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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Fur Seal Research in Japanese Coastal Waters

1. The Japanese Government is directed to provide two vessels of about 20 gross tons each, of the type formerly used for seal hunting, manned, powered, equipped, and supplied for hunting fur seals in Japanese coastal waters. These vessels will engage in collecting seals at sea, for a Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers research project, during the 1948-49 season. The Japanese Government also will assign an inspector to accompany each vessel.

2. Within fifteen days after receipt of this Memorandum, the Japanese Government will make available at Muroran, Hokkaido, the necessary equipment and personnel as referred to in paragraph 1, and will supply the Natural Resources Section, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers the names and registry numbers of the designated vessels, names and addresses of personnel manning the vessels, and names and office addresses of Japanese Government inspectors assigned to accompany the vessels. The Japanese Government will also make provisions for the handling, marking, care and storage, during the operations, of all required research materials and all seal pelts.

3. A representative of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will be designated to direct and supervise the operations including the collection of scientific data.

4. Activities carried on in accordance with this directive will be subject to the following limitations:

a. The vessels engaged in seal hunting will operate only within the fishing area authorized by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Memorandum for Japanese Government from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 800.217. (22 Jun 46)NR, (SCAPIN 1033), Subj, "Area Authorized for Japanese Fishing and Whaling." Hunting operations will continue as necessary for the purposes of scientific research; in accordance with instructions of representative of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, but will terminate not later than 31 May 1949.

b. All seal pelts obtained during the investigation will be delivered into the custody of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Pelts designated by the representative of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will be held in safe storage by the Japanese Government pending instructions of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers relative to their disposal.

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c. The collection of materials required for research purposes and necessary compilation of scientific data will be performed in accordance with instructions of the representative of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

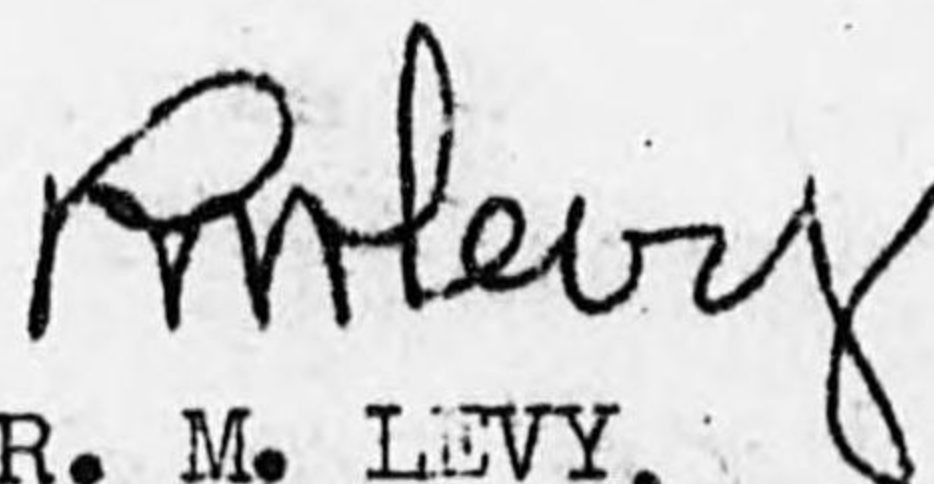
d. Seal carcasses will be disposed of as desired by the Japanese Government, after pelts and research materials have been removed.

e. No objection is made to the taking of porpoises or other marine animals during the course of authorized seal collecting operations, provided that pursuit of such animals does not interfere with the purpose of the required fur seal investigation. Instructions of the representative of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will govern such activities.

5. The seal collecting activities directed are for scientific research purposes only, and no precedent is established for fur seal hunting in Japanese coastal waters or elsewhere at any future time.

6. Direct communication between the Natural Resources Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, concerning activities within the scope of this memorandum, is authorized.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:



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