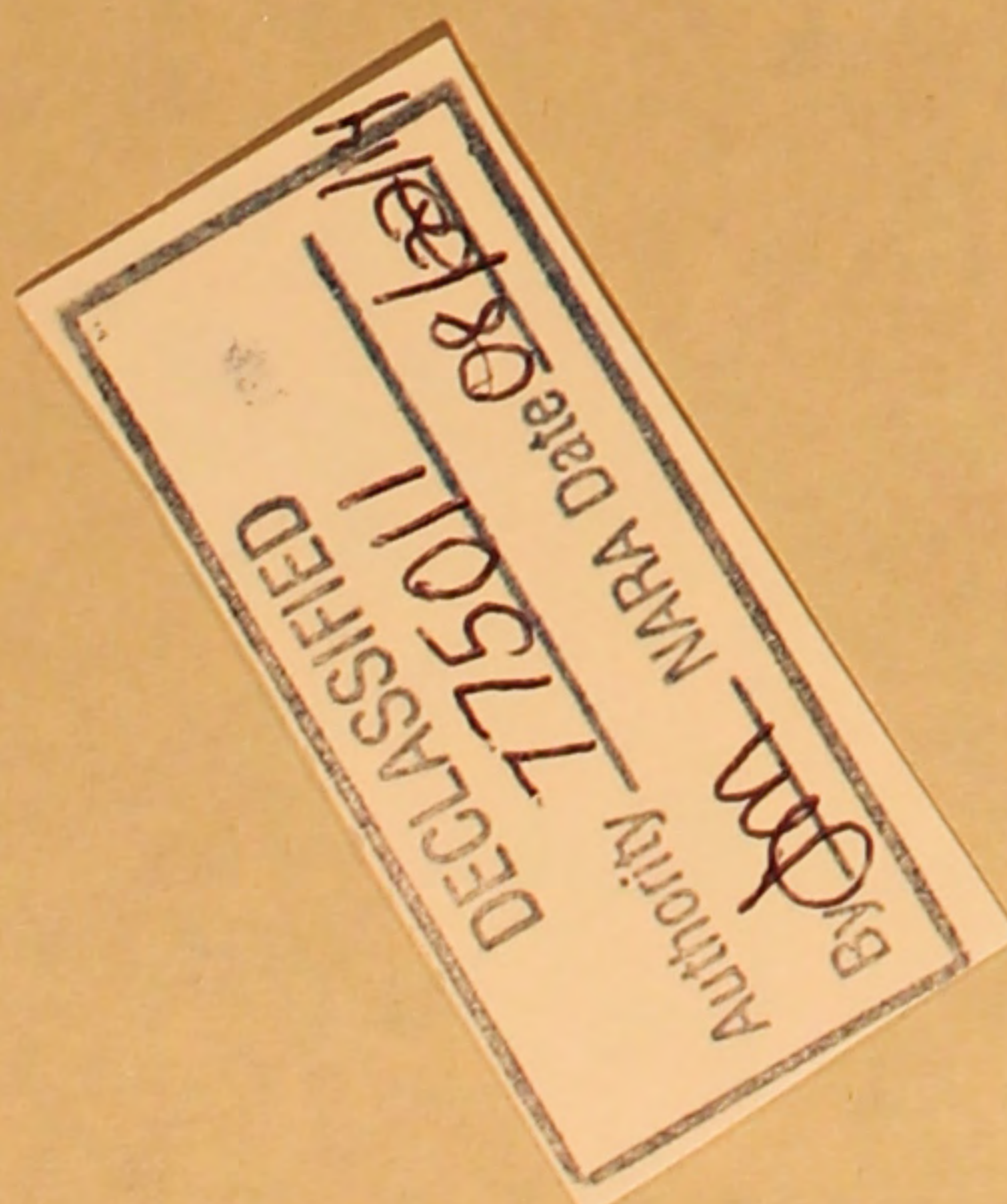


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I, CHARLES V. RAMEY, 1st. Lt. CE, ASN O-580168, do hereby certify that the attached map is a true and accurate plan view of the city of Moji, Kyushu, Japan, and that the locations of the POW Camp # 4, of the Fukuoka POW Base Camp Headquarters, the POW burial site of the above camp, and the crematory used for the POW dead from the above camp, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and furthermore that the above mentioned map is labeled as EXHIBIT 6) of the summary of investigation of the aforementioned POW camp:

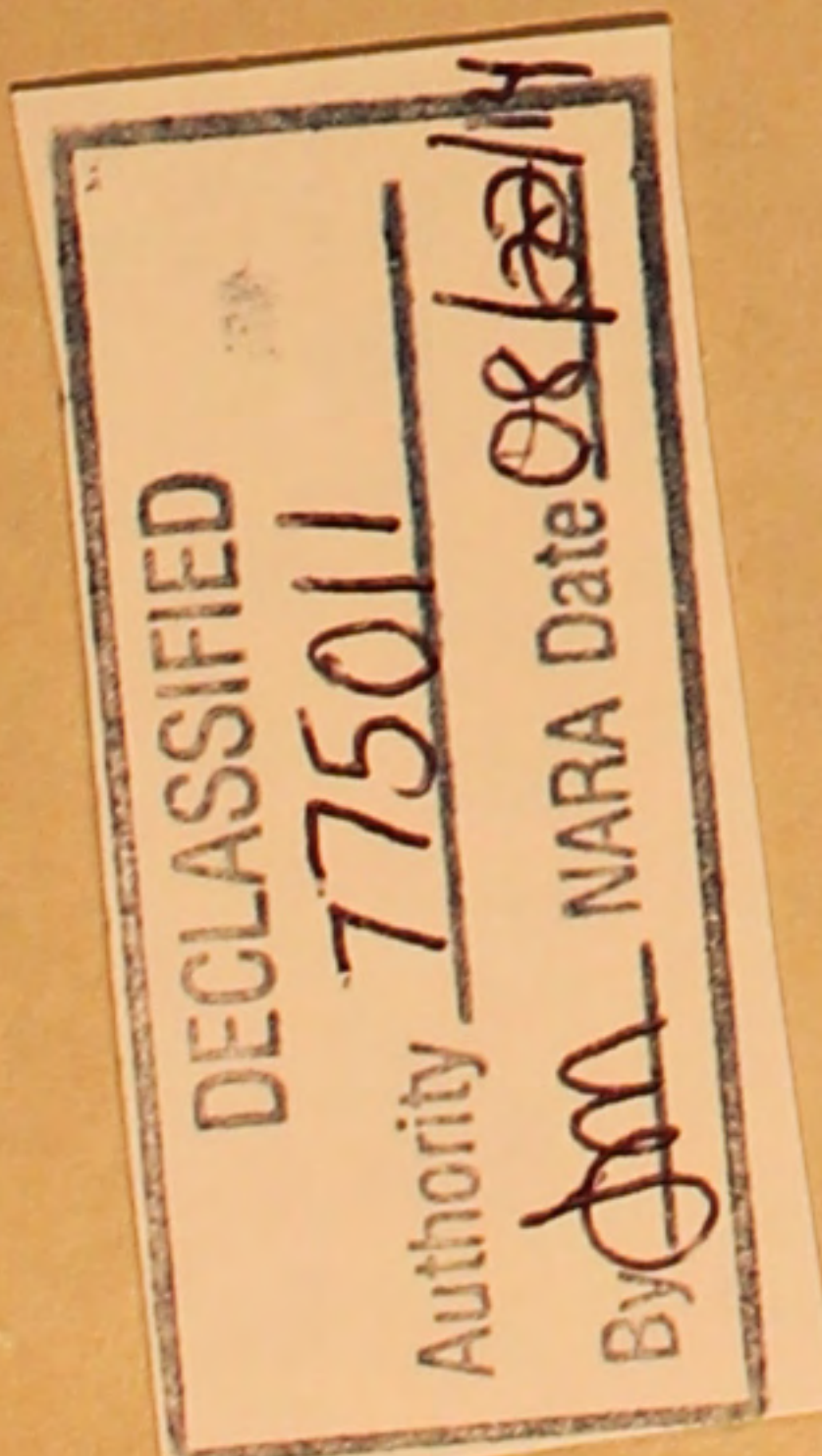
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1946:

Stanley M. Corbett  
STANLEY M. CORBETT, Capt., JAGD  
Executive Officer  
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NOTE:

The abovementioned exhibit is in single copy, and is attached to the original copy of this affidavit.



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