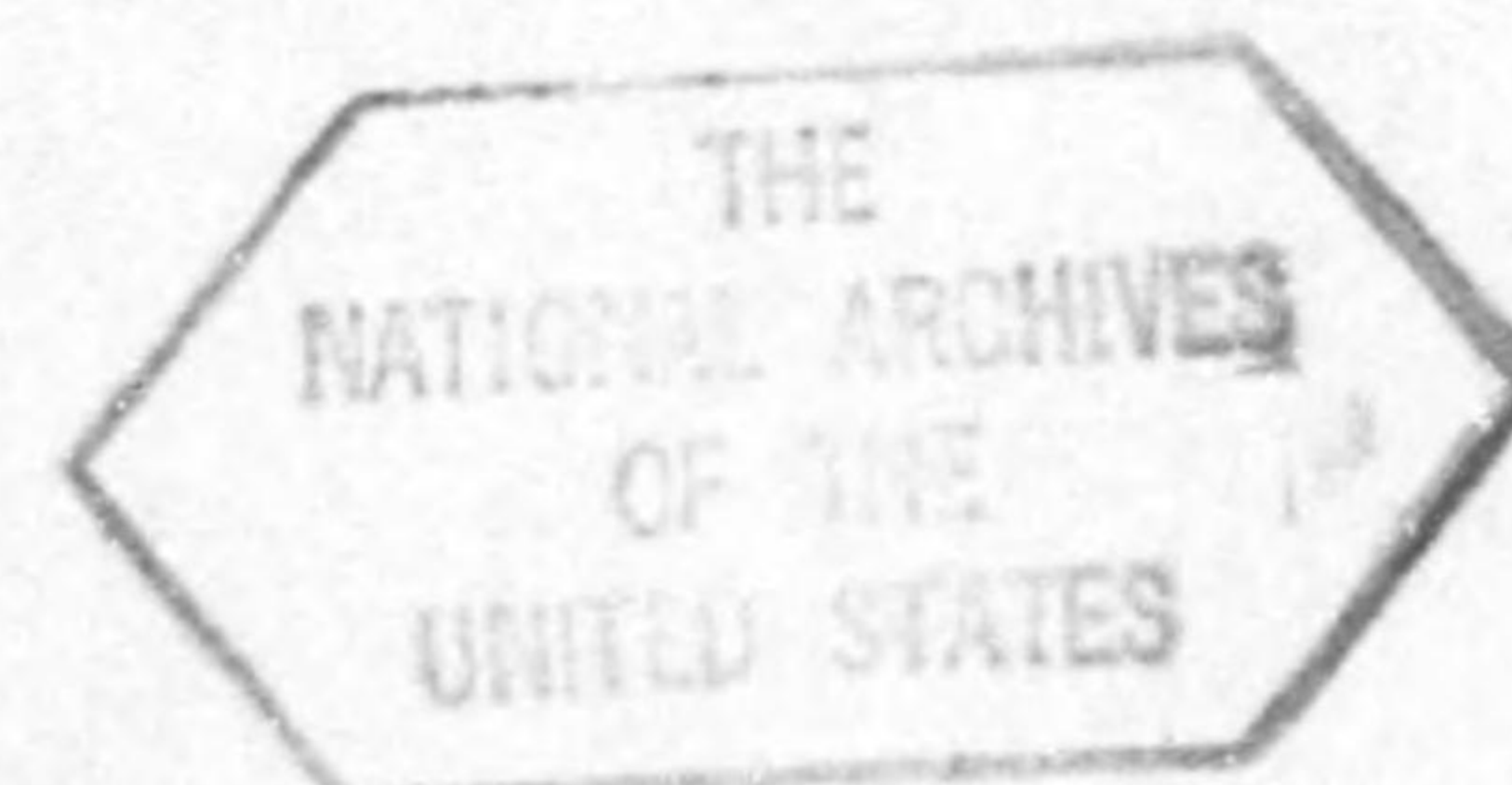


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1. Public Health and Welfare Section, with the assistance of Civil Information and Education Section, has been attempting to secure substantial improvements in the standards and procedures of medical education. Reforms were worked out during a series of conferences between the representatives of Public Health and Welfare and Civil Information and Education on the one hand and the Ministry of Education, the Council of Medical Education and the Education Reform Council on the other hand. Substantial agreement had been reached and Col. Sans of Public Health and Welfare issued an oral directive to the Japanese Government ordering the reforms to be put into effect.

2. Opposition within the Ministry of Finance as well as in the Ministry of Education has prevented compliance with the orders of Col. Sans, with the result that Col. Sans has requested the issuance of a formal written directive.

3. SCAP's interest in the matter is a direct and real one since marked improvement in health conditions in Japan and in the attitude here toward public health is an important aspect of the establishment of a peaceful and democratic Japan.

4. Paragraph 3 g of JCS 1380/15 provides "The ultimate objective of the United Nations with respect to Japan is to foster conditions which will give the greatest possible insurance that Japan will not again become a menace to the peace and security of the world . . ." Paragraph 10 g of the same document provides that the Supreme Commander "will assure that curricula acceptable to (him) are employed in all schools and that they include the concepts indicated in paragraph 3 g above."

5. General Order No. 7, establishing Public Health and Welfare as a staff section of SCAP, provides in part that the functions of the Section are:

"2 a (3) Provide for the early establishment of the essential public health and welfare activities to meet the minimum humanitarian requirements of the civil population and to protect the health and welfare and to further the accomplishment of the mission of the Occupation Forces.

"2 d Prepare instructions for the initiation, coordination and development of such plans and programs as are required to meet the public health and welfare objectives of the Supreme Commander in preventing serious diseases and distress in the civil population."

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6. Thus it is clearly within the province of Public Health and Welfare Section to undertake the projects outlined above. It is essential of course that complete coordination be maintained with Civil Information and Education, the Section charged with primary responsibility for education. The plans proposed by Public Health and Welfare do not seek to establish any new or radical reforms in Japanese medical or educational fields. In view of the fact that education is, under existing law, the direct responsibility of the National Government, it cannot be said that the proposed steps involve any attempt to set up a system of socialized medicine.

7. It is recommended that Col. Sans' position be approved but that further steps be undertaken to accomplish the objectives through informal means with the assistance of Government Section, prior to the issuance of a formal directive.

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Request for Approval of Plan for Treatment of  
Students of Medical Colleges (Igaku Seimon Gakko)

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1. Forwarded for signature and dispatch to the Imperial Japanese  
Government is inclosed Memorandum on above subject.

1 Enclosure:

- 1 - Memo AG 000.8 (22 Mar 47 )  
CIE to IJG, with stencil.

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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22 March 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

THROUGH: Central Liaison Office, Tokyo

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Plan for Treatment of  
Students of Medical Colleges  
(Igaku Seimon Gakko)

1. Reference Memorandum to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, from the Central Liaison Office, Tokyo, C.L.O. No. 1884, dated 19 March 1947.

2. The interim program for medical education as outlined by the Ministry of Education corresponds to the understanding of the General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

3. There is no objection to the implementation of this interim program.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

JOHN B. COOLEY  
Colonel, AGD.  
Adjutant General.

1. The Ministry of Education has discussed its plans for the revision of medical education with PH&W and CIE, seeking ultimately to discontinue such training as is given in junior-college level schools and placing all such training on the university level. As a first step in this revision, the present plan was developed. CIE and PH&W have reviewed the plan and have no objection to it. The Ministry of Education requested written confirmation.

2. Memo to IJG has been concurred in verbally by Chief, Public Health & Welfare Section, Col. G. F. Sans. Government Section also concurs.

3. No surveillance by the Eighth Army is required.

4. The interests of USAFIK have been considered.

M.T.O.