

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
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11 October 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Illegally Possessed Foreign Motion Picture Films in Japan

1. Reference is made to the following memoranda for the Japanese Government from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers:

a. File AG 062.2 (8 Jul 46)CPC/FP, SCAPIN 1056, 8 July 1946, subject, "Census of Foreign Films in Japan"

b. File AG 062.2 (29 Nov 46)CPC/FP, SCAPIN 1367, 29 November 1946, subject, "Illegally-Possessed Foreign Films in Japan."

2. Paragraph 6 of reference lb above is hereby revised. Hereafter the Japanese Government shall be responsible for the storage, maintenance and preservation of all illegally possessed foreign motion picture films which are subject to the provisions of references la and lb above, including such other foreign motion picture films as may be designated by General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

3. Prior to 15 October 1948, the Japanese Government will provide space suitable for the storage of approximately three thousand (3,000) reels of motion pictures in the above categories, consideration being given to the inflammable and perishable nature of the films. Provision will be made for the installation and use of necessary equipment and materials for handling and protection of the reels, the establishment of a system of identification and classification, and the maintenance of appropriate control records. The location of the space selected, together with the plan of storage in accordance with the foregoing, shall be furnished General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

4. No films will be removed, transferred or released from this established storage location without the approval of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

5. In accordance with the foregoing, the Japanese Government is directed to take physical custody of all illegally possessed films now stored in the vaults of the Central Motion Picture Exchange, Civil Information and Education Section, Kanesaka Building, Tokyo and remove them to the new place of storage not later than 1 November 1948. Prior to removal, the films will be inventoried and a receipt, in triplicate, furnished the Central Motion Picture

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Exchange. Within fifteen (15) days of such removal a copy of this receipt will be furnished General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers together with information as to title of each film, name of the producer, country of origin, number of reels, number of prints and whether positive or negative, and the new location of the films.

6. Within five (5) days of the date of this memorandum, representatives of the Japanese Government will contact General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, for the purpose of coordinating this operation.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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