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Subject: Shanghai Evacuees

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From: Chief of Staff

To: G-1

Date: 20 Mar 50

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1. Action recommended in Par. 4 of checknote 1, above, 20 March, is approved.

2. The foregoing action does not provide for the contingency referred to in G-1 checknote for 18 March, and which may occur at a later date. Therefore, necessary guarantees should be obtained to provide for emergency evacuation from Shanghai of these persons who have not complied with the provisions of SCAP Circular No. 3, 3 Feb 1950, as follows:

a. DS obtain guarantees from local missions to assume full responsibility for their nationals.

b. DS obtain a guarantee from the United States State Dept. that it will assume responsibility for United States Nationals who have not been cleared.

c. That some guarantors be obtained for stateless persons who have not been cleared.

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1. Action per par 1 CN 2 completed 22 Mar 50 by tel to Figgess, UKLM.
2. Action per par 2 CN 2 continuing

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Lt. Col Graham (rp)  
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File No :

Subject: Shanghai Evacuation

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From: G-1

To: C/S

Date: 20 March 50

1.

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"I have assumed charge of American interests and so am responsible for referring requests for SCAP clearance for nationals other than British without representation here or in Tokyo. In view of short period before Gordon sailing, may I apply concessions granted in your telegram 95 to such applications, subject of course to necessary assurances regarding passports, accommodations, funds and onward transport?"

2. a. Col Figgess stated that UKLM telegram No. 95 read in part as follows:

"On basis of UKLM undertaking to assume complete responsibility for good behavior and logistic support, SCAP has agreed to issue blanket clearance to permit the entry to Japan as 'Transients' all British subjects embarking in SS General Gordon."

b. Col Figgess has dispatched an answer to the British Consul in Shanghai that the reference proposal is under consideration.

c. The C/S approved the British "Shanghai Evacuation Project" (Tab A) which amounted to the UKLM assuming complete responsibility for all British subjects embarked from Shanghai while intransit.

d. G-1, per SCAP Cir 3, 3 Feb 50 (Tab B), with G-2 check on each individual named, has cleared 511 miscellaneous personnel including 6 Indian, 77 U. S., 54 stateless, 37 French, 10 Norwegian, 80 British, 4 Swiss, 14 Swedish, 2 Iranian, 32 German, 57 USSR, 32 Portuguese, 1 Siamese, 16 Italian, 2 Mexican, 8 Canadian, 3 Belgian, 2 Polish, 16 Filipino, 14 Danish, 13 Dutch, 13 Australian and 17 Spanish.

e. CIE has cleared 100 missionaries.

f. DS has cleared approximately 97 State Dept officials, dependents and employees, 4 ECA personnel and 45 Italian (missionaries and miscellaneous with CIE concurrence).

g. Total clearances are approximately 750. American President Lines is understood to have received approximately 1600 requests for space. 250 are known to be British subjects, not yet cleared. Of the approximately 600

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h. The Australian Mission (Mr. Weatherstone) states his conviction that the Australian sponsor IRO evacuees have been or are in the process of being cleared through the American Consul in Shanghai, who despite the message from HM Consul General Shanghai appears to be still functioning.

i. The 2 LST's are reported to have left Nagasaki at approximately 0800 hours, 20 March 50, this puts their ETA Shanghai in the forenoon of the 23rd. Hence, the ETA Yokohama of the Gordon becomes 28th or 29th.

3. In view of the above, with our American Consul in Shanghai still functioning, G-1 perceives no need at the present time to change the method of clearance by a new authorization to HM Consul General Shanghai.

4. G-1 recommends authorization to notify the UKLM by telephone that in view of the apparent smooth functioning under the present arrangements no need is felt to make a change in the clearance arrangements at this time and request that UKLM in Japan so inform HM Consul General in Shanghai.

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Tab A - C/S appvd C/N

Tab B - SCAP Cir 3.

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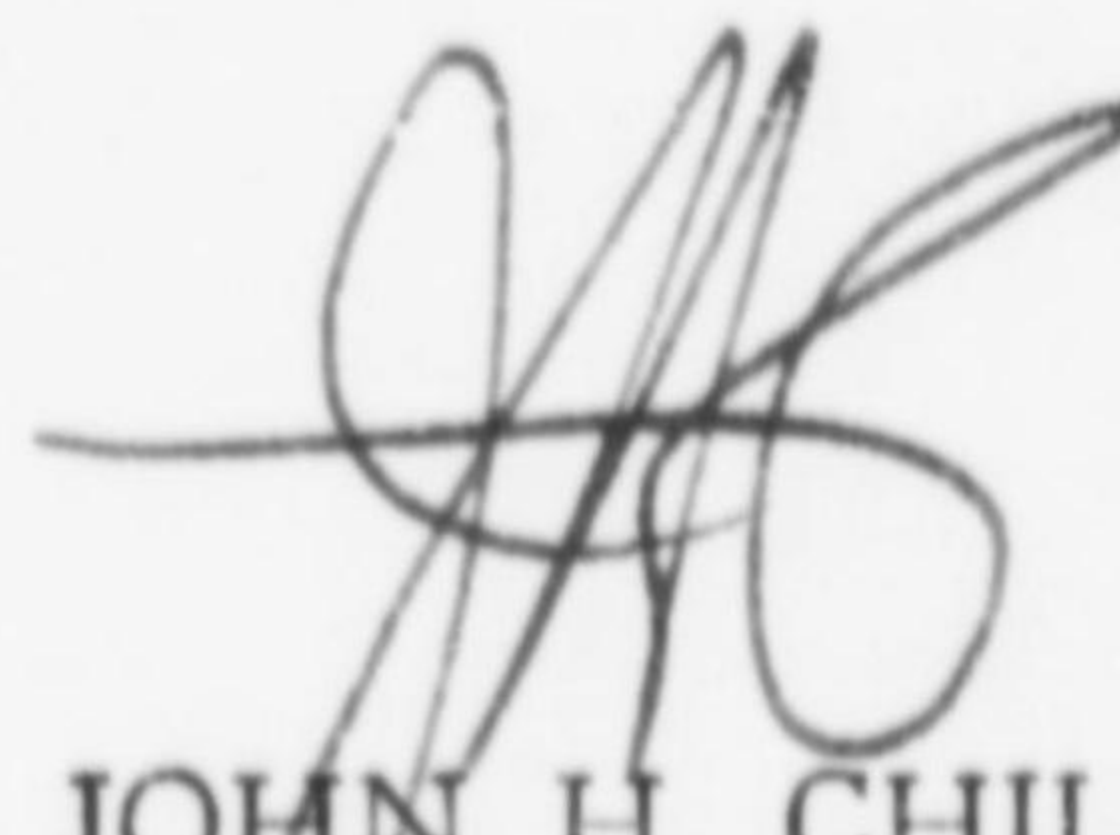
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
AND  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
Office of the Chief of Staff

Date: 18 March 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: G-1

1. The Chief of Staff desires that the attached correspondence be revised to show that some mission is fully responsible for their respective nationals in the event they are evacuated from Shanghai in the same way that the United Kingdom Mission has agreed to be responsible for their nationals.

2. With respect to United States citizens, ✓  
necessary action should be taken up with the State Department to obtain a guarantee from the State Department that they will assume responsibility for United States Nationals.



JOHN H. CHILES  
Lt. Colonel, GSC  
Secretary of the General Staff

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d. G-1, per SCAP Cir 3, 3 Feb 50 (Tab B), with G-2 check on each individual named, has cleared 484 miscellaneous personnel including 6 Indian, 76 U.S., 29 stateless, 37 French, 10 Norwegian, 80 British, 4 Swiss, 14 Swedish, 2 Iranian, 32 German, 57 USSR, 31 Portuguese, 1 Siamese, 16 Italian, 2 Mexican, 8 Canadian, 3 Belgian, 2 Polish, 16 Filipino, 14 Danish, 13 Dutch, 13 Australian and 17 Spanish.

e. CIE has cleared 37 missionaries.

f. DS has cleared approximately 97 State Dept officials, dependents and employees, 4 ECA personnel and 45 Italian (missionaries and miscellaneous with CIE concurrence).

g. Total clearances are approximately 650. American President Lines is understood to have received approximately 1600 requests for space. 250 are known to be British subjects, not yet cleared. Thus, approximately 700 persons would be involved in the present proposal.

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persons would be involved in the present proposal.

3. ~~a~~ G-1 feels that the situation is critical enough to warrant granting a clearance to all American citizens in Shanghai not previously cleared by name. ~~b~~ As for the other nationalities, G-1 feels that they also should be cleared provided HM Consul General in Shanghai is instructed to adhere closely to the following conditions:

- (1) ~~a~~ Possession of a valid passport with a valid visa to a third country.
- b. Ample funds to defray the cost of a short intransit stay in Japan. ~~(the equivalent of \$200)~~. *Minimum \$200*
- c. Ample funds to purchase onward transportation to the third country or a ticket from Japan to the third country.
- d. The individual's plan provides for departure from Japan within 15 days after arrival.
- e. In case of intransit stop in Japan confirmed as less than 72 hours, prior notice by name 48 hours before the arrival of the Gordon at Yokohama.
- f. Some mission, group, agency or individual in Japan assumes complete responsibility for non US citizens' conduct and logistic support while in Japan.

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5. G-1 concludes that an answer should be dispatched to UKLM in Japan stating the substance of par 3 above, in order that a reply may be dispatched in answer to the proposal of the British Consul General in Shanghai.

6. Recommend approval of draft memorandum to UKLM (Tab C).

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Tab A - C/S appvd C/N  
Tab B - SCAP Cir 3  
Tab C - Ppsd memo to UKLM

Concurrence: G-2 *WAB*

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Head of the United Kingdom Liaison Mission in Japan

SUBJECT: Shanghai Evacuation

1. Reference is made to a telephone conversation between Colonel Figgess and this headquarters on 17 March 1950 regarding an answer to Telegram No. 99, 17 March 1950, from His Majesty's Consul General in Shanghai, proposing that the latter apply the concessions granted in United Kingdom Liaison Mission Telegram No. 95 to nationals other than British subjects.

3. It is requested that His Majesty's Consul General in Shanghai be informed that he may apply the reference concessions to ~~United States citizens.~~ For nationals other than United States citizens, ~~His Majesty's Consul General in Shanghai may apply the concessions~~ provided they have:

- a. Valid passport with a valid visa to a third country.
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f. Some mission, group, agency or individual in Japan <sup>to</sup> assume complete responsibility for non United States citizens' conduct and logistic support while in Japan.

4. Every effort must be made to supply this General Headquarters with the name of each person cleared under the above concessions and his sponsor at the earliest practicable date, and in the case of intransit stop in Japan confirmed as less than 72 hours, prior notice by name is required 48 hours before the arrival of the General Gordon at Yokohama.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

Concurrence: G-2 R.S.B. for CAW

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Lt Col Graham 26 6600 (dem)

## Shanghai Evacuation Project

G-1

Chief of Staff

16 March 1950

1. 1. Memorandum from UKLM, 16 Mar 50, states that that mission assumes responsibility for all British subjects embarking on the General Gordon or in the accompanying LSTs whilst passing through Japan in transit to other destinations (Tab A).
2. a. Lt Col Figgess notified G-1 on 15 Mar 50 that he had learned from His Majesty's Consul General in Shanghai that there were approximately 250 British subjects desiring to evacuate Shanghai on the General Gordon. This being a much larger number than he had expected, he thereupon visited G-1 for consultation.
- b. Approximately 75 British subjects have been cleared.
- c. In view of the difficulties encountered in transmission of so great a list of names in the time remaining, it was suggested by Col Figgess that the UKLM could make the necessary guarantees for the remaining British subjects and inform His Majesty's Consul General in Shanghai that "only those persons whose passports are in order and who have adequate means to cover the cost of their temporary stay in Japan and onward transportation should be permitted to embark."
- d. Lt Col Figgess states that a list of all those British subjects recommended by the British Consulate in Shanghai (per referenced memo) has been air-mailed and will be presented to G-1 prior to the arrival of the Gordon in Yokohama.
- 3.a.G-2 concurs in the plan and believes that in this instance such a gesture of cooperation and goodwill toward the British will be of value in future Anglo-American relations.
- b. G-1 agrees that the transmittal of the names from Shanghai by radio in the remaining time would be difficult and liable to create confusion.
4. G-1 considers that under the present stress, from a cooperative and humanitarian point of view, the plan submitted by UKLM should be approved and UKLM should be so informed.
5. G-1 recommends approval of proposed reply to UKLM (Tab B).

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Tab A - Memo fm UKLM

Tab B - Ppsd reply

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United Kingdom Liaison Mission in Japan,  
British Embassy,  
TOKYO.

16 Merch, 1950.

Ref:- 6778/6671/Co.38.

To :- General Headquarters,  
Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.  
(Attention:- G-1 Section).

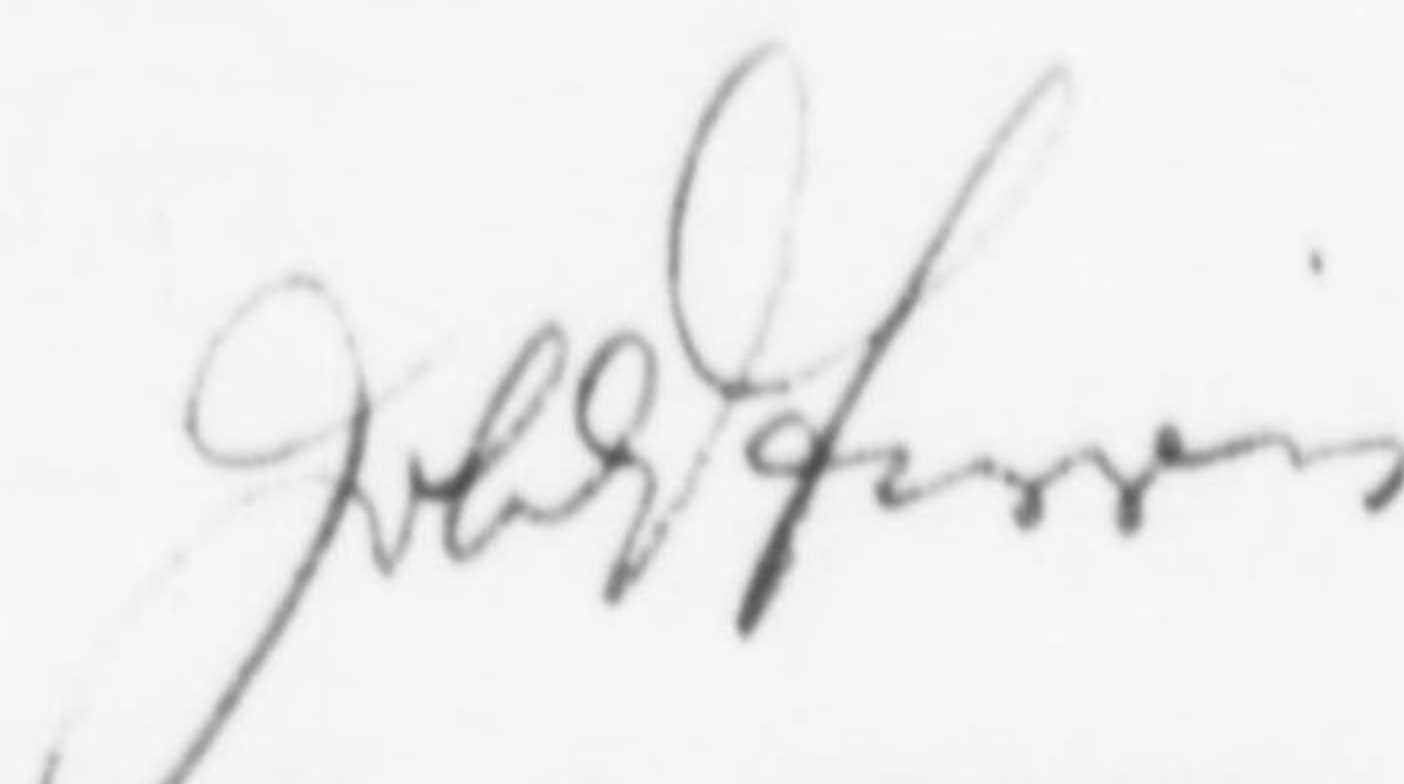
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SUBJECT: Shanghai Evacuation Project.

Referring to the telephone conversation between Lieut-Colonel Graham of your Headquarters, and Lieut-Colonel Figgess of this Mission, it is hereby confirmed that the United Kingdom Liaison Mission in Japan assumes responsibility for all British subjects embarked in s.s. "General Gordon" or in the accompanying LSTs whilst passing through Japan in transit to other destinations. The assumption of this responsibility covers specifically the following:-

- (a) that the passengers will proceed to their ultimate destinations as expeditiously as possible
- (b) That they will not engage in any unauthorized activities during the period of their stop-over in Japan.
- (c) that no individual will become a charge on the Occupation forces or on the Japanese Government.

2. Necessary steps have been taken to notify His Majesty's Consul General Shanghai that as far as British subjects are concerned only those persons whose passports are in order and who have adequate means to cover the cost of their temporary stay in Japan and onward transportation should be permitted to embark.

  
J. G. FIGGESS,  
Lieutenant Colonel,  
Assistant Military Adviser.  
(for Head of Mission).



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
APO 500

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Head of the United Kingdom Liaison Mission in Japan

SUBJECT: Shanghai Evacuation Project

1. Reference is made to your memorandum 6778/6671/Co.38, subject: ~~Shanghai~~ Shanghai Evacuation Project, 16 March 1950.

2. The plan presented by referenced memorandum is approved with the understanding that every effort will be made to supply this General Headquarters with a list of British subjects boarding the General Gordon at the earliest practical date.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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