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United States Political Adviser  
for Japan.

Tokyo, May 7, 1948

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SUBJECT: International Mail Service.

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- 1/ The Acting Political Adviser has the honor to forward five copies of a memorandum for the Japanese Government, SCAPIN 1884, issued April 25, 1948 by this Headquarters, which liberalizes the international postal rules now applicable to Japan to include mailing to and from the country of books, magazines and other printed matter. There are
- 2/ also forwarded five copies of a press release of this Headquarters on this subject.

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- 1. Five copies of SCAPIN 1884, April 25, 1948.
- 2. Five copies of Press Release.

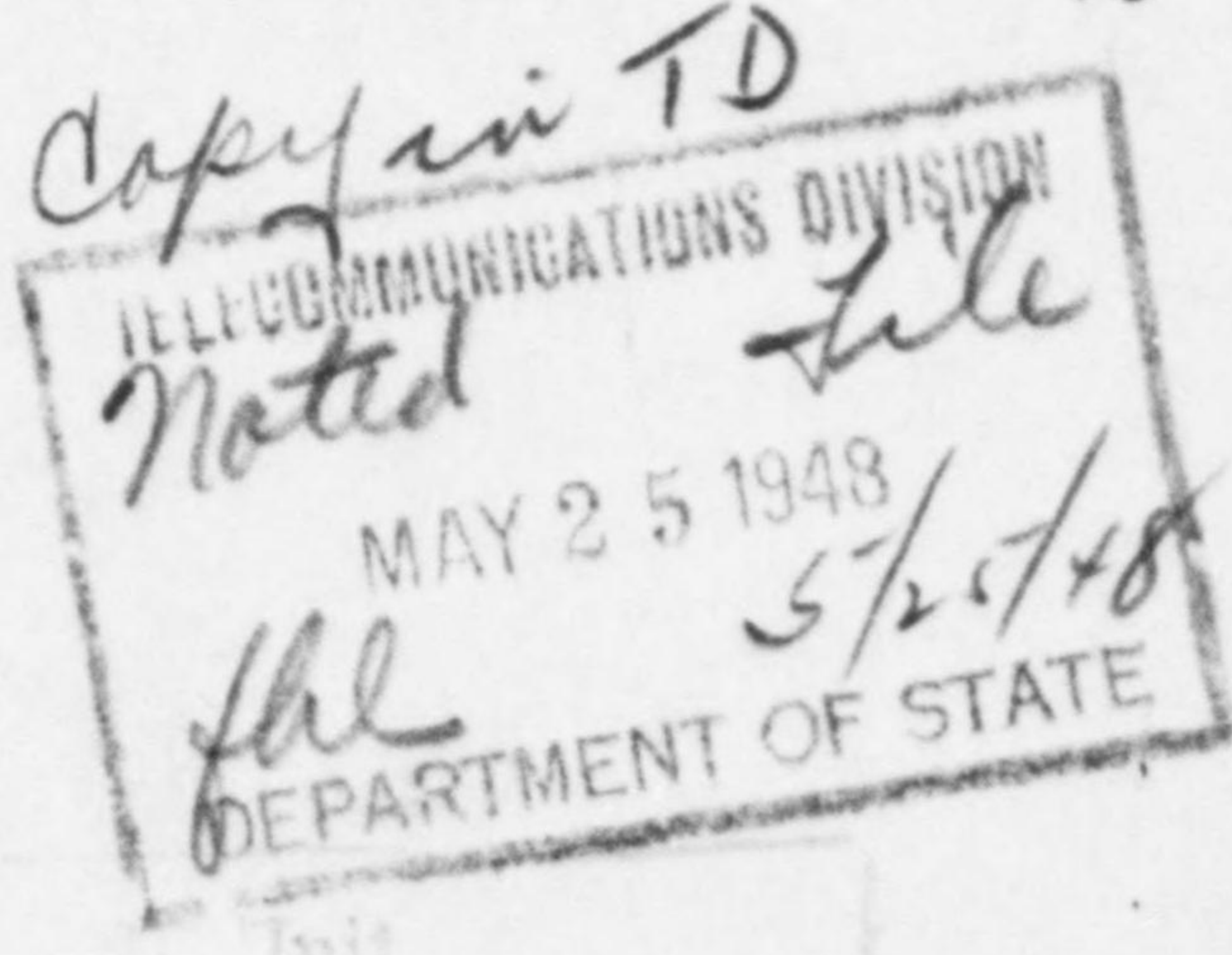


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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
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AG 311.1 (25 Apr 48) CCS  
SCAPIN 1884

25 April 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: International Mail Service

1. Reference is made to Memoranda for the Japanese Government as follows:

a. File AG 311.1(26 Aug 47) CCS, SCAPIN 1768, dated 26 August 1947, subject same as above.

b. File AG 311.1(6 Oct 47) CCS, SCAPIN 1792, dated 6 October 1947, subject same as above.

c. File AG 311.1(20 Feb 48) CCS, SCAPIN 1862, dated 20 February 1948, subject same as above.

2. Effective 1 May 1948, the above Memoranda are amended by the instructions contained herein.

3. The mailing to and from Japan of books, magazines and all other printed matter under the classification of "Prints" is authorized, subject to the provisions and limitations of the Universal Postal Union Convention of Buenos Aires, 23 May 1939.

4. Direct communication between Civil Communications Section or other staff sections, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and the Ministry of Communications regarding technical matters within the scope of this memorandum is authorized.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

*for R. M. Levy*  
R. M. LEVY,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.



Enclosure No. 2 to Despatch No.  
268 dated May 7, 1948, from  
the United States Political Adviser  
for Japan, Tokyo, entitled:  
"International Mail Service".

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Press Release:

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24 April 1948

SCAP ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE

Expansion of Japan's International Postal Service to include all mailable matter under the classification of "Prints", to and from Japan with all countries of the world, effective May 1 1948, was announced today by SCAP.

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International postal service is recognized as one of the most important means by which nations of the world can exchange communications, and it provides a channel for the people to promote the arts, sciences, and spiritual and cultural ways of life which are so necessary to the advancement of any nation. It is becoming increasingly important with the realization that changing world conditions necessitate more frequent intercourse with neighboring and distant countries, and a freer flow of information. In this era the exchange of mails on an international basis is most essential to commercial, industrial, and cultural activities.

In the international mail service printed matter embraces the following: Newspapers, magazines, other periodicals, books, pamphlets, sheet music, visiting cards, address cards, printing proofs, engravings, photographs and albums containing photographs, pictures, drawings, plans, maps, patterns to be cut out, catalogs, prospectuses advertisements, and printed, engraved, lithographed, or autographed notices of various kinds, and, in general, all impressions or reproductions obtained on paper or other material assimilable to paper, on parchment or on cardboard, by means of printing, engraving, lithography, autography, or any other easily recognizable mechanical process with the exception of the copying press, stamps with movable or immovable type, and the typewriter. The expanded service will permit all matter coming under these categories to be accepted for transmission in the international mails to and from Japan.

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