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SUBJECT: Critical Materials Held in Public Warehouses

THRU : Mr. Shigemi Miyai
Foreign Affairs Section
Wakayama Prefectural Office

TO : Governor, Wakayama Prefecture

1. It is requested that you put the following into immediate effect, and provide the following agencies with Japanese translations for their information and/or action:

- Bureau of Commerce and Industry
- Procurator
- Chiefs of Rural and City Police

2. In order to facilitate the investigation of critical materials held in public warehouses, it is the desire of the Commanding Officer, this organization, that the following procedure be immediately put into effect by all concerned.

a. When a military government inspection team determines that a reasonable suspicion exists that goods stored in public warehouses has not been legally acquired and properly reported in accordance with SCAPIN 1863 and Operational Directive # 27, the inspection team will furnish the chief of police with a detailed list of the goods in question, and request immediate confiscation by the police.

b. Upon receipt of this list the chief of police will immediately confiscate the goods described thereon, and notify the following when this has been done:

- (1) The Military Government Inspection Team, Economic Section
- (2) The Bureau of Commerce and Industry
- (3) The presumptive owner of the goods

c. As it is recognized that inventories seldom reflect current holdings, legal or otherwise, police will inform presumptive owners that they may recover their goods upon presentation within

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five (5) days after confiscation of evidence to the military government inspection team that goods in question has been legally acquired and reported on their inventory as required by government instructions.

d. Upon receipt within five (5) days of such evidence the military government inspection team will notify the police to release the goods affected to the owner. If not so notified within five days, the police will dispose of the goods in accordance with Operational Directive # 27 and SCAPIN 1863.

3. These instructions apply to goods held in public warehouses only, and are not to be construed as applying to materials stored in private installations.

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