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APO 25

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30 January 1948

SUBJECT: Reference to Occupation Forces in Japanese-Sponsored Publicity

THRU : Mr. Miyai, Chief, Foreign Affairs Section  
Prefectural Government

TO : The Governor, Wakayama Prefectural Government  
Wakayama City

1. This team has noted that occasionally the Kencho refers to this team, to personnel of this team, or to the Occupation Forces in its publicity releases in order to get public support for a given idea or enterprise. Except in cases where the Commanding Officer, the CI&E Officer, or other authorized representative of this team approve specific releases, it is desired that the Kencho not refer to the Occupation Forces members by name in publicity releases or mention this Military Government Team.

2. The purpose of this letter is to help achieve a situation whereby the Kencho will issue publicity releases embodying democratic concepts on its own initiative with its own strength, rather than to depend for support upon Military Government. Each prefecture in Japan is now becoming stronger, is now taking on additional functions of government, guidance, and protection of all citizens which it has not before performed. To do so successfully means that the Kencho and the prefectural administration must act with initiative and must be responsible to the people for their acts.

3. This letter is not intended to change in any way Military Government's appointed role as observer, reporting agency, guide, and helper of the prefectural government and the citizens of the prefecture; but it is desired to promote and enhance the authority and responsibilities of the Japanese officials before the Japanese citizens.

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