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KELLER, A. O.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST COMMAND
CHECK SHEET

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File No: ~~X602~~ #344 Subject: Release from Requisition of House for Use of Swiss Diplomatic Representative

Note No.

From: G-4

To: Hq Comdt

Lt Col Fargo 26-6443
Date: 11 AUG 1950

(3)

1. Request subject residence, U. S. House 344, be released to owner, Mr. A. O. Keller, under the provisions of Circular 27, GHQ, SCAP, 20 October 1949.

2. Mr. J. W. Greene, G-2 Misc, will be furnished suitable accommodations in accordance with preceding C/N (2).

3. Expeditious action is indicated, request this section be furnished date of accomplishment.

1 Incl
n/c

cc: DS

[Signature]
----- G. L. E. ----- 10279
D. J. Dousman 57-8792

(4)

From: Hq Comdt

To: G-4

Date: 22 SEP 1950

U. S. House 344 was vacated 18 September 1950. Release action is being started immediately.

1 Incl
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[Signature]
----- B. L. M. -----

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
FOR EAST COMMAND
CHECK SHEET

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Release from Registration of House for Use of
Swiss Diplomatic Representative

Lt Col Fargo 26-8443

1. Request subject residence, U. S. House 344, be released to owner,
Mr. A. G. Keller, under the provisions of Circular 27, GSA, 30 October
1949.

2. Mr. J. W. Greene, G-2 Misc, will be furnished suitable accommodations
in accordance with preceding G/W (S).

3. Expeditions action is indicated, request this action be furnished
date of accomplishment.

I Incl
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cc: IS

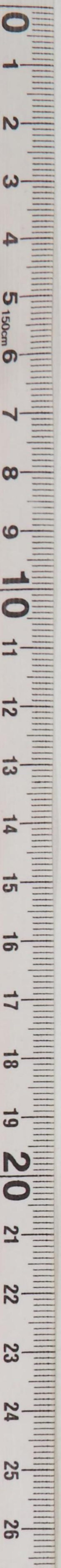
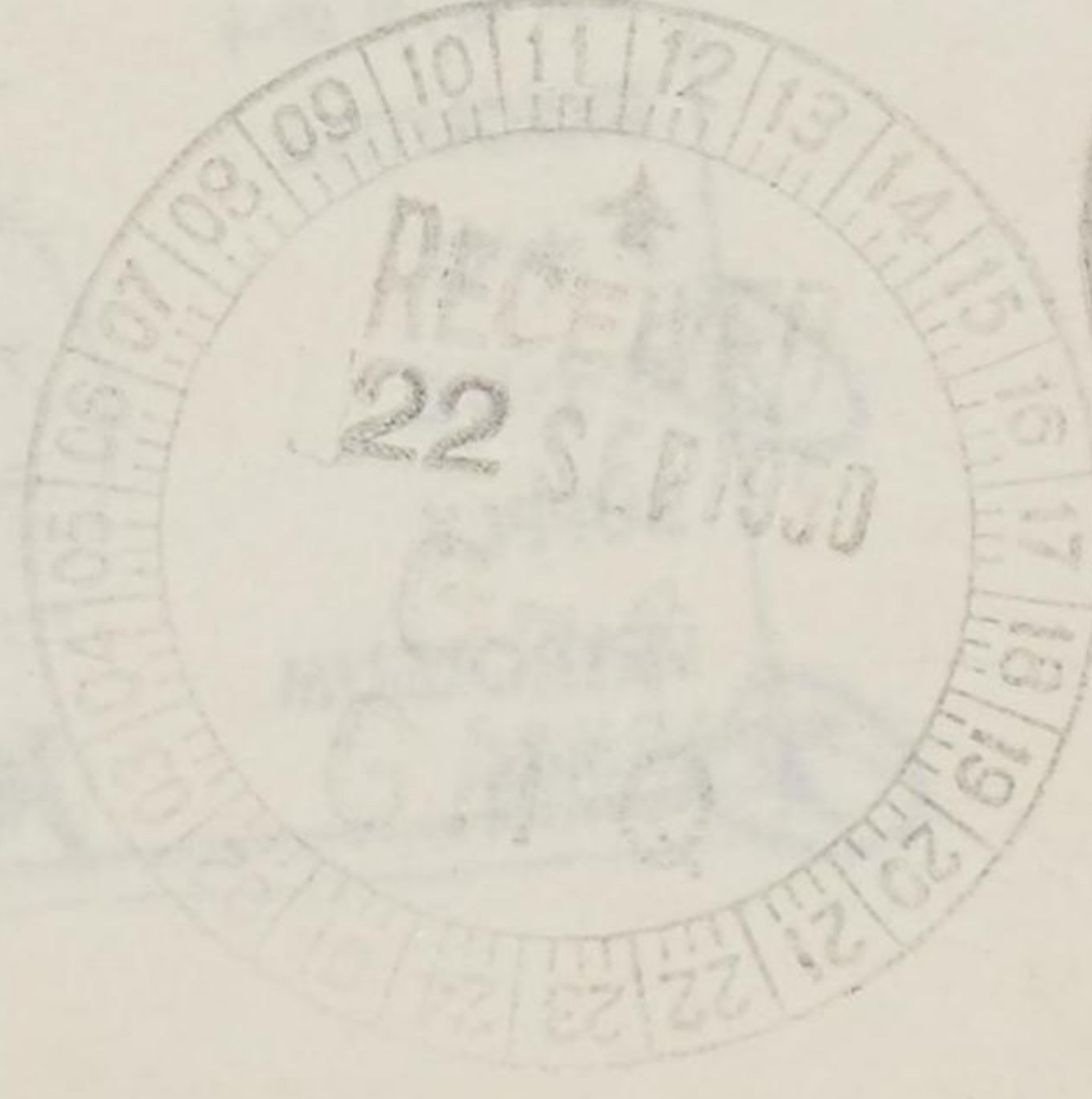
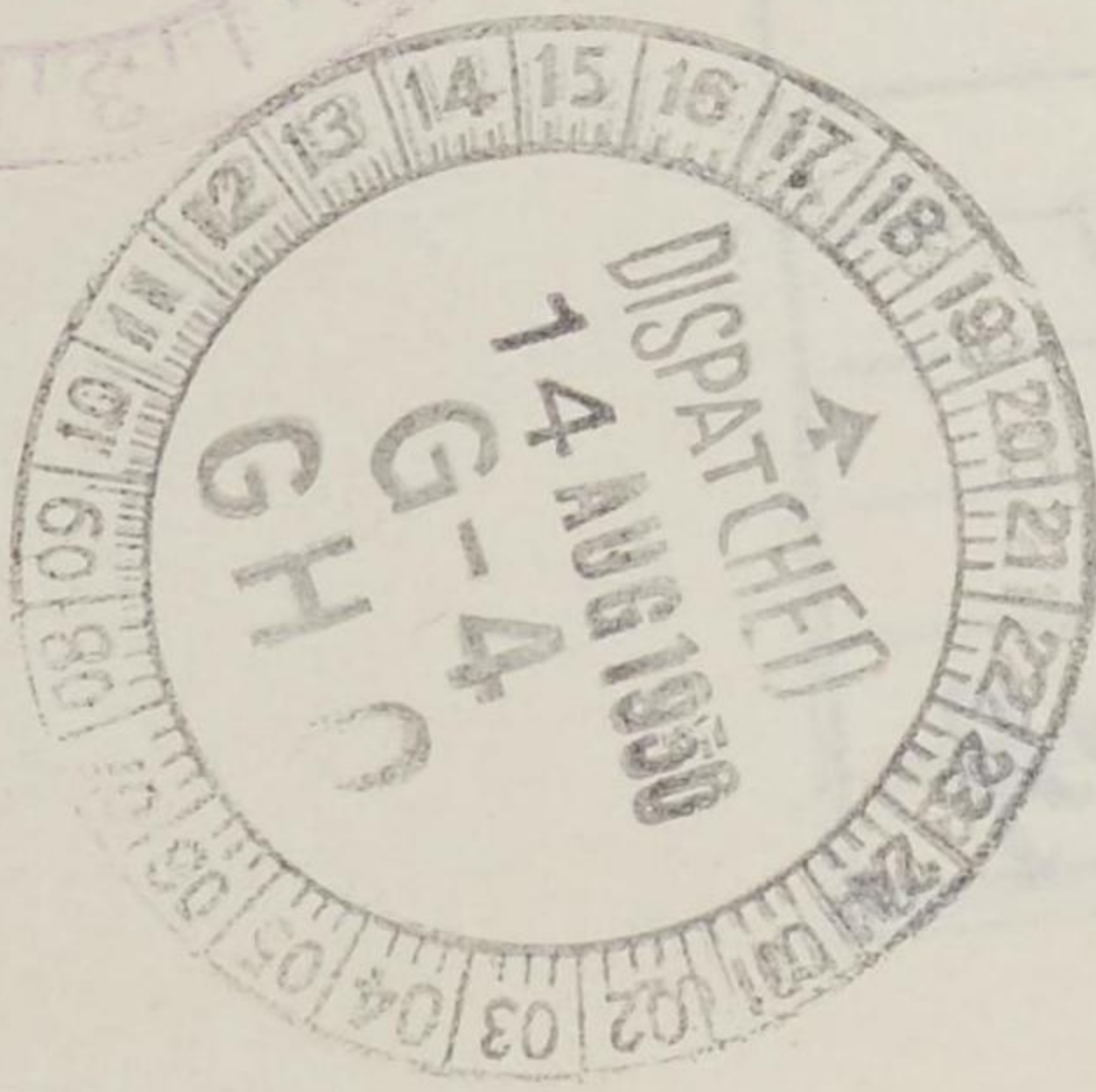
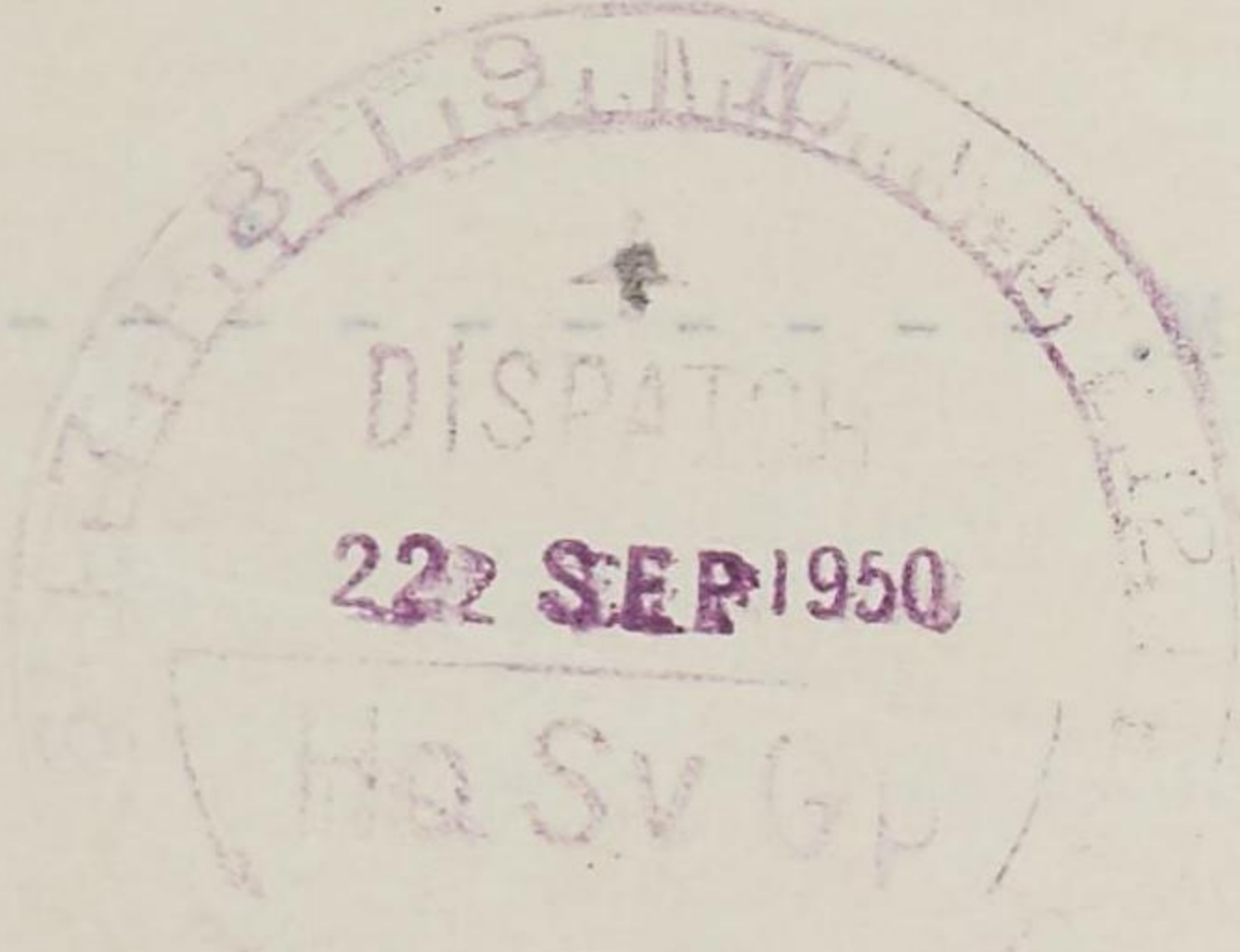
D. J. Bowman 57-8792

Date: 22 SEP 1950

To: G-4

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Date: 22 SEP 1950

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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CHECK SHEET

(Do not remove from attached sheets) Mr. Ainsworth 26-7695

File No.: S 236

Subject: Release from Requisition of House for Use of
Swiss Diplomatic Representative.

Note
No.

From: DS

To: G-4
THRU: G-1

Date: 9 August 1950

(1)

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2. Now forwarded is copy of the Swiss Diplomatic Mission's note dated 2 August 1950, stating that Mr. Charles Weibel, the new Swiss Diplomatic Representative, has not been able to take over the residence occupied by his predecessor, and suggesting that the residence owned by Mr. A. O. Keller, a Swiss national, which is presently under requisition, be released in the near future for the purpose of providing accommodations for the Swiss Diplomatic Representative.

3. It is recalled that G-4 check note under reference stated that Mr. Keller had been informed on numerous occasions that his house "cannot be released until sometime during 1950." It is suggested that if it is feasible to release this property in the reasonably near future such action would probably relieve this Headquarters of subsequent requests for aid in providing other accommodations for the Swiss Diplomatic Representative.

4. DS considers it appropriate to point out the importance of the services rendered by Swiss diplomatic representatives in Japan in protection of American interests during the war, including aid to internees, protection of official and private property, etc., and recommends that in view of these factors and previous indications to Mr. Keller the request of the Swiss Diplomatic Representative be given full and sympathetic consideration.

1 Incl:
Copy of note
dated 2 August 50.

WJG

-----W.J.S.-----
Maj Groves/csr 26-5995
Date: 12 August 1950

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From: G-1

To: G-4

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W.B. Rutto, Col. G.S.C.
for W.A.B.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

CHECK SHEET

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Mr. Alsworth 26-7895
Subject: Release from Repatriation of House for Use of Swiss Diplomatic Representative.

File No. 2 236

Note No. From: DS To: G-4
THRU: G-1 Date: 9 August 1950

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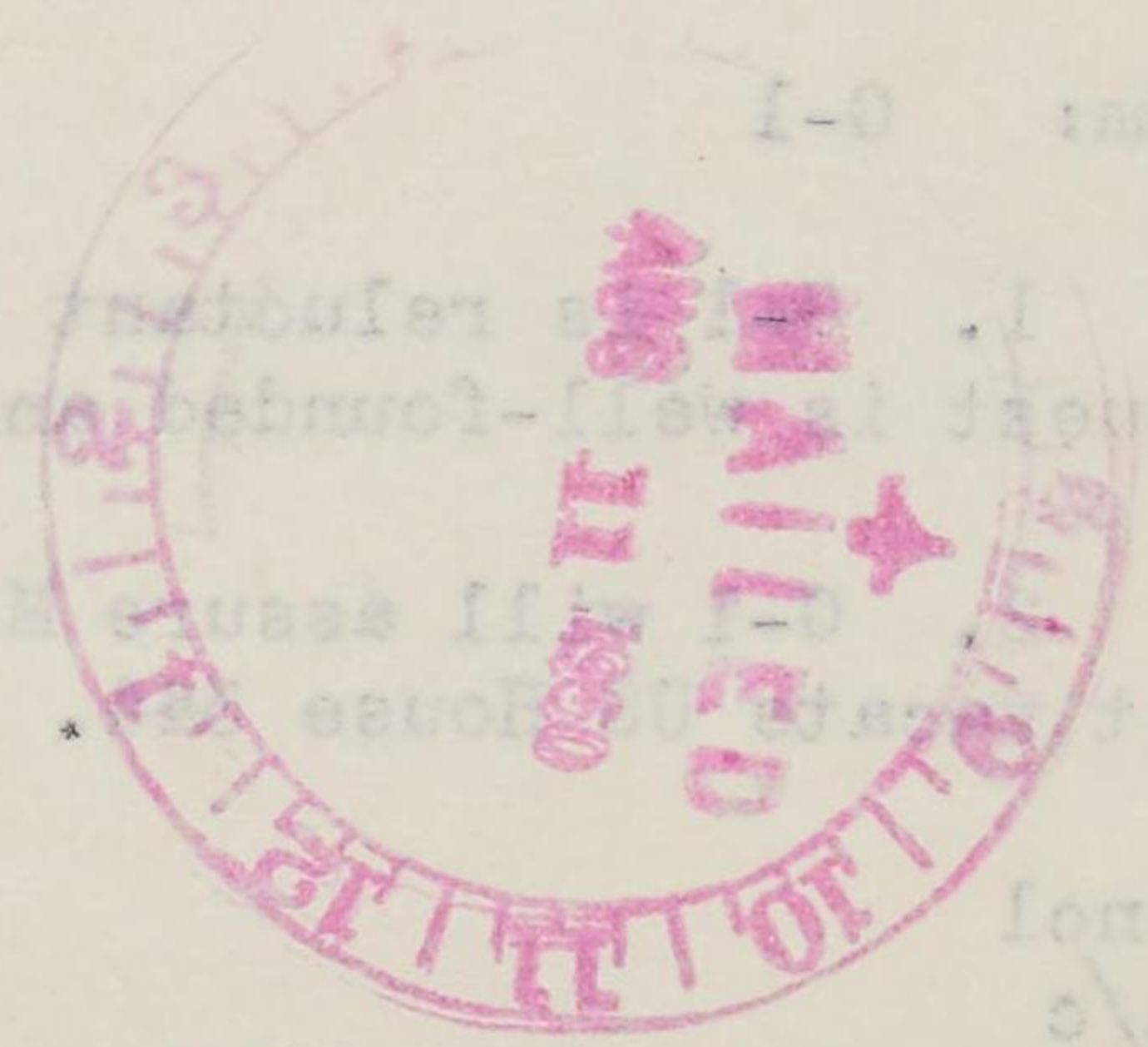
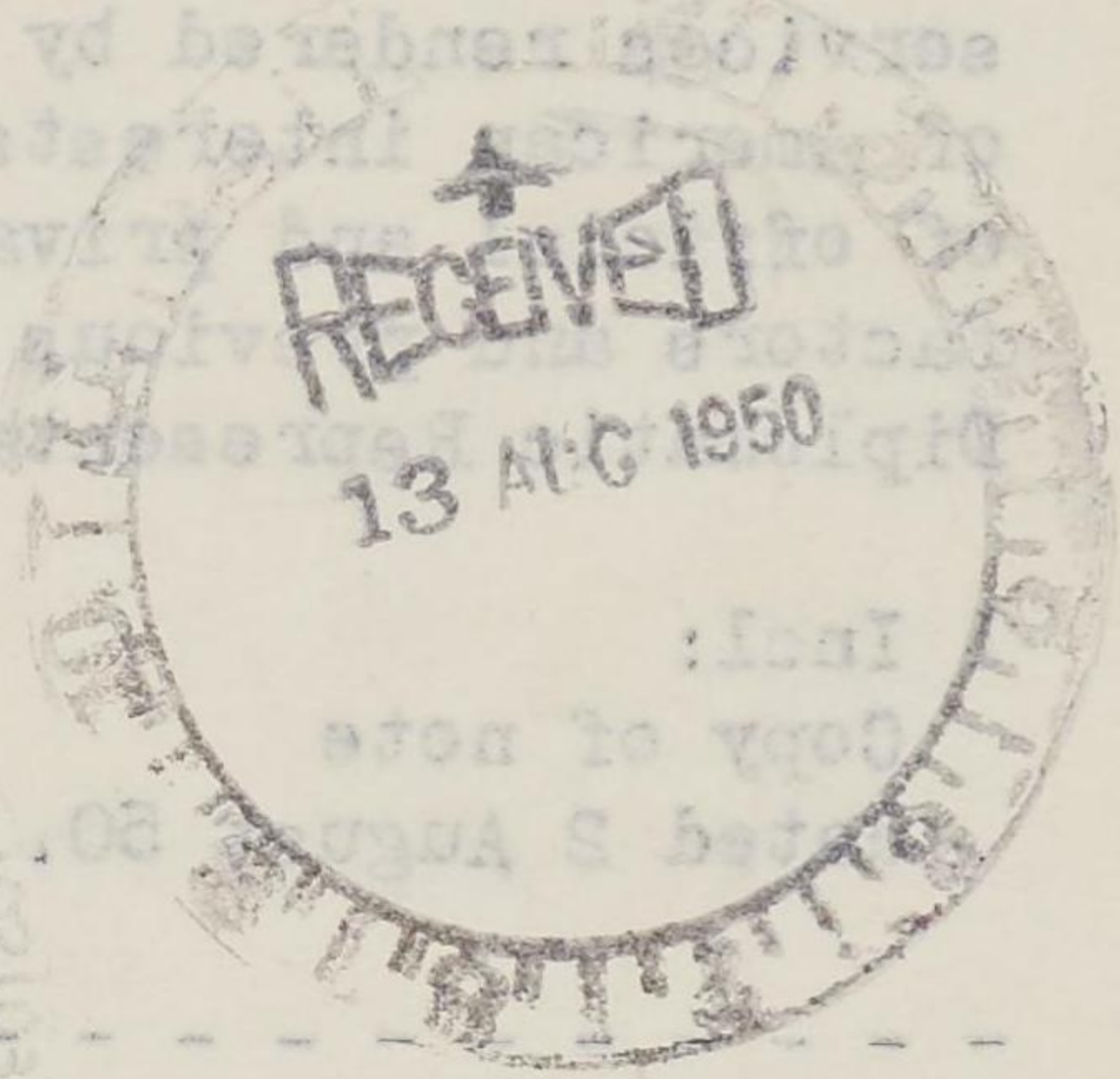
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Mr. Groves/cor 26-8888
Date: 12 August 1950

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SWISS DIPLOMATIC MISSION
IN JAPAN

M.3.1.2.3.--(49) Du/e.
A.2.3.5.--

The Swiss diplomatic Mission presents its compliments to the Diplomatic Section of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and has the honour to submit the following matter for due consideration.

As it is probably known to the Diplomatic Section, Mr. Charles Weibel, the new Swiss Diplomatic Representative, has not been able to take over the residence of his predecessor, Mr. Dubois. This is partly due to the fact that, in 1948, an American commercial representative who wanted to rent Mr. Dubois's residence was granted by the competent section of General Headquarters a statement that this house was not needed for the Occupation Forces. For this reason, Mr. Dubois did not find it possible to make arrangements to retain his residence for Mr. Weibel.

Furthermore, Mr. Dubois and Mr. Weibel as well, since his arrival, have been looking for accommodation but without any success or any prospect of finding something in the near future.

The General Headquarters,
Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers,
Diplomatic Section,
T o k y o.

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Mr. Keller, a Swiss citizen, is the owner of a house which has been requisitioned since 1946 (U.S. House No. 344) and which is at the present time occupied by Mr. J.W. Greene of Civil Education and Information Section. According to the Diplomatic Section's note of August 12th, 1949, this house is due to be released from requisition during the calendar year of 1950.

Mr. Keller is prepared to rent his property to Mr. and Mrs. Weibel. In view of the special circumstances described above, the Swiss Mission hopes that it will be found possible to release the house in question in the very near future to enable the Head of this Mission to occupy suitable accommodation.

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Tokyo, August 2nd, 1950.



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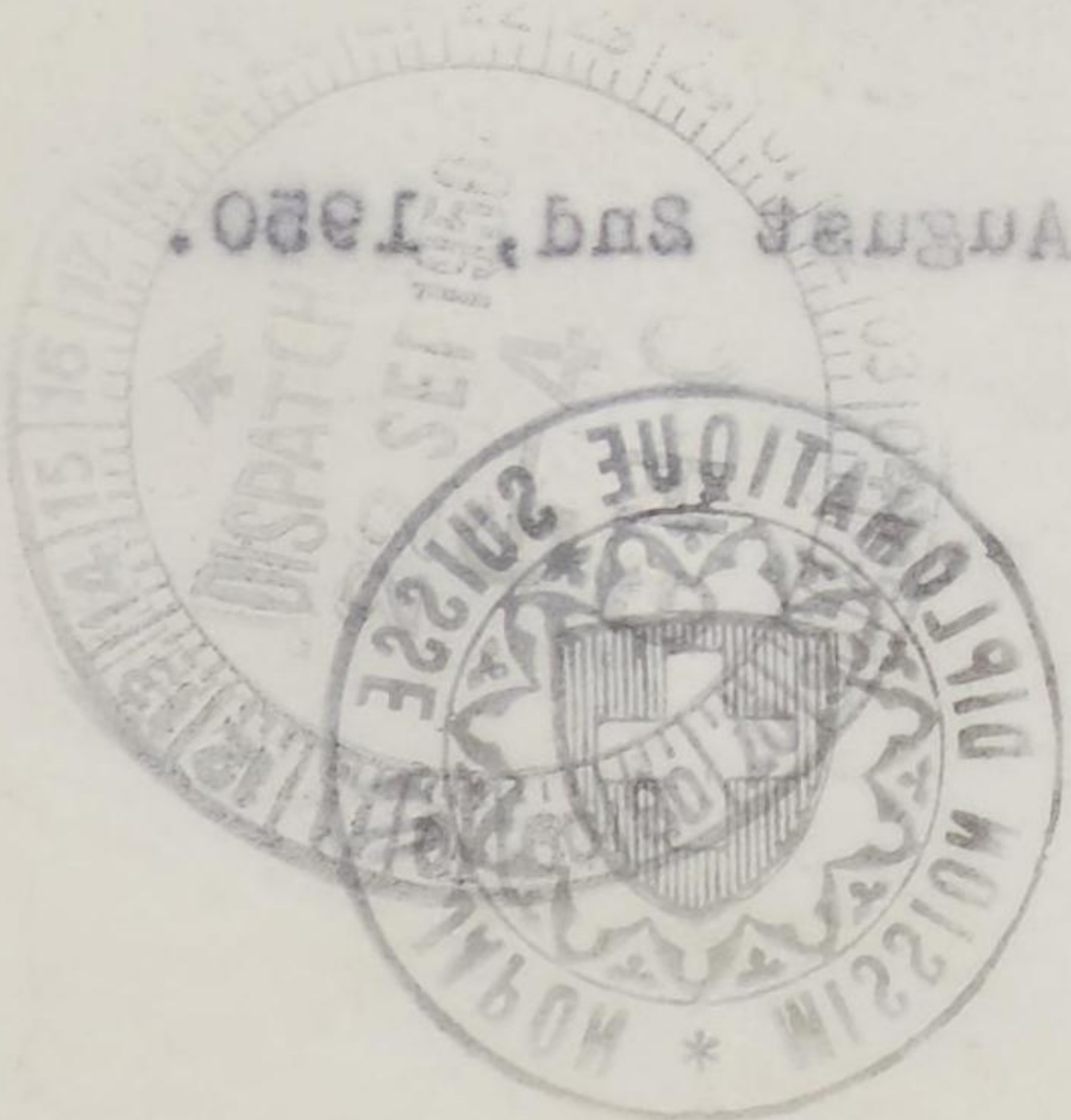
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Tokyo, August 2nd, 1950.



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CROSS REFERENCE OTHER THAN RADIO

FROM:

DATE: 13 SEPT 50

TO:

SUBJECT: M/R Release from requisition of house for use of Swiss
Diplomatic Representative.

DOCUMENT IN: 334 SWISS

JO. NO. 12386 DIV. C&RE

~~602 U.S. House #344~~
602 A.O. Keller

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GD C&RE RSP/WRF/ba
14 August 1950

MEMO FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Request for Release from Requisition of U.S. House #344 -
A. O. Keller

1. The Problem. Mr. A. O. Keller has requested release of U. S. House #344.
2. References. a. Ltr, A. O. Keller to SCAP, above subject, 12 Aug 50.
3. Discussion of Facts. See M/R to G-4 Journal No. 10279.
4. Additional Data. None.
5. Conclusions. See M/R to G-4 Journal No. 10279.
6. Recommendation. Hq Comdt has been requested to release U. S. House 344 (M/R to G-4 Journal No. 10279). Joint action.
7. Action taken is within established policy.
8. G-4 action is complete on Journal No. 10208.

WRF WRF 26-6443

RSP RP 26-6029

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A. O. Keller
c/o Teito Hotel,
Tokyo.

Tokyo, August 12, 1950,

To: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers,
Through G-4.
Tokyo.

From: A. O. Keller

Subject: Return of my land and house into my possession
(U.S. House 344.)

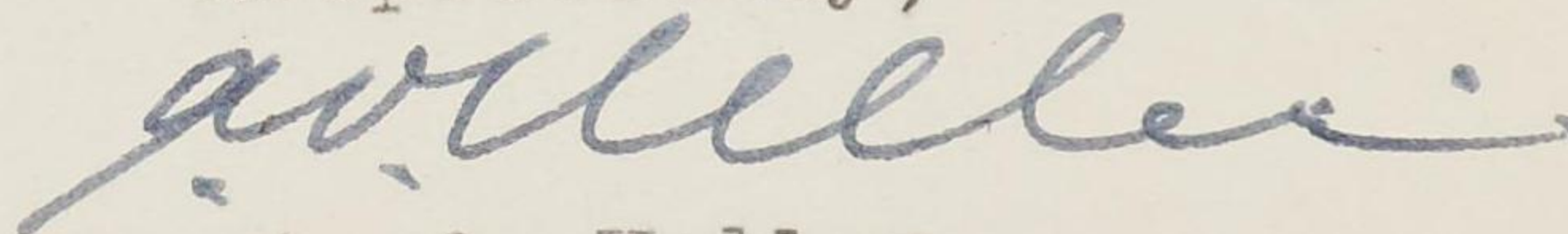
Gentlemen,

I herewith enclose copies of my letters to you of the 9th December 1948 and 10th February 1949. as well as copies of your respective replies of the 7th March and 4th April 1950.

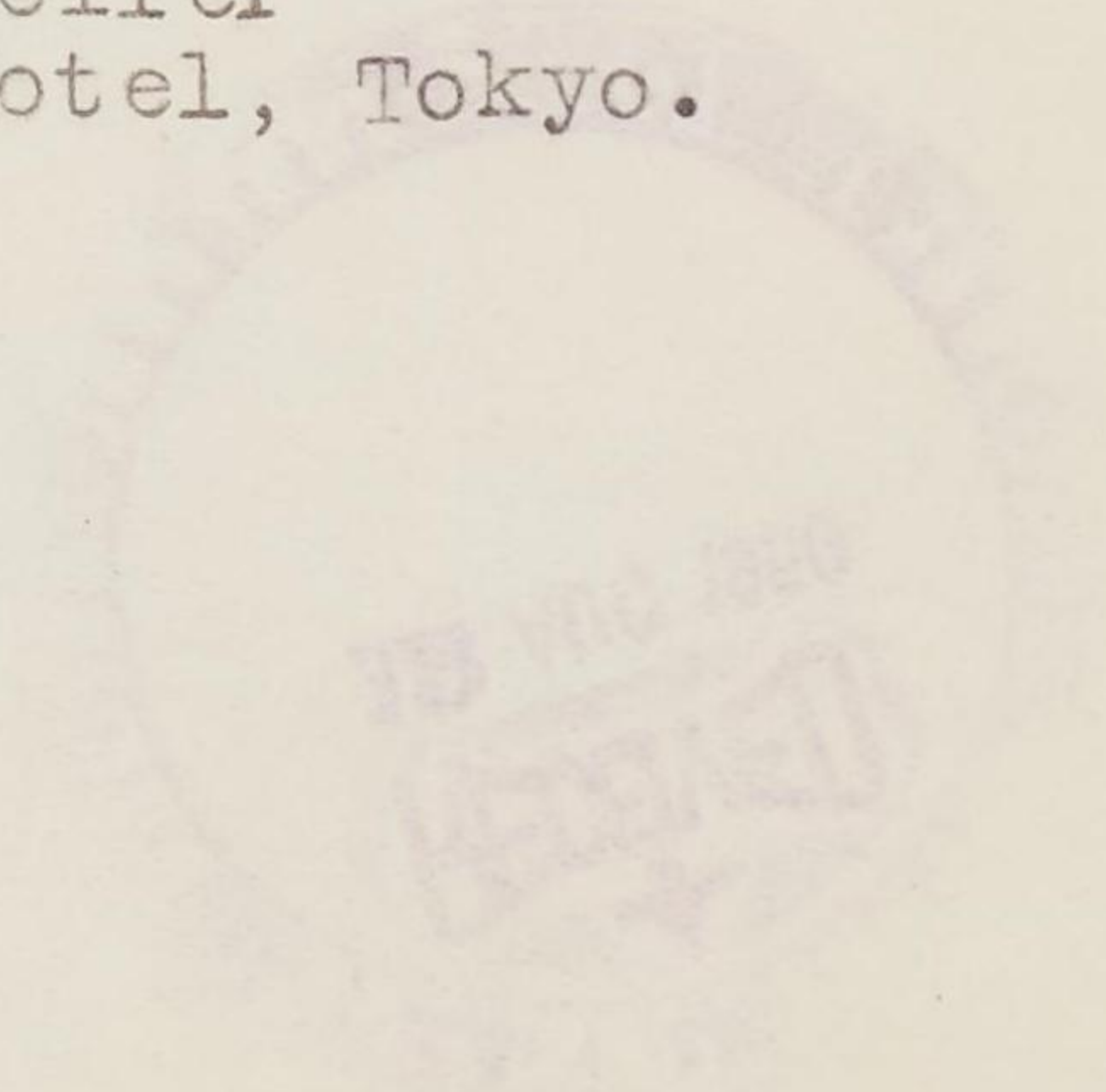
What I said in those letters still holds good today and I hope you also will keep your word.

As the last quarter of 1950 is now approaching I now ask you to let me know the date of release of my property as promised.

Respectfully,



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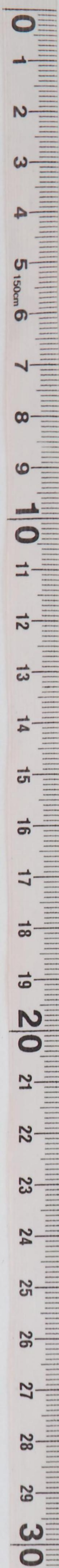
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A.O. Keller
c/o Mr. L. Bachmann
No. 37 Kitano-cho, 2-chome
Ikuta-ku, KOBE

Kobe, December 9, 1948.

TO: Supreme Commander Allied Powers,
through G - 4
T O K Y O .

FROM: A. O. Keller

Subject: Return of my land and house to my possession.

Gentlemen,

My property described as No. 1011 Kami-Ikegami-cho Omori-ku, Tokyo (U.S. House No. 344. Demand No. TKYC 2978-A, SCAPIN No. 2030-A) has been occupied by Mr. J.W. Greene CI & E (formerly Col. Greene) since about September 1946.

The land is owned in equal portions by Miss Marguerite Keller, Miss Catherine Keller and Miss Evelyn Keller and the house by myself A.O.Keller, all Swiss citizens.

This property was taken without our consent. We have never signed any lease for the same with the Japanese Government, which I understand is merely the Agent of the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces for governmental purposes. We are citizens of a friendly nation and under international law our property was not subject to forcible requisition except where a condition of actual hostilities might render it subject to seizure as a military necessity.

I hereby demand the return of this property with full compensation for its use to which I have never consented together with reasonable damages done it by the occupant.

Respectfully,

A.O. Keller
c/o Mr. L. Bachmann,
No. 37, Kitano-cho 2-chome
Ikuta-Ku, KOBE.

A.O. Keller
c/o Mr. L. Bachmann
No.37 Kitano-Cho, 2-chome
Ikuta-Ku, KOBE.

Kobe, February 10, 1949

TO: Supreme Commander Allied Powers,
through G - 4
T O K Y O .

FROM: A.O. Keller

SUBJECT: Return into my possession and
compensation for use of my land and
house. (U.S. House No. 344.)

Gentlemen,

I herewith enclose copy of my
letter to you of the 9th December to which I am
still awaiting your reply.

If my property cannot be returned
promptly and you cannot say exactly when this
will be, I at least expect full clarification of the
question of compensation for its use and damage done
to it.

Respectfully,

A. O. Keller

Encl. Copy of letter
date 9th December 1948.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
APO 500

7 March 1949

Mr. A. O. Keller,
c/o Mr. T. Bachmann,
No. 37 Kitano-cho, 2-chome
Ikuta-ku, Kobe.

Dear Mr. Keller:

Reference is made to your letters of 9 December 1948 and 10 February 1949, requesting release by the occupation forces of your property described as No. 1011 Kami-Ikegami-cho, Omori-ku, Tokyo.

The property described in your letters falls within the purview of recently established and published Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers policy concerning the release from requisition of non-enemy owned properties. This policy provides that a residence will be released when vacated by the occupation force personnel assigned to it on or before 17 December 1948 and that precedence will be given to the release of residences to be occupied by owners or by representatives connected with the owners' interests in Japan.

Assignment of the above described residence to the present occupant was made prior to 17 December 1948 and is expected to continue in effect until some time in 1950, therefore release of this residence cannot be accomplished until that time.

With reference to compensation for damages which you believe have been done to your property, it is considered that any claim which you may have is a matter for settlement between yourself and the Japanese Government.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)
A J REHE
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
APO 500

4 April 1949

Mr. A. O. Keller
c/o Mr. T. Bachmann
No. 37 Kitano-cho, 2-chome
Ikuta-ku, Kobe

Dear Mr. Keller:

Reference is made to your letter of 16 March 1949, in which you request release by the occupation forces of your property described as No. 1011 Kami-Ikegami-cho, Amori-ku, Tokyo.

The conditions regarding the release of your property referred to above and outlined in General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers letter to you dated 7 March 1949 have not changed.

You are again informed that house located at No. 1011 Kami-Ikegami-cho, Amori-ku, Tokyo was assigned to the present occupant prior to 17 December 1948 and it is expected that this assignment will continue in effect until sometime in 1950, therefore, release of this residence cannot be accomplished at this time.

Further, with reference to compensation for damages which you believe have been done your property, it is reasserted that any claim which you may have is a matter for settlement between yourself and the Japanese Government.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

A J REHE
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

602 Keller
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GD C&RE RSP/WRF/ba

Release from Requisition of House for Use of
Swiss Diplomatic Representative

Lt Col Fargo 26-6443

G-4

Hq Comdt

1 AUG 1950

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2. Mr. J. W. Greene, G-2 Misc, will be furnished suitable accommodations
in accordance with preceding C/N (2).

3. Expeditious action is indicated, request this section be furnished
date of accomplishment.

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cc: DS

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GD C&RE RSP/WRF/ba
14 August 1950

MEMO FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Release from Requisition of House for Use of Swiss Diplomatic Representative

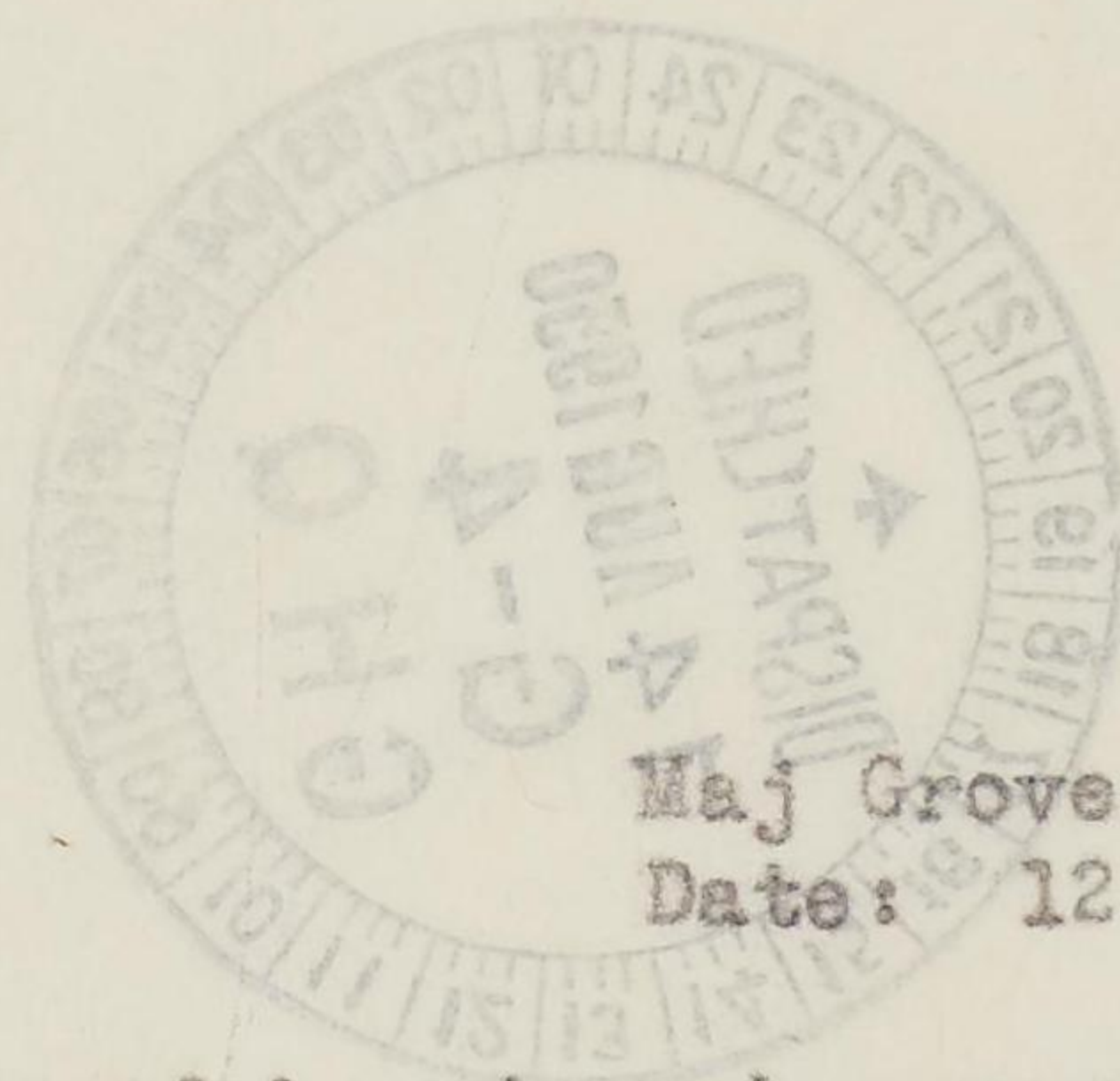
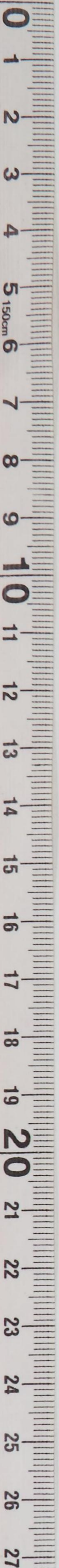
1. The Problem. The Swiss Diplomatic Mission has requested the release of U.S. House 344 for use of a representative on a direct rental basis.
2. References. a. Ltr, Swiss Diplomatic Mission to SCAP, M 3.1.2.3 - (49), A.2.3.5., above subject, 2 Aug 50.
 - b. C/N (1), DS to G-1, G-4, S 236, above subject, 9 Aug 50.
 - c. C/N (2), G-1 to G-4, above subject, 12 Aug 50.
 - d. Ltr, SCAP to A. O. Keller, AG 095 (16 Mar 49)GD, same subject, 4 Apr 49.
3. Discussion of Facts. Reference 2a states U.S. House #344 as being necessary to the Swiss Diplomatic Mission as a residence for Mr. Charles Weibel, who is in need of a residence to efficiently carry on his work with the mission. Ref 2b states the DS is in sympathy with the request of the Swiss Mission and verifies the facts. Ref 2c guarantees the present occupant of U.S. House 344 suitable accommodations. Ref 2d states house might be released in late 1950.
4. Additional Data. None.
5. The Swiss Diplomatic Mission has requested the release of U.S. House 344 for use on a private rental basis for its representative, Mr. Charles Weibel. G-1 has guaranteed the present occupant of U.S. House 344 suitable accommodations. Mr. Keller was advised that house might be released in late 1950.
6. Recommendations. Instant action by C/N (3) to Hq Comdt approves release of U.S. House 344 to present owner, A. O. Keller.
7. Action taken is within established policy.
8. G-4 action is complete on Journal No. 10279.

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From: G-1

To: G-4

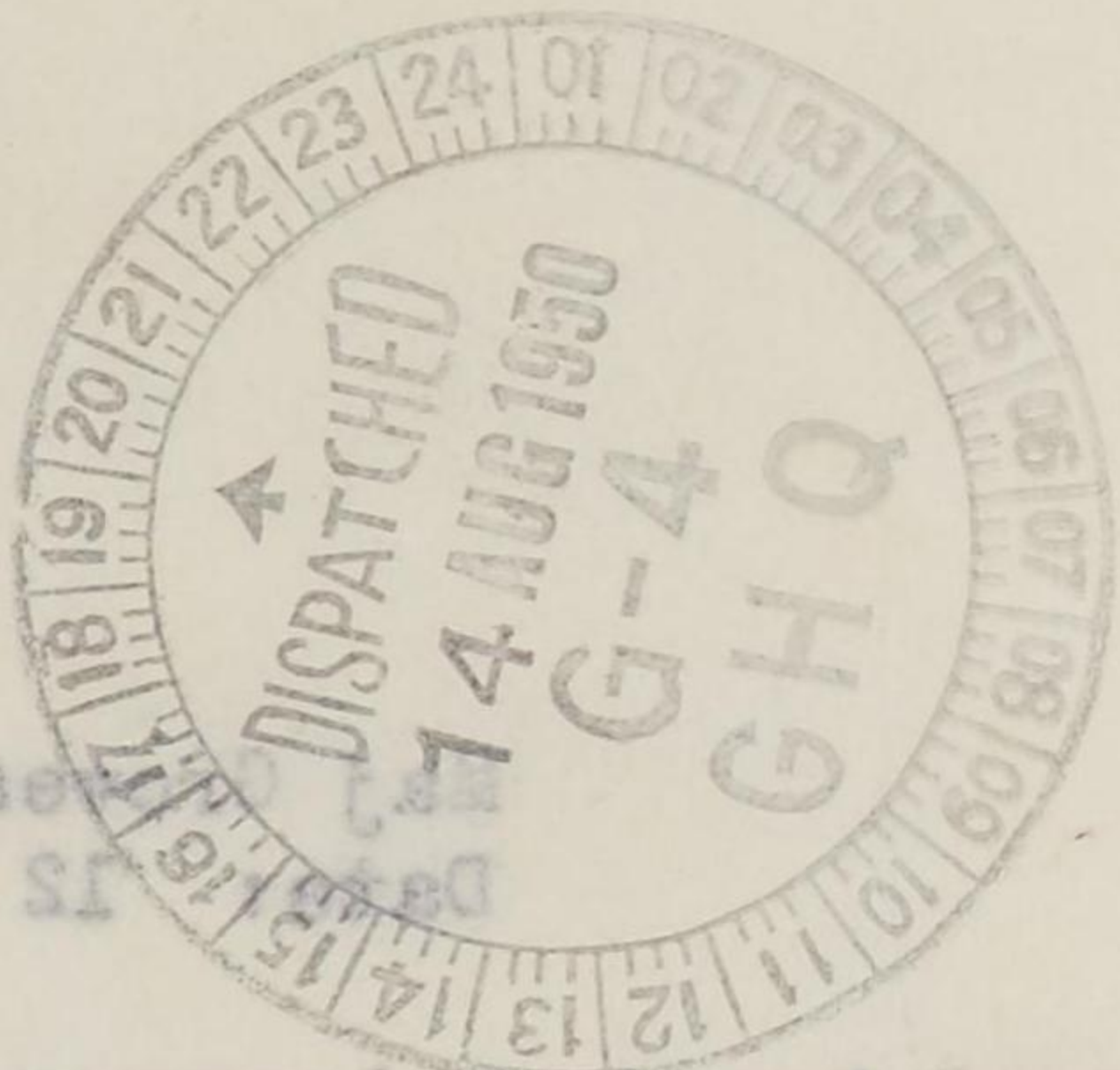
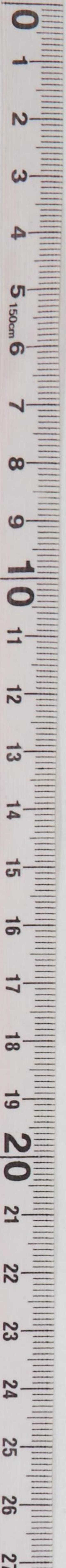
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Date: 12 August 1950

1. G-1 is reluctant to release occupational housing; however, this request is well-founded and should be approved.

2. G-1 will assure Mr. Greene suitable accommodations at such time as he must vacate US House 344.

1 Incl
n/c

W.A.B.



Date: 15 August 1950
File No: 88-2922

To: G-4

From: G-1

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