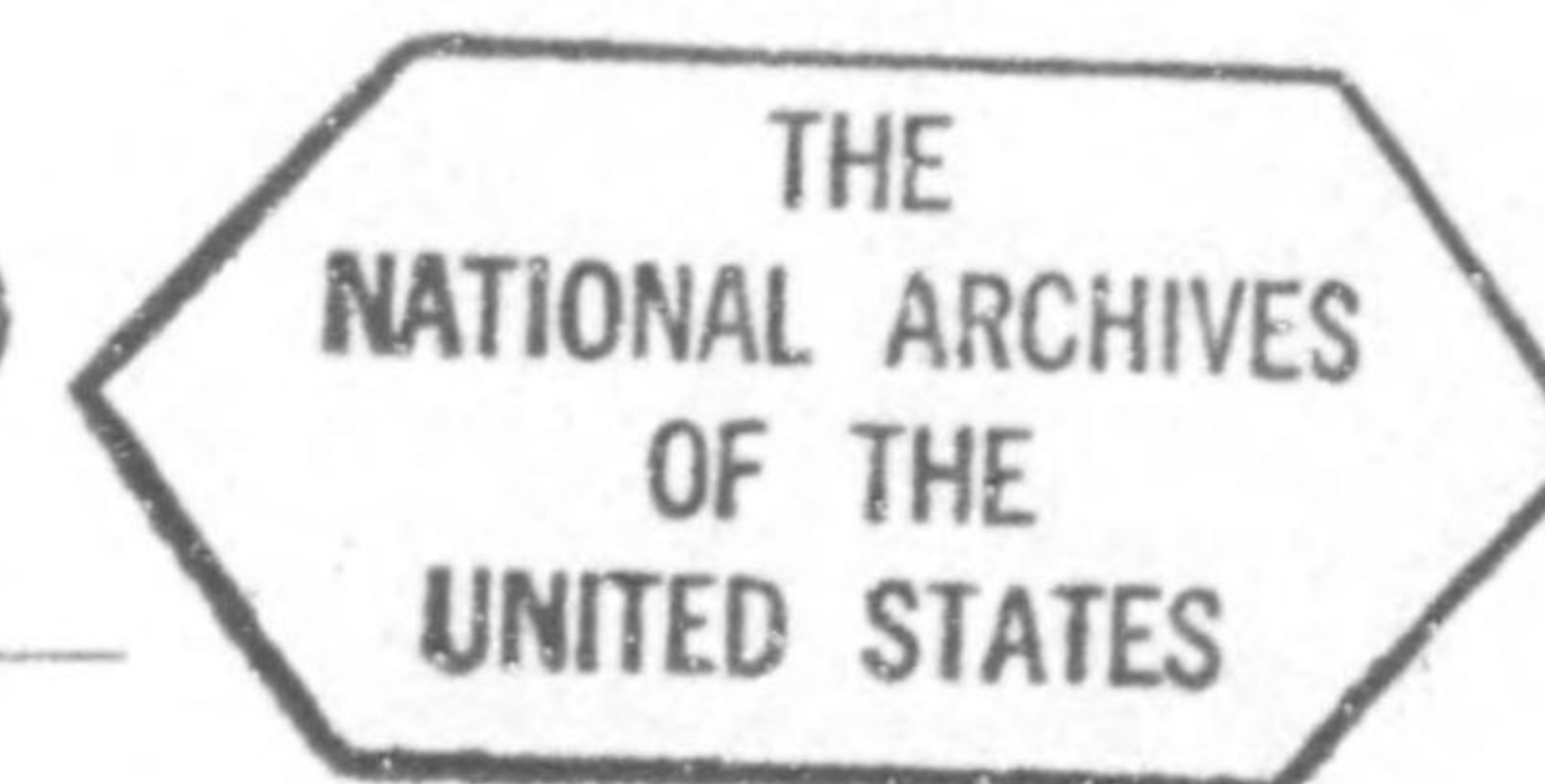


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Note by the Secretary General

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST COMMAND
Public Information Office

Press Release:

Immediate Release
9 February 1948

General MacArthur tonight issued the following statement:

"The Prime Minister has just called to inform me of the decision that he and his cabinet will resign. He pointed out that whereas his government has received no non-confidence vote by the Diet, it felt that it lacked the legislative support which a government should have to be truly representative of the people. The problems which it has faced are not novel but are inherent in the Japanese situation. As with all governments since hostilities ended, his has been confronted with the serious political, economic and social dislocations which are a natural consequence of the war and defeat.

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"Mr. Katayama and his cabinet have given the country a conscientious and patriotic leadership, and I have every confidence that the new government which emerges through the democratic processes ahead will be guided by no less high principles."