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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
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AG 091 (6 Sep 51)DS  
SCAPIN 2170

13 September 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Authorization for Direct Communication Between the Japanese Government and Foreign Diplomatic Representatives Accredited to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers

1. Rescission. Memorandum for Japanese Government AG 091 (26 May 50)DS, SCAPIN 2142, subject: Authorization for Direct Communication Between the Japanese Government and Foreign Diplomatic Representatives Accredited to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, 13 February 1951.

2. References. a. Memorandum for Japanese Government, AG 091.1 (4 Nov 45)GS, SCAPIN 237, subject: Official Relations Between Japanese Government and Representatives of Neutral Nations, 4 November 1945.

b. Memorandum for Japanese Government, AG 091 (29 Jan 46)GS, SCAPIN 677, subject: Governmental and Administrative Separation of Certain Outlying Areas from Japan, 29 January 1946.

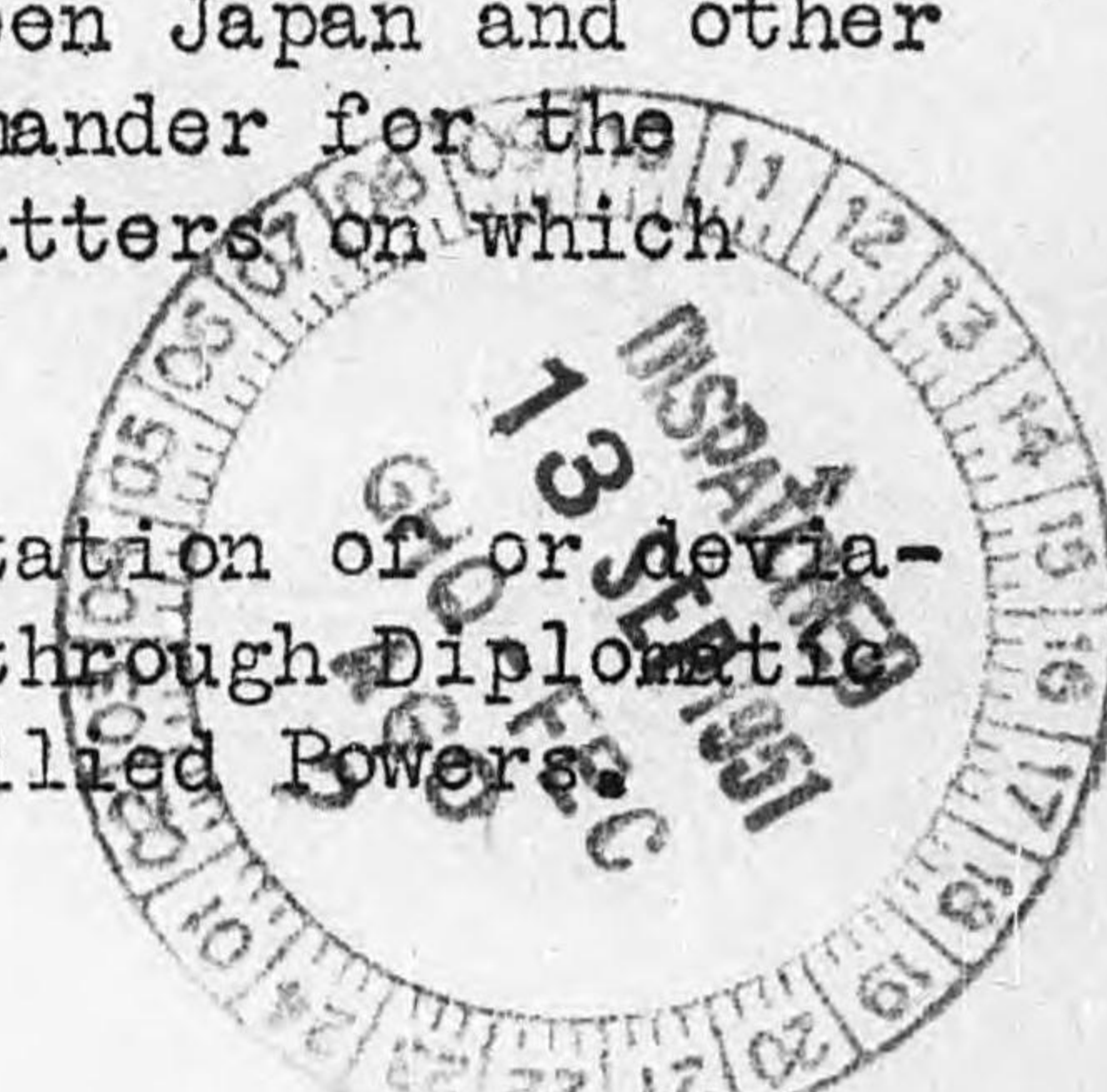
c. Memorandum for Japanese Government, AG 091.112 (2 Dec 46)GS, SCAPIN 1372, subject: Contact with Japanese Officials, 2 December 1946.

d. Memorandum for Japanese Government, AG 091 (28 May 48)ESS/EX, SCAPIN 1901, subject: Authorization for Direct Communication between Japanese Government Board of Trade and Firms, Persons, and Foreign Missions on Commercial Matters, 28 May 1948.

3. The Japanese Government is hereby authorized direct communication with the diplomatic representatives of foreign governments accredited to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, subject to the provisions of this memorandum, the restrictions embodied in referenced memoranda being relaxed only to the extent of permitting such limited contact.

4. The Japanese Government may receive from and dispatch to the diplomatic representatives referred to in paragraph 3 written communications on subjects of mutual concern except that all agreements between Japan and other countries are subject to prior approval of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Oral consultation is permissible only on matters on which written communication has been made.

5. Communications on subjects which involve interpretation of or deviation from standing policies will continue to be submitted through Diplomatic Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.



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6. The present authorization for direct written communication is a specific delegation of responsibility to the Japanese Government which will, therefore, submit to Diplomatic Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, copies of all communications it receives or dispatches under the provisions of this memorandum. The Japanese Government is instructed to use the English language, with such Japanese or Chinese characters as may be required to facilitate the reading of romanized names, in all communications authorized by this memorandum.

7. This direct channel of written communication does not in any way deprive the foreign diplomatic representatives of their right to continue transmitting any communications through this headquarters if they so desire. Both the accredited foreign diplomatic representatives and the Japanese Government may, when either deems it advisable in any particular case, refer any communication received which may be considered controversial, or as involving policy to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers for the latter's consideration, clarification or reply.

8. The accreditation of foreign diplomatic representatives in Japan remains unchanged, being solely to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

9. The Japanese Government may communicate directly with the foreign diplomatic representatives accredited to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, who are listed below, under the provisions of this memorandum. This list will be modified by subsequent memoranda as may become necessary.

- a. The Australian Mission in Japan.
- b. The Belgian Mission in Japan
- c. The Brazilian Diplomatic Mission in Japan
- d. The Canadian Liaison Mission in Japan
- e. The Chinese Mission in Japan
- f. The Danish Diplomatic Mission in Japan
- g. The French Mission in Japan
- h. The Indian Liaison Mission in Japan
- i. The Indonesian Mission in Japan
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- k. The Korean Diplomatic Mission in Japan
- l. The Netherlands Mission in Japan
- m. The Norwegian Diplomatic Mission in Japan
- n. The Peruvian Diplomatic Mission in Japan
- o. The Philippine Mission in Japan
- p. The Portuguese Diplomatic Agency in Japan
- q. The Spanish Diplomatic Mission in Japan
- r. The Swedish Diplomatic Mission in Japan
- s. The Swiss Diplomatic Mission in Japan
- t. The Thai Diplomatic Mission in Japan
- u. The Turkish Diplomatic Agency
- v. The United Kingdom Liaison Mission in Japan
- w. The Uruguayan Diplomatic Agency in Japan.

10. In the absence of contrary indications from the Japanese Government, it will be understood that the channel of all correspondence between the Japanese Government and the foreign diplomatic mission on the subjects specified will be through the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, except that correspondence on international trade operations may pass directly between the missions and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

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