

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Establishment of Immigration Service

1. References:

a. Circular 19, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, 23 June 1948, subject, "Control of Entry and Exit of Individuals, Aircraft and Surface Vessels into and from Japan."

b. Circular 1, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, 1 January 1949; subject, "Private Commercial Entrants."

c. Memorandum for the Japanese Government, AG 321 (8 Apr 46) ESS/IE, SCAPIN 941-A, 8 April 1946, subject, "Japanese Customs Organization."

d. Memorandum for the Japanese Government, AG 095 (22 May 48) GA, SCAPIN 1971, 11 February 1949, subject, "Entry of Personnel into Japan to Visit Relatives."

2. a. Effective 1 November 1949 and subject to the supervision of the Commanding General, Eighth Army, the Japanese Government will be responsible for the immigration surveillance of all individuals authorized by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to enter into or depart from Japan (except occupation force personnel traveling under official orders).

b. Currently the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers authorizes entry into Japan for individuals in the following categories:

- (1) Compassionate entries
- (2) Correspondents
- (3) Commercial entrants
- (4) Cultural entrants
- (5) Dependents of mission members

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- (6) Dependents of commercial entrants
- (7) Foreign diplomatic officials not assigned to Japan
- (8) Government officials or employees
- (9) Intransit personnel
- (10) Members of staff, Allied Council for Japan
- (11) Members of foreign missions accredited to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers
- (12) Military attaches of foreign missions in Japan
- (13) Missionaries
- (14) House guests
- (15) Tourists
- (16) Miscellaneous

3. The Japanese Government will immediately take the necessary action to:

a. Assign the necessary immigration officials to the Customs Detachment currently operating under the supervision of the Commanding General, Eighth Army, at each port of entry designated by Circular 19, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, 1948, and amendments and supersedures thereto. The immigration officials will be under the direct supervision of the Commanding General, Eighth Army.

b. The Japanese Government will establish a central office of record for all clearances granted by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to individuals entering or departing Japan, except occupation force personnel traveling under official orders. This office of record will be known as the "Central Locator Files" and will serve to inform the immigration officials of the Japanese Government working under the supervision of the Commanding General, Eighth Army, of all clearances granted by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. The Central Locator Files will be maintained with sufficient English-speaking personnel on a twenty-four hour basis to receive information from the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers concerning individuals authorized by him to enter or depart Japan. Upon receipt of such information, the Central Locator Files will notify the immigration officials of the Japanese Government of the clearances granted by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

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4. In order that the Central Locator Files may receive information of clearances granted by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, it is desired that a messenger visit the General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, promptly at 1200 each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to receive a list of clearances.

5. Effective 1 November 1949, the Japanese Government will be responsible for the prevention of the illegal entry of any individual into Japan. It is desired that particular emphasis be placed on entry of individuals through those ports not recognized by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers as official ports of entry. Necessary action will be taken by the Japanese Government to deport individuals apprehended as illegal entrants, or individuals who are otherwise in Japan without authority.

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