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b. A reorganization proposed by the Japanese Government granting greater autonomy to its management will not be opposed if:

(1) The proposal is within SCAP policy.

(2) The proposal is sound.

c. If the proposal meets the stipulations in b above, GHQ SCAP representatives should render all possible assistance and guidance to insure a sound organization.

6. Request concurrence.

----- E. F. H. -----

Major W.E. Monagan 26-8806

From: GS

To: CCS

Date: 5 September 1951

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Concur.

----- F. H. -----

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1. Statements released to the press by the Ministry of Telecommunications, and verbal statements made by the Minister of Telecommunications to the Chief of Civil Communications indicate that the Japanese Government will shortly submit to this headquarters, a proposal that the present Ministry of Telecommunications be converted into some type of a government regulated organization having considerably more autonomy than the present Ministry of Telecommunications. Proposals for such a reorganization have been concurred in by Diet and Cabinet Committees, and are generally accepted as desirable by many members of the Diet. It appears that action of this nature is sooner or later inevitable.
2. Whether there is a change in the present management and operational heads of the Ministry of Telecommunications or continuation of the present organization, is of paramount importance to communications for future security forces stationed in Japan and is of equal or greater importance to the economy of Japan.
3. Based on investigations of this matter, it is believed that, if properly implemented, a new agency could obtain a marked improvement in service with better financial results. It would permit the establishment of an organization more suitable for managing and operating the properties and business of this extensive national utility. It would permit establishment of sound and realistic labor policies and financial plans on a long term basis, and provide many other desirable management features not possible at present. On the other hand, unless properly implemented, the proposed action could result in no improvement and might actually be detrimental.
4. Well financed and politically strong lobbies are anxious to reestablish many prewar restrictive practices as a means for private gain at the expense of service and at high cost to the Japanese public. Some of these groups would divide the system between private agencies and a government controlled organization, turning over to private agencies the profitable elements of the utility and leaving the non-profitable elements with the government. Such a plan would prevent national integration of the system and might leave the new organization so weak financially that it would have little chance for success.
5. It is believed that future action to be taken by GHQ SCAP in connection with reorganization of the Ministry of Telecommunications should be based on the following general principles:
 - a. No proposal to reorganize the Ministry should be made by SCAP.

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I hereby promulgate the Law for Partial
Amendment to the Ministry of Telecommuni-
cations Establishment Law.

Signed: HIROHITO, Seal of the Emperor

This thirty-first day of third month of the
twenty-fourth year of Showa (March 31, 1949)

Prime Minister

YOSHIDA Shigeru

Law No. 7

3/31/49

Law for Partial Amendment to the
Ministry of Telecommunications
Establishment Law

The following partial amendment shall be
made to the Ministry of Telecommunications
Establishment Law (Law No. 245 of 1948):

In Supplementary Provisions "April 1",
shall read "June 1."

Supplementary Provision:

The present Law shall come into force as
from the day of its promulgation.

Minister of Communications

OZAWA Saeki

Prime Minister

YOSHIDA Shigeru

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昭和二十一年十一月三十日 第三種郵便物認可

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1949

Signed: HIROHITO, Seal of the Emperor
This thirty-first day of the third month of
the twenty-fourth year of Showa (March 31,
1949)

Prime Minister
YOSHIDA Shigeru

Law No. 5

Law for Partial Amendment to the
Local Finance Committee Law

A part of the Local Finance Committee Law
(Law No. 155, 1947) shall be amended as
follows:

In Supplementary Provisions, paragraph 3,
"March 31, 1949" shall read "May 31, 1949."

Supplementary Provision:

The present Law shall come into force as
of its promulgation.

MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Minister's Secretariat

Telecommunications Director General's Chamber

Business Operation Bureau

Plant Engineering Bureau

Accounts and Finance Bureau

Electrical Communications Laboratory

Radio Regulatory Agency

Aeronautical Aids Agency

FUNCTIONAL STATEMENTS OF BUREAUS

Supplement

1. MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT.

General Functions of Bureau:

1. Charged with supervision of confidential aspects of the Ministry.
2. Handles inquiries pertaining to the Ministry's administration.
3. Receipt and delivery of official documents.
4. Compiles and has custody of official documents.
5. Prepares statistical reports.
6. Supervises movement and status of Ministry's administrative personnel.
7. Has custody of Ministry's official seal.
8. Inspectional functions relating to Telecommunications, Postal Money Orders, Postal Savings, Postal Annuity and Postal Life Insurance.

Personnel:

- 1 Secretary - First Class
- 28 Secretaries - Second Class
- 57 Secretaries - Third Class
- 11 Technicians - Second Class
- 2 Technicians - Third Class
- 52 Clerks
- 15 Non-Regular Members.

2. GENERAL AFFAIRS BUREAU.

General Functions of Bureau:

1. Handles, and/or supervises administrative activities of the Ministry.
2. Handles employment and payment of yonin class employees for entire Ministry (excluding field services of outer bureaus.)

3. Checks revenue and expenditures of the bureaus against estimates.
4. Checks and investigates financial records.
5. Coordinates activities of the bureau with other bureaus of the Ministry.
6. Supervises training of personnel.

Personnel:

- 1 Secretary - First Class
- 12 Secretaries - Second Class
- 114 Secretaries - Third Class
- 10 Technicians - Third Class
- 27 Assistant Technicians
- 416 Clerks

3. LABOR BUREAU.

General Functions of Bureau:

1. Liaison, negotiations, and labor relations with personnel and labor unions involving the Ministry.
2. Handling matters concerning working conditions, allowance and labor statistics relative to the Ministry's personnel.
3. Personnel welfare and mutual aids.
4. Has charge of the appointment and lease of the official residence.
5. Supervision of employees' health and sanitation.
6. Supervision of Tokyo Communications Hospital.

Personnel:

- 1 Secretary - First Class
- 12 Secretaries - Second Class
- 114 Secretaries - Third Class
- 10 Technicians - Third Class

27 Assistant Technicians

418 Clerks

4. POSTAL BUREAU

General Functions of Bureau:

1. Supervises the administration and planning of the postal service, including foreign postal service.
2. Determines the establishment or abolishment of postal routes.
3. Conducts investigations relative to postal services.

Personnel:

1 Secretary - First Class

11 Secretaries - Second Class

80 Secretaries - Third Class

42 Clerks

9 Non-Regular Members

5. TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE BUREAU.

General Functions of Bureau:

1. Supervises the administration and planning of telegraph and telephone service, including foreign services.
2. Determines the establishment or abolishment of telegraph and telephone services.
3. Conducts investigations relative to telecommunication services and operations and use of facilities.
4. Supervises financial aspects of telecommunications service.

Personnel:

1 Secretary - First Class

14 Secretaries - Second Class

92 Secretaries - Third Class

3 Technicians - Second Class

16 Technicians - Third Class

57 Clerks

4 Non-Regular Members

6. TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING BUREAU

General Functions of Bureau:

1. Has charge of the construction and maintenance of telecommunication equipment and facilities.
2. Determines the establishment and abolishment of Engineering offices.
3. Makes qualification investigations of telecommunications technicians.
4. Makes investigations relative to techniques, design and specifications used in telecommunication facilities and equipment.

Personnel:

1 Secretary - First Class

3 Secretaries - Second Class

55 Secretaries - Third Class

71 Technicians - Second Class

227 Technicians - Third Class

135 Assistant Technicians

69 Clerks

7. RADIO BUREAU

General Functions of Bureau:

1. Supervises and has charge of wireless telecommunication facilities including telephone broadcasting, both wire and wireless.
2. Has control over broadcasting of privately owned radio companies.
3. Determines establishment and discontinuance of radio communication circuits.
4. Supervises, plans and controls matters relating to monitoring and assignment of radio frequencies, and radio transmission.

Personnel:

17 Secretaries - Second Class
145 Secretaries - Third Class
1 Technician - First Class
28 Technicians - Second Class
201 Technicians - Third Class
268 Assistant Technicians
113 Clerks

8. POSTAL SAVINGS BUREAU.

General Functions of Bureau:

1. Supervision of the Ministry's personnel, including such related activities as welfare, mutual aids and allowance.
2. Planning, regulation and investigation of the postal money order and savings enterprise.
3. Management of receipt and disbursement of annuities and pension funds.

4. Planning and supervising the rebuilding of war-damaged postal money order and savings enterprise.

5. Promotion of the sale of bonds and postal savings.

Personnel:

1 Secretary - First Class

9 Secretaries - Second Class

163 Secretaries - Third Class

40 Assistant Technicians

88 Clerks

9. SUPPLIES BUREAU

General Functions of Bureau:

1. Purchasing, sales, lending, leasing, manufacturing and repairing of material, supplies, apparatus and vehicles.
2. Management of the manufacturing, keeping and distribution of postage and revenue stamps.
3. Management of clothes manufactured and used by the Ministry.
4. Supervision of research, experimentation and repair of materials, supplies and equipment.
5. Management of the receipt, disbursement and inspection of materials, supplies, and apparatus.

Personnel:

1 Secretary - First Class

11 Secretaries - Second Class

151 Secretaries - Third Class

21 Technicians - Second Class

151 Technicians - Third Class

668 Assistant Technicians

313 Clerks

13 Non-Regular Members

10. BUILDING & REPAIRS DIVISION

General Functions of the Division:

1. Property management for the Ministry.
2. Letting of contracts relative to building and repair of land, buildings, fittings and vessels.
3. Architectural and engineering design and construction relating to new or repaired buildings, fittings and vessels.

Personnel:

2 Secretaries - Second Class

30 Secretaries - Third Class

1 Technician - First Class

16 Technicians - Second Class

54 Technicians - Third Class

162 Assistant Technicians

31 Clerks

4 Non-Regular Members

11. BRANCH OFFICES

General Function of the Offices:

1. Handles overall activities of the Ministry in designated jurisdictional or geographical zones.
2. Specific functions not included in established bureaus, such as:
 - a. Supervision of a museum containing exhibitions of communication service articles.

- b. Installation and maintenance of submarine cables.
- c. Supervises the installation, use and control of air navigational aides.

Personnel:

30 Secretaries - Second Class
196 Secretaries - Third Class
6 Technicians - First Class
87 Technicians - Second Class
310 Technicians - Third Class
492 Assistant Technicians
292 Clerks
59 Non-Regular Members

12. FIELD ORGANIZATION

General Functions of the Organization:

1. Performs the operational activities, on a nation-wide basis, of the postal, telegraph and telephone services.
2. Has charge of and manages the sales, accounting, auditing and investment of Post Office Life Insurance.
3. Has charge of electrical examination and research.
4. Has charge of the training of communications personnel.
5. Has charge of the training of wireless and radio operators.

13. POST OFFICE LIFE INSURANCE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

General Functions of the Committee:

As a permanent advisory committee, makes investigations relative to the administration and operational activities concerning Post Office Life Insurance.

14. POST OFFICE LIFE INSURANCE & ANNUITY ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

General Functions of the Committee:

As a permanent advisory Committee.

(No detail until questionnaire is returned)

(This is a newly created committee - at least it appears for the first time on the January 19, 1948 organizational chart.)