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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

31 Dec. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	20
	Cleared	0	Cleared	12
			In GHQ	8
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

Public Administration:

The last report of 1951 from the Attorney General's Office, dated 27 December, listed the following registrations of the various political parties:

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Social Democratic	1,787	93,183
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Special:

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29 Dec. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	20
	Cleared	1	Cleared	12
			In GHQ	8
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

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Government Section

28 December 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government Bills:	Received	0	Received	20
	Cleared	1	Cleared	11
			In GHQ	9
Member bills	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

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SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

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			In GHQ	9
Member bills	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Government Section

27 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	20
	Cleared	2	Cleared	10
			In GHQ	10
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

26 Dec. 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary & Political:

1. Status of legislation:

Government bills:	Received	0	Government bills:	Received	20
	Cleared	0		Cleared	8
				In GHQ	12
Member bills:	Received	0	Member bills:	Received	3
	Cleared	0		Cleared	3
				In GHQ	0

Public Administration:

1. The following terroristic organizations were dissolved and their leaders purged on 26 December 1951 pursuant to provisions of SCAPIN 548 (implemented by Cabinet Order 64 of 1949) by the Japanese Attorney General's Office:

a. NISHITO GUMI of Fukuoka Prefecture
b. SHOJI IPPA of Tottori Prefecture
c. TAMURA GUMI of Hyogo Prefecture

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

24 Dec. 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary & Political:

1. Status of legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	20
	Cleared	2	Cleared	8
			In GHQ	12
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

22 Dec. 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

1. Mr. Monagan discussed with Mr. Reed, ESS/Finance, the Japanese Government's proposal on payment of pensions and benefits to officials of closed institutions. Mr. Reed pointed out that at the time of issuance of SCAPIN 7472-A an ordinance giving authority for these payments was promulgated. Mr. Reed's view is that this proposal is an attempt to finance the payments by utilizing funds set aside by closed institutions for payment of specific foreign claims, then referring these claims for payment from general funds of the Government under recently passed Japanese legislation by which the Japanese Government assumed responsibility for all foreign claims. Mr. Reed plans to explore with Japanese officials the real purpose of the proposal.

Public Administration:

1. Permission was granted by the Chief, PAD, for Yasuji Watanabe, purgee, to continue in his present position with the Maritime Safety Agency until the end of March 1952.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Cumulative status of legislation:

Government bills:	Received	20
	Cleared	6
	In GHQ	14
Member bills:	Received	3
	Cleared	3
	In GHQ	0

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

21 Dec. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary & Political:

1. Dr. Takayanagi, prominent international law scholar, inquired whether a GHQ decision to clear or not clear Government-sponsored bills, e.g., proposals to abolish Cabinet Ordinances 7 and 8 of 1950 (copyrights, trade names, etc.), is a matter of procedure or of substance. He was informed that GHQ decisions based on SCAP's statement of 3 May 1951 are procedural after it is ascertained that no basic SCAP policy has been contravened.

2. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	20
	Cleared	0	Cleared	6
			In GHQ	14
Member bills	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

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20 Dec 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:		Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received 1	Received	20
	Cleared 0	Cleared	6
		In GHQ	14
Member bills	Received 0	Received	3
	Cleared 0	Cleared	3
		In GHQ	0

Special:

A checknote was sent to G-1 concerning the proposed visit of Commissioner Mitchell, recommending transmittal in strongest possible terms to DA that his proposed visit from 2 Jan. to 5 Jan. 1952 was regrettable because of the short time allowed, as well as the coincidence of the Japanese New Year holidays.

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Government Section

19 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	19
	Cleared	0	Cleared	6
			In GHQ	13
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

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Government Section

18 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	2	Received	19
	Cleared	0	Cleared	6
			In GHQ	13
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

Arranged courtesy call by Chairman TSUKADA, HR Budget Committee, on Chief, ESS, for 19 December.

Special:

Mr. Suzuki, Local Autonomy Agency, requested approval of changes in wording proposed Potsdam Order concerning Tokara Gunto, which differed from the previous proposal. Mr. Monagan advised that as long as law and order were preserved during the transition period, the details of the legislation were for determination by the Japanese Government, although the present proposals appeared to be unnecessary.

Mr. Sobel, PSD, Maritime Safety Agency, inquired if it would be appropriate for that agency to send a ship to one of the islands in the Tokara Gunto to inspect a lighthouse. Mr. Monagan advised that these islands are controlled by the Japanese and that there was no objection to sending such a ship; however, he should coordinate with the Local Autonomy Agency, designated by the Japanese Government to handle transitional affairs relating to these islands; also, with Col. Glein, RCAS, in the event there was U.S. property in the lighthouse. (Mr. Sobel advised that COMNAVFE was not yet in charge of the Maritime Safety Agency but that such supervision was contemplated.)

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17 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:

		Cumulative count:	
Government Bills:	Received 0	Received	17
	Cleared 0	Cleared	6
		In GHQ	11
Member bills:	Received 0	Received	3
	Cleared 0	Cleared	3
		In GHQ	0

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15 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	17
	Cleared	0	Cleared	6
			In GHQ	11
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

2. Cleared an amendment sponsored by Councillor CHIBA, Makoto (LF) providing that Diet personnel will continue to be classified as regular government service employees until 31 March 1952. The HR amendment to the National Public Service Law, passed 12 December, places Diet employees in the special government service beginning 1 January 1952.

Special:

Mr. Aka, GS, called the attention of Mr. Takahashi, Attorney General's Office, to an article in the Yomiuri, setting forth a roundtable discussion on the Defense of Independent Japan, in which Nomura, ex-Admiral and purgee, participated. Mr. Takahashi reported later, after study of the article, that the Attorney General's Office proposed to investigate the circumstances of the publication and, if there was a violation of the purge ordinance, would probably suggest to the newspaper that a contemplated series of articles of similar nature be suspended, and that any legal action would be referred to GHQ. The Attorney General's office was advised to submit an interim report, with translation, and to proceed in this matter on their own initiative in accordance with existing laws. Any further suggestions from GHQ would be given after receipt of the interim report. It was made clear that GHQ was not to be involved in any way but that the Attorney General was proceeding on his own responsibility.

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Government Section

14 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	17
	Cleared	0	Cleared	6
			In GHQ	11
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

2. Received from National Election Management Commission statistical results of the gubernatorial election held in Kochi-ken this week when the candidate supported by opposition political parties defeated the Liberal party candidate.

Special:

Mr. Monagan advised Col. Benson, G-1, that it was no longer necessary to issue travel permits to the Tokara Gunto, recently returned to Japan, since this area came under Japanese control on the date of the issuance of SCAPIN 677, 5 December 1951.

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Government Section

13 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

1. Mr. Monagan advised Col. Malone, G-2, that the safeguarding of classified information within the Japanese Government is accomplished through Art. 100 of the National Public Service Law, which provides penalties for the disclosure of secrets by government personnel. Further, that bureau chiefs and above can classify government information as secret. Col. Malone was also advised that no other Japanese law covers this subject but that if it were contemplated to give U. S. classified information to the Japanese Government, negotiations might produce the enactment of a tighter and more appropriate law, although at present no such law is contemplated.

2. Advised Col. Gleim, RCAS, that in the case of a Ryukyuan residing in Formosa who wished to return to the Ryukyus, a certificate of identity could be issued by the U.S. Embassy in Taipeh if that office were satisfied as to the applicant's bona fides and if the Deputy Governor of the Ryukyus authorised his admittance. This is in rejection of the proposal of the Chinese Mission that the Japanese Overseas Agency at Taipeh issue a certificate on the basis of Japanese nationality. The difference is that the applicant is a Japanese national, but not a Japanese subject over whom the Japanese Government has jurisdiction. Cf. SCAPIN 677.

3. Comdr. Murratti, Advisory Group, Maritime Safety Agency, requested permission for the renewal of employment of a purged Japanese Navy Captain now employed by that agency. Mr. Monagan advised Comdr. Murratti that when the MSA was under G-2 separate written applications were required for each renewal and that this policy continues. Comdr. Muratti will apply in writing.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	17
	Cleared	2	Cleared	6
			In GHQ	11
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	3
	Cleared	0	Cleared	3

2. Arranged a conference between Councillors KOBAYASHI and KIKUKAWA with ESS/DeAngelis concerning proposed amendments to the Bill Amending Public Finance Laws.

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Government Section

12 December 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

1. Mr. Managan approved the issuance of a Potsdam Cabinet Order relating the necessary transitional measures connected with the return of Tokara Gunto to Japan. The order continues powers presently held by officials appointed by the Deputy Governor of the Ryukyus or elected under Ryukyu law until such time as an election can be held; authorizes additional Cabinet orders to effect the transition; and provides for the immediate compilation of an election list as an exception to Japanese election laws. All of these measures are necessary to fill the legal gap between Ryukyu and Japanese control and should not await Diet action which is contemplated at a later date.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative Count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	17
	Cleared	2	Cleared	4
			In GHQ	13
Member bills:	Received	1	Received	3
	Cleared	1	Cleared	3
			In GHQ	0

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

11 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

<u>Parliamentary and Political:</u>

1. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received 1		Received	17
	Cleared 0		Cleared	2
			In GHQ	15
Member bills:	Received 2		Received	2
	Cleared 2		Cleared	2
			In GHQ	0

2. Cleared the following two bills carried over from the 12th session:

(a) Dog Race Bill
(b) Amendments to Smaller Enterprises, etc. Cooperatives Law

3. Informed by HC liaison section chief that Senators Sparkman and Smith, together with Ambassador Dulles, will attend a round table discussion with a group of Representatives and Councillors in the salon of President Sato tomorrow afternoon at 1530 hours. Arrangements were made by the Chief, DS.

<u>Special:</u>

1. Mr. Suzuki and Mr. Nagano, Local Autonomy Agency, called at GS on 10 December to discuss changes in the administration of Tokara Gunto, recently returned to Japan. Mr. Menagan advised that local officials below the 30th parallel no longer have any governmental authority since this derived from the Deputy Governor of the Ryukyus, whose authority has ceased. The Local Autonomy Agency wishes to issue a Potsdam Order uniting the presently split village of Jitto-son so that an election can be held. They were advised GHQ would give its opinion upon receipt of a draft order.

2. Mr. Stanley Carpenter, DS, requested information for a reply to a State Dept. radio expressing fear that the recently established Appeals Committee would result in a mass depurge of generals and admirals with undesirable political effect. He was advised that establishment of an Appeals Board was consistent with previous policy and that each case would be reviewed individually by GHQ. Further, that it was unlikely the Board would take any action before next February, and if depurges were accomplished they would not take place until the closing days of the Occupation. So far as any further depurge of military personnel is concerned, these would be considered along with all other cases and not in a special category; if meritorious, they would be approved.

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3. Mr. Sullivan, DS, advised Mr. Monagan that there was agitation among Koreans in Pusan for the return of the Liancourt Islands (Takeshima) to Korea, probably as a result of the issuance of SCAPIN 677/1. Examination of SCAPIN 677 shows that Liancourt Rocks are excluded from the area of Japan, but since no mention is made of them in the Peace Treaty as being waived by Japan, it may be assumed that they will belong to Japan when SCAPIN 677 ceases to have effect. It would appear that this matter is for settlement between the two governments after the Peace Treaty is fully effective. The islands are uninhabited.

4. Lt. Comdr. Aierstock, G-3, called regarding Government Section's interest and/or responsibility in the control of Japanese fishing boats relative to certain naval operations. Major Curtis informed him that GS is interested only in the political aspects of the problem and is not in a position to enter into the operational procedures, but is willing to furnish all the advice and information possible.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Government Section

8 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation: Cumulative Count:

Government Bills:	Received	2	Received	16
	Cleared	1	Cleared	2
			In GHQ	14
Member Bills:	Received	0	Received	0
	Cleared	0	Cleared	0
			In GHQ	0

2. Received certification from HR Secretary-General that Bill for Partial Amendments to the National Public Service Law does not affect the present Budget nor the Supplementary Budget and can be handled within the framework of the Budget.

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7 December 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	4	Received	14
	Cleared	1	Cleared	1
			In GHQ	13
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	0
	Cleared	0	Cleared	0
			In GHQ	0

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

6 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

1. The provisions of the proposed bill for amendment, retention, or abolition of Potsdam Ordinances were discussed by Major Monagan with Mr. Sato and Mr. Okamoto of the Legal Opinion and Research Bureau, Attorney General's Office. No objection to the plan was expressed on behalf of GHQ. A Memorandum has been written for the Chief, GS.

2. Mr. Ushiroku and Mr. Yoshida, both of the Asia Bureau of the Foreign Office, called regarding SCAPIN 677/1, changing the boundary of RYCOM and returning the Tokara Gunto to Japanese control. These officials said they had not expected such a return until the effective date of the Peace Treaty. Major Monagan advised that this had been done as a matter of convenience to the Japanese Government so they might be prepared for the effective date, and that the SCAPIN was effective at once. They were also advised that as to financial and governmental matters the Ryukyus Civil Administration Section, GHQ, would assist them with information and would facilitate travel to these islands. The Foreign Office representatives stated that the attitude of GHQ was deeply appreciated and that the Japanese people accepted it as another mark of the good faith of the United States.

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6 December 1951

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Government Section

5 December 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

Mr. Sasakawa, Chief of the Tokyo-to Liaison Office, called on Mr. Matsukata, GS, to discuss the best method of requesting GHQ to release the Tokyo market property presently under PD.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

4 Dec. 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

1. Mr. Sato and Mr. Konbara of the Legislative Bureau, Attorney General's Office, presented to GS the government plan for abolition, amendment, or retention in law of the Potsdam Ordinances. The plan is that each ministry will submit a single bill for amendment to present ordinances, continuation in law, or abolition of Potsdam Ordinances affecting that ministry. In addition, about six bills affecting special laws, such as the purge, will be independently presented. The Attorney General's Office has submitted a bill abolishing Ordinance #542 on the effective date of the peace treaty but providing that orders issued under it shall remain in effect 180 days thereafter, unless otherwise abolished, and preserving amended Cabinet orders as such for that length of time. The Attorney General's representatives asked for advice or comment, but not approval. GS comment was deferred pending further study of the plan.

2. Kenzo NAKAJIMA, member of the Japanese Civil Defense Committee, called on Mr. Aka, GS, to inform that civil defense measures to be incorporated into legislation necessary to enforce the administrative agreement have been referred to Mr. Sato, Legislative Bureau, Attorney General's Office.

3. On 3 Dec. 1951 the National Election Management Commission reported the results of the election of the Mayor of Mito City, Ibaragi Prefecture. Toshio YAMAMOTO polled 15,492 votes; Tadao SEKIYAMA received 11,463. Both candidates were Independents. Seventy percent of the qualified voters cast their ballots at this 27 November election.

Election of the Governor of Kochi Prefecture will take place on 12 December 1951. There are two candidates: Wakaji KAWAMURA (Ind.) and Naomi NOMOI (Liberal).

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Government Section

3 December 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

The Attorney General's Office reported the following organizational membership for existing political parties, as of 1 December 1951. The changes since the last report (2 October 1951) are also noted:

Party	No. of Organizations	Membership	Increase or Decrease
Liberal	1,125	94,929	add 1,697
People's Demo.	377	28,482	less 97
Social Demo.	1,799	93,742	less 913
Communist	5,230	52,061	less 2,761
Minor parties	9,798	10,264,567	less 114,791
	18,329	10,533,781	

Parliamentary and Political:

Received four Government bills which are to be considered during the next session of the Diet.

Special:

A checknote was sent to G-1 inviting Commissioner Mitchell to survey the Japanese Civil Service during his proposed visit to Japan.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

1 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

Mr. Sato, Director-General, NPA, discussed with Major Jay, GS, the so-called "sit-down" strikes of government employees. A brief is being prepared for the Chief, GS.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

30 Nov. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Government Section Chief

Subject: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

1. At 1345 hours today Dr. Loomis, Education Div., CI&E, conferred informally with Mr. Uchiyama, GS, to determine whether GS had any objection to reinstatement from the educational purge of military and Kempei Tai officers and personnel. GS saw no objection in any action of depurge effected by the Education Ministry under the supervision of CI&E so long as those reinstated were not still purged under SCAPIN 550.

2. At 1430 hours today Mr. Okada, Supervision Section, Prime Minister's Office, inquired of Mr. Uchiyama as to whether depurged persons were subject to restrictions in assuming public office. Mr. Okada was informed that with the exception of the special higher police personnel, depurged from SCAPIN 550 and/or SCAPINs 93 and 115, the understanding between GS and the Japanese Government was that such persons would be rescreened prior to assuming public positions and if cleared, GS would have no objections to their assuming such an office.

Special:

Major Monagan spoke for two hours before the CIC school on the Political Reorientation of Japan.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Informed by HC that the controversial Fixed Number of Personnel Amendment Bill was passed this afternoon by a vote of 138 to 64 and was returned to HR.

2. Explained to Chairman Wada, HC Budget Committee, that GHQ refusal to permit certain amendments to the budget was based on the Economic Stabilization Directive.

3. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	59
	Cleared	0	Cleared	57
	Disaprv.	1	In GHQ	1
			Disaprv.	1
Member bills:	Received	1	Received	22
	Cleared	0	Cleared	11
			Disaprv.	7
			In GHQ	4

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Government Section

November 29, 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	59
	Cleared	0	Cleared	57
			In GHQ	2
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	21
	Cleared	0	Cleared	11
	Disaprv.	1	Disaprv.	7
	With-drawn	1	In GHQ	3

2. Arranged conference between Councillor KUSUMI and ESS/DeAngelis concerning amendment to the Law for Fixed Number of Personnel.

3. Arranged conference with Councillors ASANUMA and HATANO and Chief, GS, regarding political aspects of local finance.

4. Chief, PPD, explained to six members of HC Budget Committee that veto of their budget amendment proposals by ESS was required under the Economic Stabilization Directive.

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Government Section

Nov. 28, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation:

Government bills:	Received	0
	Cleared	0
Member bills:	Received	0
	Cleared	0

2. Arranged conference for today between H.C. Budget Committeemen and ESS/Marquat on proposed amendments to supplementary budget.

3. Diet decided today to extend the session two days.

4. Prepared schedule of Diet program for Vice President Barkley's visit this afternoon.

Special:

1. Maj. Monagan at the request of G-1 approved draft Cabinet order (concerning the Certificate of Identity to be Issued to Persons Proceeding to Specified Areas) implementing paragraphs 7 and 8 of the supplementary provisions to the Passport Law.

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Nov. 27, 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government Bills:	Received	0	Received	59
	Cleared	0	Cleared	57
			In GHQ	2
Member Bills:	Received	1	Received	22
	Disaprv.	1	Cleared	11
	Cleared	0	Disaprov.	6
			In GHQ	5

2. Informed opposition parties of HC that GHQ's interest in the personnel bill is budgetary only.

3. Informed ESS/Reed that ESS checknote objecting to bill amending Smaller Enterprise Cooperative Law is so weakly stated as to constitute no objection at all.

4. Obtained tentative Diet arrangements for Vice President Barkley's visit on 28 November.

5. Arranged conference for four Councillor Budget Committeemen and ESS/Reed on proposed amendment to supplementary budget.

6. Arranged conference for Diet members with ESS on Amendments to law re: Compensation of Government Employees in Regular Government Service, and Bill for Cold District Allowances for National Public Service Personnel.

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Government Section

26 Nov. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	2	Received	59
	Cleared	1	Cleared	57
			In GHQ	2
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	21
	Cleared	1	Cleared	11
			Disaprv.	5
			In GHQ	5

2. PPD informed by legal staff of Diet that supplemental budget bill approved by HR on 8 Nov. will not become effective 30 days later if HC takes no action thereon unless HC has a full 30-day legislative period in which to take action. Briefly, should the Diet close before 8 December without HC action on the budget, it is killed.

3. Arranged conference for Diet members with ESS/DeAngelis re amendment to Bill for Compensation of Regular Government Service Employees and Bill Amending the People's Finance Corporation Law.

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Government Section

24 Nov. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation

			Cumulative Count:	
Government Bills:	Received	0	Received	57
	Cleared	1	Cleared	56
			In GHQ	1
Member Bills:	Received	0	Received	21
	Cleared	1	Cleared	10
	Disapproved	1	Disapproved	6
			In GHQ	5

2. Arranged conference for six members of H.C. Budget Committee with ESS/Reed for 26 November.

3. Arranged 27 November conference for Councillor Onizaru, People's Democrat, Chairman, Sub-Committee on Legal Disposition of War Criminals, with Legal Section Chief Carpenter regarding visit to Sugamo Prison.

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23 Nov. 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation

			Cumulative count:	
Government Bills:	Received	0	Received	57
	Cleared	0	Cleared	55
			In GHQ	2
Member bills:	Received	0	Received	21
	Cleared	0	Cleared	0
			Disaprov.	6
			In GHQ	6

2. Chief, PPD, delivered a one-hour address at CIC School, subject: Completion of the Occupation Mission.

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21 November 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

A report from Japanese Government source revealed that some 200 to 300 Koreans were involved in a riot at Fukuoka City today. First information received from Fukuoka estimated the number of participants at from 3,000 to 4,000, carrying clubs, knives and other weapons. However, later report received indicated the riot had been quelled and order restored.

Parliamentary and Political:

Summary of Legislation:			Cumulative count:	
Government Bills:	Received	0	Received	57
	Cleared	0	Cleared	55
			In GHQ	2
Member Bills:	Received	2	Received	21
	Cleared	0	Cleared	9
			Disapr.	6
			In GHQ	6

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20 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

<u>Parliamentary and Political:</u>

1. Summary of Legislation:

		Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received 1	Received	57
	Cleared 0	Cleared	55
		In GHQ	2
Member bills:	Received 0	Received	19
	Cleared 3	Cleared	9
		Dispr.	6
		In GHQ	4

2. HC Budget Committeemen representing the Green Breeze Society, PD Party, both Socialist factions, and the First Club have indicated that they will insist on extending this session of the Diet unless GHQ acceeds to their common proposal for amending the supplementary budget.

3. Arranged conferences between Diet members and representatives of ESS concerning:

a. Amendment to Law re: Undemobilized Persons Compensation, etc.
b. Bill to Accelerate Rationalization of Enterprise.
c. Pearl Culture Industry Bill.

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19 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

Mr. Okazaki, Chief Cabinet Secretary, advised that the total number of persons remaining purged was 18,013. At the close of the recent depurge program on 31 Oct. 1951, the Government reported 17,977 purgees remained purged, plus 61 Japan Communist Party members purged under SCAPIN 548-550. Thus, total purgees as of 31 Oct. was 18,038. The Government subsequently discovered duplications and omissions and corrected its figure to 17,952 plus the 61 JCP members purged by SCAPIN 548-550, for a total in all categories of 18,013.

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:

Government Bills:	Received	1	Member Bills:	Received 1
	Cleared	1		Cleared 0
				Disapr. 1
Cumulative count:	Received	56	Cumulative count:	Received 19
	Cleared	55		Cleared 6
	In GHQ	1		Disapr. 7
				In GHQ 7

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17 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Status of Legislation:		Cumulative count:	
Government Bills:	Received 0	Received	55
	Cleared 1	Cleared	54
	In GHQ 1	In GHQ	1
Member bills:	Received 0	Received	18
	Cleared 2	Cleared	6
	In GHQ 6	Disapproved	6
		In GHQ	6

Miscellaneous:

Gov. Yasui of Tokyo Metropolis sent messages of appreciation to General Ridgway and Chief, GS, for the assistance rendered the Japanese officials during the recent Mayors' Conference.

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16 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

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Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government Bills:	Received	0	Received	55
	Cleared	2	Cleared	53
	In GHQ	2*	In GHQ	2
Member bills:	Received	1	Received	18
	Cleared	0	Cleared	4
	In GHQ	8	Disapproved	6
			In GHQ	8

2.* The Cabinet today withdrew request for GHQ clearance for 15 bills as follows:

(a) 12 bills abolishing or amending Potsdam Cabinet orders.
(b) Bill for Abolition of Ministerial Ordinance re: Restrictions on Handling of Telegrams and Telephone calls to and from Overseas Points.
(c) Bill abolishing Cabinet Ordinance re: Censorship of Mails, Telegrams and Telephone Calls Exercised by Allied Occupation Forces.
(d) Bill re: Abolition of Ordinance re: Business Report and Others of Factory, Plant, Research Organ and others.

3. Arranged conference for six members HC Budget Committee with ESS/Read concerning increasing local equalization grants.

4. Advised an Aomori Prefecture assemblyman to take the question of an ocean reef in dispute between his and neighboring Akita Prefecture to appropriate Japanese agencies, such as Agriculture and Forestry Ministry, Local Autonomy Commission, the Attorney General, and perhaps ultimately to the Supreme Court.

5. Chief, PPD, attended briefing for three general officers.

6. Prepared list of 20 Japanese Government officials for C-in-C's 24 November tea party for guest artists.

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15 November 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

At 1000 hours 16 November Prime Minister Yoshida will reply to a query to be made by HC member (Dai Ichi Club) Matsubara Kazuhiko, concerning reasons for purge of Hosokawa Karoku and 18 other Japan Communist Party members. Reply to be given will be substantially the same as was made by Ambassador Sebald at the recent Allied Council meeting.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government bills:	Received	0	Received	70
	Cleared	4	Cleared	51
			In GHQ	19
Member bills:	Received	1	Received	17
	Cleared	0	Cleared	4
			Disapproved	6
			In GHQ	7

2. On advice of Deputy C/S SCAP, informed HR Speaker that GHQ will not request return air passage for 4 or 5 Diet members completing a tour of the United States. HR Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman indicated he will appeal to DS for support in having 2 members of his committee returned by air.

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14 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government Bills:	Received	4	Received	70
	Cleared	4	Cleared	47
			In GHQ	23
Member bills:	Received	1	Received	16
	Cleared	0	Cleared	4
			Disapproved	6
			In GHQ	6

2. Chief, PPD, accompanied Congressmen Martin and Hall to the Diet and to Prime Minister's official residence.

3. Referred Representative Miyahara to G-2 Japanese Liaison, and to Chief Nishimura, Treaties Bureau, on matters pertaining to requisition of Yokosuka property by the Army.

4. Advised HQ Liaison Section to check on distribution of Diet reports prepared for GS.

5. Advised ESS/Amos to send labor leaders inquiring about projected government labor legislation to appropriate Japanese agencies for answers to their inquiries.

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13 November 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Summary of Legislation:

			Cumulative count:	
Government Bills:	Received	5	Received	66
	Cleared	5	Cleared	43
			In GHQ	23
Member bills:	Received	1	Received	15
	Cleared	0	Cleared	4
			Disapproved	6
			In GHQ	5

2. HR Speaker inquired if he should request GHQ to arrange return air transportation for 4 - 5 Diet members who had asked him to take such action. Informed him that GHQ policy is to avoid such requests except in emergency.

Special:

1. Dr. Asai, MPA reacted very favorably to the proposed visit of Civil Service Commissioner James Mitchell. He will try to initiate an invitation through the Japanese Government.

2. As a first evaluation, Mr. Lanning, JLG, highly praised the assistance rendered by MPA and stated the program of classification and compensation analysis would have been impossible without the help rendered. The possibility of favorable newspaper publicity was suggested to Dr. Asai, MPA.

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12 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

Mr. Okada, Chief, Supervision Section, Prime Minister's Office, informed GS that examinations of the depurge cases of special higher police personnel disclosed error in that some 61 individuals were treated as Sonin rank officials whereas their actual status was that of Hannin rank. Mr. Okada was advised to correct this error administratively, according to established procedure.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of Legislation:

		Cumulative:
Government bills:	Received 5	Received 61
	Cleared 0	Cleared 38
		In GHQ 23
Member bills:	Received 1	Received 14
	Cleared 0	Cleared 4
		Disapproved 6
		In GHQ 4

2. Informed by Chairman of HC Special Committee on Treaties that the House would vote on the two treaties by or before 18 November, the scheduled date for terminating this session.

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10 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

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Parliamentary and Political:

1. Status of legislation:

Government bills: Received 4
Cleared 4

Member bills: Received 3
Cleared 1

Cumulative totals:

	Read	Cleared	Disapproved	In GHQ
Government bills	56	38	0	18
Member bills	13	4	6	3
Total	69	42	6	21

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9 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

1. The Depurge Bill which was submitted to GS on 8 November was submitted to the Cabinet with the suggested changes on 9 November and approved.

2. A report received from Japanese Government source revealed that a leftist-sponsored meeting to oppose the Public Safety Ordinance will be held at Shiba Park, Tokyo, from 1300 to 1600 hours 10 Nov. 1951. It is estimated from 9,000 to 10,000 persons will attend.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Summary of Legislation:

		Cumulative Totals
Government bills:	Received 9	52
	Cleared 4	34 - In GHQ 18
Member bills:	Received 0	10
	Cleared 0	3 -
	Disapproved 2	6 - In GHQ - 1
Member amendments:	Received 2	
	Cleared 2	

2. Received request from Mr. Dodge for HR proceedings of plenary session, 8 Nov., re: Resolution of No Confidence in Finance Minister Ikeda and Agriculture-Forestry Minister Nemoto.

3. Informed by Rep. Takishi ONO (PD) that, on the basis of his recent visit to Russian Research Institute at Harvard University, he is now consulting with Japanese university professors in an effort to set up such an institute in Japan.

4. Referred Mr. FUNADA (PD) to ESS re: Liberal and PD amendments to Bill on Fixed Number of Personnel necessitated by cancellation of rice decontrol program.

Special:

1. Major Monagan attended a conference at LS concerning the problem of execution of sentences imposed by Occupation Courts after the peace treaty is ratified. Since Art. 19 (d) of the treaty may determine the question, Mr. Bassin, LS, is to seek official interpretation from the State Department. Both constitutional and political questions were raised to a bill presently being considered by the Attorney General to retry these cases. A further conference will be held.

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8 November 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Summary of legislation:

Government bills:	Received	4
	Cleared	2
Member bills:	Received	0
	Cleared	0

2. Arranged a conference for Chairman Nagashima of HC Repatriation Committee with Ambassador Sebald for 1130 hours on 9 November. Subject of conference will be recovery of ashes of Japanese soldiers who perished in the Pacific Islands.

Special:

1. Major Monagan and Mr. Uchiyama, GS, reviewed and approved the Cabinet draft of the bill establishing an appeal procedure for release from designation as a purgee.

2. Col. Benson, G-1, informed GS that the Korean Mission had submitted requests for clearance for 7 of the visiting mayors and 2 wives to travel to Korea on the invitation of the Korean National Government.

3. Col. Graham, Executive Officer, G-1, informed GS of Gen. Piburn's desire that the CID investigation report on the Hayama Imperial Palace be rewritten for transmittal to the Japanese Government.

4. Mr. Matsukata was invited to attend a conference of mayors, governors and town and village heads of Gifu, Aichi, Mie and Shizuoka prefectures, to be held in Nagoya on 12 November. Mr. Harp will attend.

5. Miss Reed, CI&E, requested GS furnish a list of 50 prominent Japanese ladies to be invited to an art exhibit sponsored by Mrs. Ridgway. Such a list has been furnished her.

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7 November 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Referred bills as follows:

(a) HR Amendment to Supplementary Budget, to ESS, GS
(b) Bill Amending Law re: Temporary Measures for Separation Allowance for National Public Service Personnel, etc., to ESS, GS
(c) Bill re: Abolition of Orders under Ministry of Labor based on Imperial Ordinance re: Orders to be Issued in Consequence of Acceptance of Potsdam Declaration, to GS.
(d) Amendment to Local Finance Equalization Grant Law, to ESS, GS.
(e) Bill Abolishing Orders Under Ministry of Education Based on Imperial Ordinance re: Orders to be Issued in Consequence of Acceptance of Potsdam Declaration, to CI&E and GS.

2. Cleared the following bills:

(a) Bill Amending Law for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Agricultural or Fisheries Cooperative Associations.
(b) Amendment to Law re: Travel Expenses for National Public Service Personnel and Others.

3. Disapproved the following bills:

(a) HC Amendment to Special Taxation Measures Law
(b) Bill Amending Law re: Compensation of Employees in Regular Government Service
(c) People's Democrat Party (HR) Amendment to Supplementary Budget.

4. Arranged a conference among Mr. Reed, ESS, and PD Representatives Chiba, Kawasaki, Nakasone and Hayakawa, 1100 hours today, concerning Amendment to Supplementary Budget.

Public Administration:

On 6 November 1951 the Japanese Government by Cabinet Order No. 351 abolished the Council for Examination of Qualifications for Public Office, as a follow-up action on suggestion of Chief, GS, of 31 October 1951.

Special:

1. Mr. Sato, Director-General, NPA, and Mr. Kawaya, Chief, PIO, NPA, called to discuss the Bill for Partial Amendment of the Law Concerning Compensation of Employees in the Regular Government Service. They had heard GHQ had some question concerning the bill and that it was being delayed. A desire was expressed that the bill be given clearance as soon as possible. Major Jay advised them that ESS had raised a question based on the belief that the bill called for expenditures not provided for in the budget. Mr. Sato said he was of the opinion that it might be possible to carry out the provisions of the bill without expending more money than had been appropriated. Major Jay advised them GS would do all possible to expedite the bill but that the next move was up to the Japanese Government.

2. Governor Uchiyama of Kanagawa Prefecture called on Mr. Matsukata to inform GS that the 5 large cities--Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe, Nagoya and Yokohama--are trying to introduce a bill in the Diet which would give them the status of a special city such as Tokyo. He saw no reason why these cities should have such a status. If this bill is introduced and passed, the prefectures in which these cities are located would face bankruptcy.

3. A police report requested by Col. Graham, Executive Officer, G-1, was forwarded to him today.

4. A request was received for Mr. Rizzo's attendance at the Convention to Safeguard Local Autonomy, to be held 9 November.

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Government Section

6 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Referred the following bills:

(a) Bill amending Law for Central Bank for Commercial and Industrial Cooperatives, to ESS, GS.

(b) Bill amending the Smaller Enterprise Credit Insurance Law, to ESS, GS.

(c) Bill Abolishing Ordinance re: Orders to be Issued in Consequence of Acceptance of Potsdam Declaration, to GS.

(d) Bill amending the Local Tax Law to ESS, GS.

2. Cleared the following bills:

(a) Bill Amending the Export Credit Insurance Law.

(b) Passport Bill.

3. Granted (a) request for Diet consent re: Appointment of Chairman of Securities and Exchange Commission and (b) request for Diet Approval of Acceptance by Japan of Constitution of Food and Agriculture Organization of U. N.

4. Informed that Representatives Suzuki and Tominaga, HR Fisheries Committee, will arrive at Haneda 2300 hours today.

5. Two members of PPD attended an exhibition at the National Diet Library commemorating National Culture Day.

Special:

1. Lt. Col. Spiegel, CI Div., G-2, conferred with Major Monagan concerning legal difficulties preventing the institution of censorship on external communications in the event of an emergency after the effective date of the Peace Treaty. Major Monagan pointed out Article 21 of the Constitution which explicitly states that censorship shall not be maintained. However, Arts. 12 and 13 contain the general thought that rights conferred by the Constitution are to be exercised in accordance with the public welfare. Col. Spiegel stated he would proceed with a draft plan for censorship notwithstanding the apparent legal difficulties still to be resolved.

2. Representatives of the National Town and Village Assn., led by President Shiratori, called at GS to express their appreciation for Mr. Rizzo's attendance at the national convention on 26 October.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Government Section

5 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Referred bill amending Law re: Travel Expenses for National Public Service Personnel and Others, to ESS, GS.

2. The following bills were cleared:

a. Bill Abolishing Ministerial Ordinances re: Restrictions on Handling of Telegrams and Telephone Calls to and from Overseas Points
b. Bill re: Transfer from General Account, etc. to Agricultural Mutual Aid Reinsurance Special Account
c. Bill amending Customs Law

3. The following bills were disapproved:

a. Dog Race Bill
b. Pearl Culture Industry Bill
c. Bill for Disposition of Residuary Assets of Japan Cultured Pearl Co., etc.

4. Scheduled conference for 6 November between Chief, GS, and HR Vice-Speaker, Iwamoto. Subject: ports and harbors.

5. Arranged conference for 6 November among Mr. Zeller, ESS, and Councillors Oya and Kobayashi. Subject: Special Taxation Measures Bill.

Special:

Major Monagan advised the Cabinet Secretariat that the proposed plan for abolition of Potsdam Orders was not objectionable in principle to GS. The plan proposed two bills: one specifically abolishes certain Potsdam Orders and at the same time amends others; the other bill is simply a legislative declaration that all Potsdam Orders not amended or abolished in the previous bill would remain in force. The effective date of the bills is the day the Peace Treaty comes into force.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

3 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Referred bills as follows:

(a) Abolishing Ministerial Ordinance re: Restrictions of Handling Telegrams and Telephone Calls to and From Overseas Points, to Signal Sec and GS.

(b) for Passports, to G-1, DS and GS

2. Chief, PPD, substituted for Chief, GS, at conference in office of Comptroller.

3. Chief, PPD, substituted for Chief, GS, at conference in office of Deputy C/S preliminary to C-in-C briefing on 5 November.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

2 November 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Referred bills as follows:

(a) Transferring from General Account, etc. to Agricultural Mutual Aid Reinsurance Special Account, to ESS, DS, and GS.
(b) Amending Law re: Compensation of Employees in Regular Government Service, to ESS, GS.

2. As requested, furnished DS the stenographic report of Prime Minister's remarks on China Overseas Trade Agencies, made before the HC Special Committee on Treaties on 29 and 31 October.

3. Chief, PPD, substituted for Chief, GS, at conference in office of Comptroller.

4. For Deputy Chief of Staff prepared a record showing points in administrative agreement of primary concern to Japan.

5. Obtained GHQ approval for return air transportation for 2 Diet members of HR Fisheries Committee.

6. Referred to Major Monagan, GS, the preliminary plan for disposal of Potsdam Cabinet Orders received from legislative officer, Attorney General's Office.

7. Was informed by HR Secretary General that, with the Speaker's consent, two Russian trade representatives this morning conferred in the Diet building with about 20 Diet members of different political parties.

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1 November 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Referred bills as follows:

(a) Amending Salt Monopoly Law, to ESS and GS/Monagan.
(b) Amending Japan Monopoly Corporation Law, to ESS, Medical, and GS/Monagan.
(c) Amending Japanese National Railways Law, to Transportation, ESS, Medical, and GS/Monagan.
(d) Amending Law re: Compensation for National Public Service Personnel in Special Government Service, to ESS and GS/Monagan.

2. For use of DS, requested stenographic record of Prime Minister's statements re: Overseas Agencies in Taipeh and Shanghai, made before HC Special Committee on Treaties, 30-31 October.

3. Received first-hand account from Takizo Matsumoto (PD) of San Francisco Peace Conference and of Hiroshima-ken reaction to Diet debates on peace treaties.

4. Was brought up to date by Mr. Chiba, PDP Policy Committee Chairman, on the attitude of his party towards the treaties, supplemental budget, and Socialist party split.

5. Obtained notes covering yesterday's conference of Congressional delegation with Diet members, requested by Congressman Bonner for possible insertion in Congressional Record.

6. Arranged conference among four leaders of PD party and ESS/Reed regarding salary recommendation made by Arbitration Board under Art. 16, Public Corporation Labor Relations Law.

7. Received message from H.R. Speaker Hayashi urgently requesting return air passage from U. S. for 4 Representatives to participate in U.S.-Canada-Japan fisheries conference scheduled to open here on 5 November.

Special:

Mr. Stanway Cheng, President, China News, Taipeh, was briefed by Major Monagan on the Political Reorientation of Japan.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

31 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

<u>Parliamentary and Political:</u>

1. Referred bill for Conservation of Aquatic Resources to NRS, ESS, GS/Monnagun.

2. Cleared Bill Amending Law re: Undemobilized Persons Compensation etc.

3. Informed by ESS (Waller) that Bill Amending the Export Credit Insurance Law is being held up because ESS is concerned about the credit risk of the buyer involved and that objection will probably be made on the grounds that the Government is getting into a business which is not normally a government concern. If the insurance program works, he said, there will be no budgetary problem; if it doesn't work, there will be a budgetary problem. Informed by ESS of changes desired, MITI replied then there is no bill. Subject bill has been in ESS since 20 October.

4. PPB Chief accompanied Congressional delegation on visit to National Diet 1400-1600 hours. (See attached schedule)

<u>Special:</u>

1. An enquiry was received from the Southwest Logistical Command through Maj. Lyon, G-1, relative to whether that Command has any responsibility for support of touring American mayors on their visit to Kobe. Maj. Lyon was advised that all arrangements for the visit were being handled by the Japanese.

2. Mr. Karl of the Korean Mission called requesting information as to how invitations might be issued to the American mayors for a visit to Korea. Maj. Curtis advised Mr. Karl to contact Tokyo-to and the American Chamber of Commerce on the matter.

3. Mr. Feisner, Signal Officer, coordinated with GS a memorandum from the Signal Officer to the Ministry of Telecommunications regarding an oral agreement by and between that Ministry and the Signal Officer relative to Occupation use of Ministry facilities in principle.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

30 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Referred bill (a) Amending Customs Law etc. to DS, ESS, GS/Monaghan (b) Amending Law for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Agricultural or Fisheries Cooperative Associations to NRS, ESS, GS/Monaghan; (c) Re: Pearl Culture Industry to NRS, ESS, GS/Monaghan; (d) Re: Disposition of Residuary Assets of Japan Cultured Pearl Co etc. to NRS, ESS, GS/Monaghan.

2. Cleared: (a) Bill for Special Instances for Medical Service Law etc (b) Bill Establishing Ministry of Foreign Affairs (c) Bill Amending Law for Fixed Number of Personnel in Administrative Organs (d) Bill for Special Regulations for Amount of Year-end Allowance to National Public Service Personnel, FY 1951-52 (e) HR amendment to Bill Amending Fisheries Law.

3. Arranged for visiting Congressional delegation to meet Representatives and Councillors at Diet building 1400-1500 hours on 31 October.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

29 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

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General:

1. Dr. Richard E. McMahon, USCAR, Chief of Labor and Civil Service Section, Ryukyu Islands, called with a letter of introduction to the N.P.A. The purpose of his visit is to study N.P.A. examination, qualification, classification, and compensation procedures with a view to utilizing the information obtained in organizing a civil service system in the islands. He was escorted to the N.P.A. and introduced to the Director-General and bureau chiefs who agreed to lend every assistance possible. The chairman of civil service on Okinawa is expected to join Dr. McMahon tomorrow.

2. Majors Monagan and Jay discussed with Dr. Asai the position of the N.P.A. under the NPSL. A memorandum for the record is being prepared.

3. Major Monagan delivered a lecture to the CIC Training School on the role of the Japanese national government.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Referred (a) Bill for Special Regulations for Amount of Year-end Allowance to National Public Service Personnel, 1951-52, to ESS, GS/Monagan and (b) HR amendment to Bill Amending Fisheries Law to NRS, ESS, GS/Monagan.

2. Cleared Bills (a) Amending Public Health Nurse, Nurse and Midwife Law and (b) Amending Foreign Exchange Fund Special Account Law.

3. Approved request for Diet Approval of Establishment of Branch Offices of Quarantine Stations.

4. According to Mr. Duggan, AG/Postal, a Cabinet approved bill for raising interest rates on postal savings deposits is tied up, he feels, because of ESS pressure on Finance Minister Ikeda. The bill has not been referred to GS for clearance.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Government Section

27 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Social:

1. Mayor Butler of San Diego and Mr. F.S. Dean, former President of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, will arrive tomorrow morning, 28 October, 0500 hours, at Haneda via Pan American Airlines from Hong Kong. The party will be met by Capt. Wandelt. Four others, Vice-Mayor and Mrs. Sutter of Long Beach and son, and Mr. Takahashi, member of the Honolulu Board of Supervisors representing Mayor Wilson of Honolulu, will arrive at 0700 hours aboard the President Wilson at Yokohama.

2. Mr. Nakagawa advised at 1100 hours that the bill affecting the Fixed Number of Personnel in the Government will be submitted on Monday. He further advised that Mr. Hashimoto, Director of the Administrative Management Agency, is in the process of ironing out the objection that members of the Liberal Party raised to the proposed revision of the bill.

3. Major Hannah, G-3, asked Majors Jay and Monagan for GS policy in connection with a proposed establishment of fences and other protective devices around a signal installation jointly utilized by the Ministry of Telecommunications and the U.S. Army Signal Corps. Major Hannah proposed that the protective measures be installed without consulting the Japanese Government. He was advised, however, that permission should first be requested even though it be obvious that compliance will be required. This conforms with CCS policy.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Cleared Cabinet request for Diet Approval of Acceptance of Japan to Protocol re: Office of International d'Hygiene Publique.

2. Referred HR Amendment to Bill Amending Japanese Government Railways Fares and Charges Law to ESS, Trans Sect, GS/WM; and HR Amendment to Bill Amending Mail Law to ESS, Postal, and GS/WM.

3. Cleared HR Amendment to Bill Amending Mail Law.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

26 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

<u>Parliamentary and Political:</u>

1. Cleared (1) Bill Amending Law re: Special Account for Disposal of U.S. Aid Commodities etc. to Japan and (2) Bill Amending Peoples Finance Corporation Law.

2. Referred Bill Amending Foreign Exchange Special Account Law to ESS, GS/Monagan; Bill for Establishment of Ministry of Foreign Affairs to DS, ESS, and GS/Monagan.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

25 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

<u>Parliamentary and Political:</u>

1. Referred Bill Amending Law re: Undemobilized Persons Compensation etc. to ESS, GS/Monagan, and Bill Amending Public Health Nurse, Midwife, and Nurse Law to Med Sect/PHN and GS/Monagan.

<u>Special:</u>

1. Mr. Rizzo's letter to Governor Yasui was delivered to Mr. Sasakawa of the Tokyo-to Liaison Office. Mr. Sasakawa was also given a memorandum to which was attached the Supreme Commander's message for 30 October along with specific instructions that it not be released to the press.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
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24 October 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Referred the Dog Race Bill to ESS and GS/Matsukata.

2. Approved Cabinet request for Diet approval of Conclusion by Japan of Convention Modifying International Institute of Refrigeration (Paris, 1920).

3. Mr. Ichikawa, National Diet Library, raised the question of publishing the Official Gazette and texts of laws in English when SCAPINs covering that subject expire. Informed him the subject would be given consideration in appropriate GHQ circles.

Special:

Mr. Yamashita, Commissioner, NPA, conferred with Major Jay concerning the pending administrative reform legislation. In particular Mr. Yamashita discussed the effect of the reduction in force upon the personnel programs of the various ministries. For example, he said it was planned to initiate classification and examination for promotion in the NPS in the various ministries and that this program would be impossible under the proposed legislation. A detailed Memorandum is being prepared.

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Government Section

23 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

In connection with the bill relating to the People's Finance Corp., Mr. Sato, Director-General, NPA, this morning advised that NPA took the strongest possible position against the proposition for removing the Finance Corporation from the Civil Service. This confirmed Major Jay's opinion that the proposal in the subject bill was objectionable from SCAP's point of view since it represented a serious breach in the National Public Service. Chief, GS, so advised Mr. Kimura, Liaison Office. Subsequently, and as a result of that advice, Mr. Arimoto, Liaison Office, and Mr. Anyama, Finance Ministry, consulted with Major Jay on the rejection of the bill. Mr. Anyama argued in behalf of the bill higher pay and higher travel allowances for the employees and that only a relatively small number (900) were involved. In substance, Major Jay advised that there did not appear to be any more reason for removing this group from public service than there would be for the personnel of the Finance Ministry itself and that he did not believe it necessary to go beyond the NPSL to secure for the personnel of the Finance Corporation adequate compensation and travel allowances. Furthermore, that the action proposed raised fundamental issues regarding the National Public Service which would be violated with the passage of the bill. Mr. Arimoto stated the information would be transmitted to the Minister of Finance who would, no doubt, amend the bill.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. At 1900, 22 Oct., approved Cabinet Request for Diet Decision in accordance with provisions of Item 2, Art. 16, Public Enterprise Labor Relations Law.

2. Referred Bill Amending Law re: Special Account for Disposal of U. S. Aid Commodities to Japan to ESS and GS/Monagan.

3. Cleared the following two bills:

Amendment to Mail Law
Amendment to Postal Money Order Law

4. Informed by Mr. Chiba (PD) that Diet members of his party will hold a caucus today to determine how they will vote on the two treaties. He was inclined to the view that the Security Treaty will not be supported because the Prime Minister refused to make known terms of the administrative agreement. (Conference covered by Memorandum for Record.)

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

22 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

1. Today the Attorney General's office presented a draft plan for the disposition of properties and equipment seized in connection with the suspension of the Japan Communist Party organ, Akahata, its affiliates and successors. The plan is presently being studied for possible adoption.

2. The SIB today recommended to GS the suspension of the publication of Shirye Tsushin (Communications by Materials), published by the Asahigawa Shirye Tsushin Sha in Asahigawa City, Hokkaido, as an affiliated organ of the Akahata. Available information is to the effect that the persons responsible for the publication and distribution (estimated at 200 copies every 3 days) are officials of the Kushiro and Asahigawa area committees of the JCP and the contents of the publications are false, malicious and inflammatory statements against the Occupation. GS gave GHQ clearance for the above action as a routine matter to be handled by the Japanese. The date for effecting suspension action has not been determined but GS will be informed when the time has been agreed upon.

Special:

1. Majors Monagan and Jay conferred with Col. Knowlton, Lt. Col. Feyereisen, Lt. Col. Bates, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Quirino of CAS/NPR. One problem discussed concerned a change in the Japanese law to allow 5% of the profits from concessions operated on NPR installations to be retained for the use of NPR Special Service activities; a second problem concerned disability payments for persons injured while on active duty with NPR. The CAS/NPR officials feel that disability payments should differ from those paid to Japanese Civil Service employees since the concept of duty is quite different. Major Monagan advised that the changes in the law, or additions to, could be accomplished by amendments to Cabinet Order No. 120 establishing the NPR, incorporating therein references to the laws desired to be changed. The conferees stated they would assemble technical details and present a draft to GS in the near future. A detailed Memorandum is being prepared.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Cleared the following 7 bills:

Execution of Repayment of Debts Incurred by Japanese Consulates, etc.
Amendment to Telegraph and Telephone Charges Law
Abolition of Law re: Temporary Measures for Dividends of Profits of Corporations, etc.
Bill re: Transfer from Trust Fund Bureau Special Account to General Account
Amendment to Capital Levy Law
Temporary Exceptions to Income Tax Law
Amendments to Corporation Tax Law

2. Informed by Chairman Okuma of the Special Treaties Committee that the two treaties would be referred to the HC plenary session for final vote on 15 or 16 November. Mr. Okuma visited Mr. Sebald at 1130 hours.

3. Diet Chief Librarian Kanamori stated his desire that assistant Chief Librarian Nakai study library science for 3 months in the United States on invitation of assistant Chief Librarian Clapp of the Library of Congress. Dr. Kanamori had been informed, he said, that GHQ would interpose objections to Nakai's clearance.

4. Diet Telecommunications mission, which arrived at Haneda yesterday, expressed appreciation to GS for recommending air transportation for them.

5. Received request from Northwestern University's Kenneth Colegrove, writing on behalf of Mrs. Eleanor Hoover, for the collection of materials on Civil Service reform left here by the late Elaine Hoover.

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Government Section

20 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Received and distributed three bills as follows:

Amendments to Export Credit Insurance Law to ESS and GS/Monagan
Amendments to Postal Money Order Law to ESS and GS/Monagan.
Special Instances for Medical Service Law re: Limit of Accommodation Hours, etc., to GS/Monagan.

2. Received and cleared Allied Powers Property Compensation Bill.

3. Informed Mr. Feissner, Sig Sec, that members of GARIOA Project 221, Communications, are scheduled to arrive at Haneda 212230-Z. Previously Mr. Feissner had stated he would meet the mission at the airport.

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Government Section

19 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Cleared Bill Amending Fisheries Law.

2. Received and distributed two bills as follows:

Amendment to Mail Law, to ESS and GS/Monagan
Transfer from Trust Fund Bureau Special Account to General Account, to ESS and GS/Monagan.

3. Mr. Finn of DS and Mr. Deihl of ESS urgently requested GS to give quick clearance to the Bill for Allied Powers Property Compensation which, they said, would be submitted to GS this afternoon. The bill was not received from the Cabinet.

Special:

1. Dr. Wilson, Geographic Div., G-2, advised that G-2 has in its possession certain maps, books and other cartographic materials which, to Dr. Wilson's knowledge, were appropriated in the very early days of the Occupation, without any specific requisition or procurement demand. G-2 has received informal inquiry from Japanese sources as to when these materials might be returned. Dr. Wilson said the materials have some present use but that he could do without them; in any event, he could refer to them if they were returned to the universities. He asked what would be GS policy on the matter and Major Monagan advised him that it would be a good gesture and in keeping with present policy to return these materials as soon as possible, making certain, however, that receipts were obtained so that the United States would be protected in the event of future claims.

2. Major Deering, PsyWar, called and, without referring to any individuals, raised the question of the possible depurge of certain Japanese generals and field grade officers presently employed as consultants by PsyWar. He mentioned the case of one general who was not on active duty during World War II but who saw his last service during the Russo-Japanese War. Major Deering also raised the question of payment to widows and disabled veterans, and to veterans in general. Major Monagan informed him that the matter of pensions and other benefits was under consideration both by the Japanese Govt. and by GHQ but that up to the present the GHQ consideration is classified. He also explained the operation of the purge and depurge program in general and advised that GS could not entertain even an informal request in a specific case since the matter is entirely in Japanese Government hands and that headquarters approves only the recommendations submitted to them, if within GHQ policy.

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Government Section

18 October 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Received and referred six bills as follows:

Temporary Exceptions to Income Tax Law, to ESS and GS/Monagan.
Amendment to Export Bank of Japan Law, to ESS and GS/Monagan.
Amendment to Capital Levy Law, to ESS and GS/Monagan.
Amendment to Corporation Tax Law, to ESS and GS/Monagan.
Amendment to Law for Fixed Number of Personnel in Administrative Organs, to ESS and GS/Monagan.
Amendment to People's Finance Corporation Law, to ESS and GS/Monagan.

2. Cleared two bills:

Amendment to Japanese Government Overseas Agencies Establishment Law.
Amendment to Export Bank of Japan Law.

3. Division Chief congratulated Councillor Suzuki, former Telecommunications Vice Minister, on his elevation to chairmanship of Telecommunications Standing Committee.

4. Received from Councillor Matsao Nakamura, Socialist rightwinger, estimate of situation within the Socialist Party relative to today's Central Executive Committee meeting and the national convention scheduled for 23 October.

Special:

1. The Cabinet Plan for Simplification of Personnel Administration was considered and found to be contrary to the provisions of the National Public Service Law. A detailed Memorandum on the subject has been submitted to the Chief, Government Section.

2. Miss Asa Matsuoka, Executive Secretary, UNICEF Association of Japan, called to present a revised copy of the invitations they plan to extend to approximately 30 people in GHQ, and requested advice as to whom they should be sent. Mr. Matsukata, GS, delivered a copy of the invitation to Lt. Col. Adams of the C-in-C's Office.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Government Section

17 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Cleared two bills:

Supplementary Budget 1951-52
Amendment to Japanese National Railways Fares and Charges Law

2. Granted Cabinet request to submit for Diet approval an Imperial Family donation of an additional two million yen to leper relief work.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

16 October 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

The official list of 1,809 former military officers recommended for depurge was submitted today by the Japanese Government through Mr. Kimura and received Government Section's approval.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Bill Abolishing Temporary Measures for Dividends, etc., was referred to ESS and GS/Monagan.

2. Granted Cabinet request to submit for Diet approval the appointment of two members to Fishing Port Council.

3. Mr. Feissner (Signal Section) reported he is coordinating with the Comptroller Bill Increasing Telegraph and Telephone Charges to ascertain if TCW funds are available for a 16% increase in rates chargeable to US military installations.

4. Cabinet Liaison Office advised today that ESS (Mr. Deihl) had no objections to the supplementary budget.

5. Refused to accept Election Management Commission's draft in Japanese of its bill revising the Public Offices Election Law. English draft will be submitted within 3 or 4 days. After his return from Europe Chairman Makino will review the draft.

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Government Section

15 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

The decision of the Council for Examination of Qualifications for Public Office was submitted informally today by Mr. Okada of the Prime Minister's Office. Recommendations for reinstatement are as follows:

Army:	Colonels	726		Navy:	Captains	111	
	Lt. Cols.	786			Comdrs.	106	
	Majors	74	1586		Lt. Comdrs.	4	
					Lts. (j.g.)	2	223

Those cases of Army Majors and Navy Lt. Commanders and Lts. (j.g.) are cases which were erroneously omitted from previous lists. The formal list will be submitted by the Japanese Government in a day or two, through Mr. Kimura.

Special:

1. Mr. Crume, DS, inquired about any prohibition concerning direct dealings by mail of the Japanese Government with the inhabitants of the Ryukyus. Major Monagan called Mr. Crume's attention to SCAPIN 677 which forbids the Japanese Government from dealing with any person outside Japan except when authorized to do so. Later Mr. Crume called to say that the Japanese Foreign Office had inquired about the possibility of a review of SCAPIN 677 in view of the number of pension claims being received from the Ryukyus. He stated that a paper would be sent to GS containing this recommendation.

2. Dr. Oppler, LS, advised that the Supreme Court had contemplated the nomination of a certain Judge Tamiji Nakajima to be a judge of the Hiroshima High Court, and added that several years ago GS had objected to this appointment on political grounds, the precise nature of which he did not recall. Inquiry revealed that at that time it was GS' view that this judge had not had sufficient experience to assume such duties. Since that lack has now been overcome, Dr. Oppler was advised that GS had no further objection to this promotion, but that it is a matter for determination by the Supreme Court.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Four bills received and distributed as follows: (1) Amendment to Japanese Government Overseas Agencies Establishment Law, to ESS, DS, GS/Monagan; (2) Amendment to Telegraph and Telephone Charges Law, to Signal, ESS, GS/Monagan;

(3) Amendment to Fisheries Law to NRS, ESS, GS/Monagan; (4) Supplemental Budget to ESS.

2. Bill to amend Japan Monopoly Public Corporation Law was disapproved.

3. Disapproval of Bill to Amend Special Taxation Measures law was withheld pending outcome of 17 October conference between sponsors and ESS.

4. Granted Cabinet request to submit for Diet approval the International Wheat Agreement entered into by Japan.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Government Section

13 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

Mr. MUTO, Chief, Criminal Investigation Section, NRP, called to notify Government Section that he has been appointed by the Cabinet to accompany Mr. MAKINO on his trip to the United Kingdom to observe its general elections. Duration of the trip will be forty-five days and will include France, West Germany and the United States, in addition to Britain.

Parliamentary and Political:

Diet Liaison Section inquired about GHQ clearance for passports for six Diet members scheduled to depart on 17 October for England to observe the election campaign. Conveyed to the Liaison Section Mr. Matsukata's assurance that the matter was being handled expeditiously.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

12 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

Today the Council for the Examination of Qualifications for Public Office reached a decision to recommend the reinstatement of 1,814 former military officers. The breakdown is as follows:

Army:	Colonels	729		Navy:	Captains	111	
	Lt. Cols.	789			Comdrs.	106	
	Majors	73	1,591		Lt. Comdr.	4	
					Lt. (j.g.)	2	223

Included in those recommended for reinstatement among the Lt. Colonels are three former princes: Takada Tsunenori, Asaka Takahito and Nomoyama Kenichi (the former Korean Prince Ri). There remain some 1,500 Army Colonels and 250 Navy Captains to be further screened. It is anticipated that the informal list of those recommended for depurge will be submitted to GS within a few days.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. The Diet Secretaries General reported they have not been approached by any GHQ agency other than GS for information on Diet activities.

2. The report of a conference with Policy Committee Chairman Chiba of the People's Democratic Party, will be submitted in a separate Memorandum for Record.

3. Liberal Hiro Hoshijima, selected to accompany Foreign Office officials to Okinawa in the near future to discuss the nationalistic aspirations of the Okinawans, desires to call on Chief, GS, and Mr. Williams on 17 or 18 October.

Special:

1. The Procurator General voluntarily called on Mr. Matsukata to make an interim report on the Matsue case, involving the arrest of the ex-local autonomous police chief of Matsue Village. To date investigation has shown no major violation of law but only petty bribery committed some 3 years ago. According to the Procurator General, the Attorney General is interested in seeing this man arrested as he interferred with the NRP in calling for the retention of the local autonomous police force. (Matsue is the Attorney General's home town.)

2. Mr. Sasakawa of Tokyo-to submitted to GS a request for sedans to be used during the Mayors' Conference. He was informed his request will be submitted, but Tokyo-to officials should not count on the sedans being made available to them.

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3. Col. Purcell, G-3/Training, requested a conference with a representative of GS and a Japanese Liaison Office official on Monday at 1000 hours to clarify the letter on firing ranges submitted by the Japanese Government to SCAP. Mr. Kimura was informed of this request and agreed to send either Mr. Shimanouchi or Mr. Masaki.

4. The All-Japan City Speakers Assembly Association has called a meeting of all the Chiefs of the Assembly Secretariat. Mr. Warp addressed the group this morning and they have invited Mr. Matsukata to attend the conference at 1130 hours tomorrow to give them a word of encouragement.

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Government Section

11 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

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Public Administration:

Mr. Seki of the SIB, Attorney General's Office, reported to GS that the final draft of the Organizations Control Law will be submitted in 2 or 3 days and will contain some changes to "soften up" the law. One change pertains to purgees wherein the restrictions would be designated as certain limitations on the activities of the individual and would not contain the prohibitions usually associated with the case of purgees. Mr. Uchiyama was of the opinion that this change might be highly advisable; however, opinion on the matter can not be given until the final draft of the law has been examined.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Major Morris represented GS this morning at the Diet Opening Ceremony which went off according to schedule before packed galleries.

2. Mr. Yoshioka of the Election Management Commission requested and obtained approval of Chief, GS, for a 7-member delegation to observe first-hand the British election campaign. Other than five Diet members, the delegation will include a Foreign Office official and Ryoso Makino, Chairman of the Election Management Commission.

3. Mr. Waterfield of UKLIM inquired about the Diet Election Mission which, according to information supplied to him by Reuters, was going to England to observe the British election campaign. He was informed that the Foreign Office would supply the information he desired and that GS would give any assistance requested.

4. Chief, PPD, addressed CIC School on Occupation Mission.

Special:

It has been arranged for the 13 MPA analysts to report for work to JLC Civilian Personnel Section in Yokohama on Monday, 15 October.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Government Section

10 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

Major Menagan, Mr. Hayashi and Mr. Uchiyama received from Mr. Kohyama and Mr. Kusaka, both of the Attorney General's Office, a draft of the proposed law banning general strikes. As it was learned that LS and ESS/Labor are actually assisting in the drafting of this law, GS representatives took the position that the conference was for information only. The Attorney General's Office representatives stated that they would keep GS advised of further changes in the draft.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

9 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

1. At 1000 hours today Mr. Hayashi, GS, hand-carried to Dr. Charles Spinks, Chief of General Affairs Division, Diplomatic Section, a report submitted by SIB on purge action taken against 19 leaders of the Japan Communist Party. When transmitting the report, Mr. Hayashi explained that any part of the contents could be used during discussions of this matter before the Allied Council. Dr. Spinks assured that discussion at the Allied Council would be in general terms and the contents of the report would probably not be used.

Parliamentary and Political:

1. The 4-member Diet Budget Mission was greeted by Chief, GS, upon their return from a successful trip to the United States.

2. Councillor Kanaiwa, Communist, in the HC Steering Committee meeting, raised the question of censorship of speeches made in the Diet by members. He objected to subjecting the printed speeches of Diet members to the Press Code. President Sato said he would reply to Kanaiwa after discussing the matter with the Directors of the Steering Committee.

3. The HC Steering Committee agreed in substance with yesterday's decisions of the HR Steering Committee concerning the schedule for the extraordinary Diet session.

Special:

Mr. Crume, DS, was advised by Major Monagan, GS, that in connection with a possible granting of authority to fly the Japanese national flag on Japanese ships on the high seas and abroad there was possible danger of confiscation of these ships by nations technically at war with Japan. DS' view is that any danger can be obviated by diplomatic measures and that Japanese ships would not likely sail in waters where such action might be taken. A checksheet will be circulated.

2. Major Monagan, GS, reviewed informally a draft staff study by G-1 concerning the release of immigration control to the Japanese government. No change in substance was made. Entry to the U. S. and U. S.-controlled areas will still be subject to check since DS will receive visa applications upon which a background check can be made.

3. In accordance with the administrative reform program, government employees are being reduced 8.08%. Of this 8.08%, 24.3% are positions now held by persons on extended sick-leave; 21.9% are vacant positions; 53.8% are presently occupied mainly by low-salaried personnel.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

8 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

Subject: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. The four returning members of the budget mission were met by Major Ouida, GS, at Haneda this morning. These four, Kosaka (L), Tachibana (L), Ide (PD), and Sakurauchi (PD) will call on Chief, GS, at 1100 hours tomorrow, 9 October.

2. The HR Steering Committee arrived at a number of decisions today regarding the extraordinary Diet session. These are contained in a separate report to the Chief, GS.

Special:

1. Dr. Hongkee Karl, Counsellor of the Korean Diplomatic Mission in Tokyo, called to request information on the Mayors' Conference to be held in Tokyo on 30 October. The Korean Mission wishes to invite the mayors to visit Korea after the conference has closed. He was informed by Mr. Matsukata, GS, that the meetings are being sponsored by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and that GS is interested only from the standpoint of information.

2. By special request of Mr. Lanning, JLC, a group of experts from the NPA went to Yokohama to assist with wage standards. A detailed memorandum has been prepared.

Administrative:

1. Five estimates of the cost of printing and binding the second and final edition of the Government Section report on the Political Reorientation of Japan have been received from the FEC Printing Plant and 4 Japanese printer. These estimates are for two hundred copies and vary from $7.14 to $2.57 per copy, depending on the type of printing and binding.

2. The Committee for the Disposition of SCAP Records requested GS's concurrence in transferring files presently not in use to the SCAP Files Center. The Center will review the material submitted and decide on its disposition. No disposition will be made until the dissolution of SCAP, and all material placed there will be readily available to the Section. It was agreed that a list of material would be submitted within the next 10 days.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

6 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

1. Tokyo Metropolitan Police reported that the contemplated action to search approximately 300 sites throughout Japan alleged to be the distribution network of the Party Guidance Bulletin is scheduled for 0900 on 9 October, 1951. This action will be conducted pursuant to Cabinet Order 325 under the responsibility of the Supreme Procurators Office, the NRP and the Tokyo MPB, with SIB cooperation. SIB's participation in this action is confined to contributing to the procurators office available information on such distribution network.

2. Mr. Wellborn, DS, inquired whether GS had translations of the bulletins and/or articles pursuant to which Communists Iwata and Kawakami were being indicted. Upon being informed that GS had translations of extracts of such bulletins and articles, Mr. Wellborn requested that DS be furnished copies thereof. Mr. Uchiyama, GS, complied.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Government Section

5 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

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Government Section

4 Oct. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

The Attorney General's Office reported the following organizational membership for existing political parties, as of 2 October 1951. The changes since the last report (12 Sept.) are also noted:

Party	No. of Organizations	Membership	Increase or Decrease
Liberal	1,124	93,232	add 1,050
People's Demo.	376	28,579	less 50
Social Demo.	1,811	94,655	less 392
Communist	5,478	54,822	less 736
Minor parties	9,816	10,379,358	less 15,098
	18,605	10,650,646	

Parliamentary and Political:

Informed by Mr. Yoshioka of the National Election Management Commission secretariat that a group of 5 to 7 members from the NEMC and both Houses of the Diet proposed to go to England to observe the last two weeks of the election campaign there, provided consent for the project, as well as exchange, could be obtained from the Cabinet, the Diet, the Finance Minister, and GHQ. Advised Mr. Yoshioka to obtain approval of the Japanese agencies concerned and then bring the question to the appropriate GHQ Sections.

Special:

1. In connection with the possible apprehension of Soviet vessels close to the Hokkaido shore, Lt. Col. Barsanti, G-3, requested an opinion as to the extent of the territorial waters of Japan. He was advised by Major Monagan, GS, that SCAP authority extended to, and within, the recognized 3-mile limit set by international law.

2. Lt. Col. Mauz, G-2, stated that Section was contemplating establishing a means of transmitting classified information to the Japanese Government, and that some preliminary papers had been prepared by DS. Major Monagan advised Col.

Mauz that there was a provision protecting classified information belonging to armed forces stationed in Japan by treaty or agreement in the proposed Security Control Law which would constitute a safeguard for any such information if transmitted to the Japanese Government. It was suggested this might be of help to him in consideration of the problem.

3. On 3 Oct. Major Monagan, GS, advised General Watson, CA, and Col. Monahan, CCS, that it was possible to amend a Potsdam Cabinet Order with another Potsdam Cabinet Order. At 1500 hours today, he advised Mr. Kimura that GHQ had cleared a Potsdam Cabinet Order amending the NPR Cabinet Order with one explanatory sentence added. Mr. Kimura stated that the Vice Minsters' conference had already approved the Cabinet Order in substance and that he would see that the additional sentence was added prior to its consideration by the Cabinet on Friday, 5 October.

4. Major Monagan concurred in the proposed SCAPIN drafted by ESS concerning the payment of pensions and other benefits to depurged individuals, excepting, however, any payment of pensions by reason of military service. It is understood that all persons presently entitled to such pensions are included.

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2 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

1. Informed by Mr. Oppler, LS, that in the future he wishes to examine only the more important legislative bills.

2. The Diet has been informed by the Government that the official notification convoking the extraordinary session on 10 October was issued today.

3. Meetings of the Peoples Democrat Party executives on 28 and 29 October have been covered in a special report submitted to the Chief, GS.

4. Informed by Mr. Xavier Koieke, former liaison official for the Supreme Court, that he was party to a scheme for importing British racing dogs to Japan in anticipation of Diet passage of the Dog Race Bill which carried over from the last session.

Special:

Procurator General Sato called on GS at the request of Mr. Matsukata to discuss the problems arising from the plebiscite held in Matsue town, Mie prefecture. As news of an incident there had appeared in the press, the Procurator General had requested further information from the local district procurator on 25 September. He was promised information as soon as the plebiscite was completed. To date no reply has been received but a wire has been sent by Mr. Sato requesting information immediately. This happens to be the home town of Attorney General Ohashi and prior to the plebiscite he had expressed the opinion that he would like to have the NRP take over the police of that area.

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Government Section

1 October 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **Chief, Government Section**

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

Mr. Kimura, Chief of the Liaison Bureau, Foreign Office, officially submitted to GS the names of 5,267 former military officers recommended for reinstatement from the purge by the Council for the Examination of Qualifications for Public Office, and an additional 107 cases in Categories C, D, and G who had been erroneously omitted from previous depurge lists. GS gave GHQ clearance on the above recommendations with the proviso that the errors of omission would be handled administratively by the Japanese Government to correct the injustices.

Special:

Mr. Woods, CTS, called and stated he understood GS had considered a change in the RYCOM boundary from the present 30° parallel to the 29th parallel to conform with the peace treaty. Mr. Woods was concerned about the settlement of a certain ship case which has previously been considered by GS. He was advised by Major Monagan, GS, that oral concurrence had been given to a proposed message to the JCS changing the boundary as indicated above but that the action paper was with G-3 and had not yet been presented to GS for formal approval.

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29 Sept. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

1. Mr. Matsumato called Mr. Stokes, GS, with regards to Mayors Conference being sponsored by Tokyo-to. GS has requested a reply from the Japanese Government on whether they intend to expend any foreign exchange on this project and not knowing that GS was concerned, conferred with Mr. Hale, NRS, on the matter. Mr. Hale in turn consulted Gen. Marquat who voiced no objection to the Japanese expending their own foreign exchange but not SCAP-controlled foreign exchange. Mr. Stokes requested a copy of Mr. Rizzo's reply on the subject to the SCAP Liaison Office in San Francisco in order that notification might be made to Secretary of State Acheson. The copy was hand carried to Mr.

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28 Sept. 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political

The 8-member Diet delegation, GARIOA Project #226, Group III, Cabinet Committees, arrived from the United States this morning. They will call at Government Section at 1000 hours, 1 October, to express their appreciation to Mr. Rizzo and Dr. Williams.

Special:

1. Major Monagan concurred in the proposal presented by Col. White, G-3, to readjust the NYCOM boundary to fit the 29th parallel limitation in the Peace Treaty. This will require a letter to the JCS, suggesting such a change from the present 30° parallel boundary.

2. Major Monagan concurred in a proposed amendment (to be submitted by the Japanese) to the Radio Regulatory Commission Law which would exempt any agency responsible for national security from the radio licensing and inspection provisions of the law, whenever any such agency was designated by the Prime Minister to be so exempt. This is to keep civil inspectors from interfering with the signal activities of the NPR, and the proposal is, in fact, sponsored by CAS Signal Section. The Radio Regulatory Commission will, however, have control over the frequencies to be used.

3. Major Monagan discussed with Mr. DiAngelis, ESS, the recently received draft of the Japanese Government's proposal to pay pensions to persons purged under SCAPINs 93 and 115, in addition to the previous proposals relating to other purgees. This will be added to the SCAPIN now being prepared by ESS/Fin. Mr. DiAngelis also stated that a proposal was expected in the near future concerning payments to bereaved families of war dead and disabled veterans. It is the present view of ESS that post-surrender policy prohibits such payments and that it will be necessary to request instructions from Washington.

4. Mr. Sullivan, ESS, called and stated that the Korean Government had orally advised DS that it wished to postpone the planned discussions with the Japanese Government concerning the legal status of Koreans in Japan. He also stated that DS would continue to exert pressure on both sides for a resumption of the talks.

5. Major Monagan furnished Mr. Wellborn, DS, additional information concerning the publications of the Europe-Asia Society on which he is reporting to the State Department, Washington.

6. Mr. Sakuma of the Kambe Committee Secretariat called to report that the Committee's report has been formally submitted to the Diet and the Cabinet and that he is transferring back to the Local Autonomy Agency.

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27 Sept. 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, GS

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

The House of Representatives Legal Bureau Chief's written opinion was obtained, concerning different ways by which the House might be Constitutionally dissolved. A summary of the 25 September meeting of the HR Special Election Sub-committee was also secured. Both documents were transmitted to Chief, GS.

Public Administration:

Mr. Okada, Supervision Section of the Prime Minister's Office, submitted informally to GS for approval 5,374 cases of purgees recommended for reinstatement by the Council for Examination of Qualifications for Public Office. Of this group, 5,267 are former military officers; the remainder are persons who were erroneously omitted on the previous lists for reinstatement in Categories C, D, and G. A formal list can be expected by the end of this week or at the beginning of next week.

Special:

Major Monagan attended a conference at Legal Section concerning the proposed Immigration Control Order. A proposal will be submitted to the Japanese Government suggesting the deletion of all references to nationality; that is, the word alien would not be defined in the law. It was agreed that the present Alien Registration Law would stand and that it would be made clear to the Japanese that the word alien would not be used in connection with Koreans but that their status would be whatever is decided upon in the current discussions between the Korean and Japanese Governments.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Government Section

26 September 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

Mr. Bettencourt, GS, received today from the Japanese Government, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a formal inquiry regarding the "Establishment of Firing and Training Areas by Far East Naval Forces." A checknote to G-3 is being drafted, requesting full information which may in turn be transmitted to the Japanese Government.

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Government Section

25 Sept. 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

Mr. Okada, Supervision Section, Prime Minister's Office, reported that his office had been asked whether teachers in schools would fall within the definition of the Education Ministry from which office are prohibited recently depurged former Special Higher Police. To this inquiry his office answered that such persons fell within the purview of the Education Ministry. Mr. Okada was assured that the view of this Section was the same.

Special:

On 21 Sept. GS was informed by FEAF of a complaint from the Japanese Government that a fishing vessel had been nearly bombed within the Mito Air to Ground Gunnery Range. FEAF was requested by GS to close the range immediately. It was determined that a COMNAVFE message to SCAP dated 14 Sept. notifying of the reopening of the Mito Range, had not been received by GS, hence no warning had been given the Japanese. G-3 was informed of the discrepancy. On 22 Sept. FEAF requested the range be reopened as soon as possible. The Japanese Government was immediately informed of this request and assured GS that the range would be cleared effective 0001 hours, 24 Sept. FEAF was so notified on 23 Sept. The following day FEAF formally requested permission to reopen the Mito Range and at 1000 hours 25 Sept. GS granted permission to open the range at 1200 hours.

Mr. Sasakawa, Liaison Officer of Tokyo-to, reported to Mr. Matsukata and Capt. Wandelt, GS, on the progress of plans for the coming conference of West Coast mayors to be held in Tokyo next month. He was requested to outline in detail the services Tokyo-to desires from GHQ. He was informed that no services would be granted Tokyo-to without the final approval of the C-in-C and, therefore, he could be promised nothing at the present time.

Gov. Yasui was informed by telephone that Mr. Kanazashi, President of the Mayors' Assn. considered it desirable that the Governor should join the Mayors' Assn. With the cooperation of that organization the present system of electing ward chiefs could be abolished. He was also informed of the communication from the Mayor of Oakland to SCAP requesting information on the mayors' conference.

A conference was held at the NPA Building attended by JLC personnel officers (Mr. Lanning, JCE personnel officer and Mr. Freehauf, G-1, JLC) and NPA officials, regarding the utilization of 13 classifiers for their classification survey. A detailed Memorandum for Record is being written.

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22 Sept. 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

In reply to telephone inquiry from Mr. H. Ihrig, ESS/Labor, concerning prohibition of political activities by national public servants, cited Art. 102 of National Public Service Law (Law No. 120 of 1947, as amended by Law No. 222 of 1948).

Special:

1. Mr. Kimura, Cabinet Liaison Officer, informed Mr. Matsukata, GS, that Mr. Masuda, Secretary General of the Liberal Party, had issued a statement denouncing the Communist affiliation of the so-called Liberal Party candidate for mayor of Ito City. In the statement, Masuda requested candidates to break off all relations with Communist sympathizers. If they fail to do so, the Liberal Party will officially oust them.

2. Regional representatives of the prefectural Election Management Commission called on Mr. Matsukata to request support. The Administrative Reorganization Committee has recommended that these prefectural committees be abolished, but it is the opinion of the representatives that such action would be a direct violation of Japan's commitment to the world that she has been democratized. They stressed the importance of their committees as a barrier against the arbitrary action of the bureaucrats who desire to control elections and run them for their own ends.

3. At the request of Mr. Matsukata, Mr. Kanazashi, Mayor of Kawasaki City, called at GS. He was requested to take positive action in rebuffing the efforts of the Tokyo-to wards to become independent cities. It was suggested that he and Gov. Yasui of Tokyo act jointly to establish the wards as administrative districts of Tokyo-to. Mr. Kanazashi requested GS to call a meeting of the Mayors Assn. and Gov. Yasui at which time this question could be discussed and maximum cooperation obtained.

4. Two members of the Secretariat, Local Administration Investigation Commission, called at GS at the request of Mr. Matsukata. They were informed that GS did not agree with the Kambe Committee's recommendations on the status of the wards in Tokyo-to; further, that GHQ felt their recommendations on the redistribution of the local taxes were not in line with the Shoup Mission recommendations of independent taxes for independent local entities.

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21 Sept. 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

The Council for Examination of Qualifications for Public Office met today from 1400 to 1500 hours and recommended reinstatement from the purge of the following former military and naval personnel:

Army	Major	2,098	Navy	Lt. Comdr.	1,013
	Captain	430		Lieutenant	544
	1st Lt.	52		Lt. (j.g.)	692
	2nd Lt.	13		Ensign	426
		2,593			2,675

Included in the above list are three former princes: Kaya, Captain; Higashikumi, Major (son of Prince Higashikuni, Lt. Gen.); and Yamashina, Lt. Comdr. In the examination of its records, the Council discovered that 11 persons in Category C, 8 in Category D and 77 in Category G had been overlooked, and a decision was reached to recommend their reinstatement. The Council also discovered that 4 persons in Category C, 1 in Category D and 6 in Category G had been erroneously reinstated and, therefore, recommended deletion of their names from the depurge list. The above decisions will be submitted to GS informally on Wednesday, 26 Sept.

Special:

1. Dr. Tanaka, Chairman of the House of Representatives' Personnel Committee, conferred with Chief, GS, concerning compensation of government employees and the NPA.

2. Major Monagan, GS, discussed with Mr. DiAngelis, ESS, reliable information received by ESS from the Japanese Government on a confidential basis that the 1952 budget would include a substantial sum for the payment of military pensions. It would appear from the present JCS directive 1308/15 that no such pensions could be paid. ESS is preparing a paper in order to obtain the views of the headquarters on the practicability and desirability of allowing such payments.

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Government Section

20 Sept. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

1. Major Monagan concurred in a DS message to the State Department giving information that a SCAPIN was presently being considered in this headquarters removing all SCAP restrictions on the operations of the Japanese Government Overseas Agencies. Mr. Sullivan, DS, stated that all other sections of the headquarters had concurred in the message. The SCAPIN will be circulated for formal approval.

2. Mr. Sullivan, DS, reported that the Korean Government had advised DS that it was ready as of today to discuss the matter of Korean nationality with the Japanese Government under the terms recently proposed by DS to these governments.

3. At a conference with ESS officials, Major Jay, GS, determined that the NPA supplementary budget does not adversely affect NPA.

Public Administration:

The Attorney General's office, which has been studying the draft of a law to replace the Organizations Control Order and the Purge Ordnance, has tentatively decided to call this law the Organizations Control Law and the Agency to administer it, the Special Investigation Board. The Commission to which decisions on this law will be referred will be known as the Special Investigation Commission. A final draft law is scheduled to be submitted to GS by the end of this week or the beginning of the next.

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19 Sept. 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Special:

1. Major Monagan concurred with DS and CES that Japanese military experts be permitted to attend a MDAFE meeting at Rangoon, Burma, to discuss technical aspects of military operations in Southeast Asia in furtherance of the ECA aid program. Other Southeastern Asian nations will attend the meeting. Request was forwarded by the U.S. Embassy in Burma. Direct reply by the Japanese Government has been authorized by DS.

2. Major Monagan discussed a press report with Mr. Yoshizawa, SIB, concerning the efforts of Attorney General Ohashi to formulate legislation continuing the Press Code as Japanese law. A complete memorandum has been prepared on the subject in view of interest taken by the Supreme Commander.

3. Mr. Seki, SIB, reported on a meeting of Attorney General Office officials convened to study the projected subversive control bill. A decision was reached on the final form of the bill. Mr. Seki assured that the completed draft will be submitted to GS on Friday, 21 Sept.

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18 Sept. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

Mr. Okada, Supervision Section, PM Office, reported that the Council for Examination of Qualifications for Public Office is presently deliberating on the relatively easier cases for reinstatement from the purge of former military personnel and is studying the cases of officers below the rank of Lt. Col., excluding those who were involved in various militaristic incidents, war criminals and those who became involved in politics. An informal list will be submitted to GS, recommending reinstatement. Mr. Okada was told that GS will carefully examine these cases at that time.

Special:

At 1400 hours, 17 Sept. 1951, Lt. Col. Smith, G-3, met with Mr. Matsukata and Mr. Bettencourt to secure GS opinion as to the advisability of allowing local commanders to contact local Japanese Government authorities and notify them that security forces would be firing or conducting air alerts in that vicinity.

Today Mr. Matsukata discussed the matter with Mr. Kimura, Chief, Liaison Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who stated he was definitely against any change in policy allowing local commanders to notify local liaison officers. He reasoned that the national government was responsible for notifying the Local Autonomous entities and in the final analysis the total responsibility would fall on the national government. He therefore requested that his office continue to be informed by GS.

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17 Sept. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Parliamentary and Political:

Requested legal opinions from Chief Irie and Chief Okuno of the Diet Legal Bureau concerning situations under which the House of Representatives might be constitutionally dissolved. An answer may be expected within ten days or two weeks.

Special:

At a third conference between JLC and NPA, plans for effecting cooperation were advanced. October 1, 1951 was set as the target date for the loan of 13 classification analysts by NPA to JLC.

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Government Section

15 Sept. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

1. Mr. Okada, Supervision Section, Prime Minister's Office, reported that the Council for Examination of Qualifications for Public Office is scheduled to deliberate on the remaining cases of purged former military officers, Army Colonels to Second Lieutenants, and Navy Captains to Ensigns. Whether a decision can be reached during this meeting is a matter of conjecture. It was also reported that following this deliberation the Council will hold additional meetings to determine the status of 40,000 Kempei Tai officials, officers and enlisted men, presently still purged.

2. Yoshihashi of the SIB, Attorney General's Office, reported that on 12 September 1951 that office and procuratorial officials discussed developments in the matter of the prosecution of the 18 purged Communists of the Provisional Central Guidance Section. The result of the conference indicated that progress is quite favorable and that in order to strengthen the cases, investigations are also being made to uncover all evidence of violations of Cabinet Order 325 by each of the 18 Communists. The SIB reports that the procuratorial officials and those of the Attorney General's office are mutually cooperative in developing the cases against these 18 individuals.

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	18,638	10,665,870	

Parliamentary and Political:

Received courtesy call from Rep. Tsubouchi and Councillor Uetake, both Liberals, who are departing 15 Sept. on a GARIOA project to study for 90 days U. S. rail, highway, marine and air transportation facilities.

Briefing Notes 13 Sept. 1951

Special:

Major Monagan delivered a two-hour lecture on the National Government of Japan to the Agents Basic Class No. 23 of the 441st CIC School.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Government Section

11 Sept. 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Government Section

SUBJECT: Briefing Notes

Public Administration:

Today GS received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Japanese Government "Request for Approval for Restoring Right or Qualification of Depurged Persons for Pensions, Annuities, other Emoluments or Benefits." This request is presently being studied by GS for reply.

Special:

1. Dr. Peeliu Dai, Chief, Conference and General Services Div., International Civil Aviation Organization, called on Major Monagan, GS, who briefed him in a general way on the work of the Section with particular reference to political reforms. Dr. Dai is interested in accumulating literature on Japan for the library of his organization since it is expected that Japan will soon adhere to the Aviation Convention. He was given a copy of "A Brief Progress Report on the Political Reorientation of Japan."

2. A second conference was held with representatives of JLC and NPA regarding the classification and compensation of Japanese employees. JLC was immediately interested in utilizing the available classification and compensation studies in connection with work being done by them in the Japan Central Exchange. NPA indicated a great willingness to make available their completed studies as well as those currently being conducted. Also, NPA volunteered assistance in the way of supplying classification analysts and making available a course for training such analysts.

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