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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Sale and Resale of Privately Owned Automobiles

1. References:

a. Memorandum for the Japanese Government, file AG 451.1 (10 Jan 47)CIS, SCAPIN 1458, 10 January 1947, subject: Registration of Motor Vehicles, from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers

b. Memorandum for the Japanese Government, file AG 451 (17 Feb 47)CPC/FP, SCAPIN 1530, 17 February 1947, subject: Screening and Reporting of Registered Motor Vehicles, from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

2. All persons in Japan who have legal access as individuals to United States Military Payment Certificates, Foreign Trade Certificates, or British Armed Forces Special Vouchers are forbidden to sell, resell, lease, barter, trade, give, rent, transfer, or otherwise dispose of with or without consideration, motor vehicles of any kind, including automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters and motor bikes, to citizens of Japan and other individuals in Japan who do not have legal access to United States Military Payment Certificates, Foreign Trade Certificates or British Armed Forces Special Vouchers. Any such citizen of Japan or other individual is forbidden to purchase or acquire with or without consideration any motor vehicle from any person in Japan who has legal access as individuals to United States Military Payment Certificates, Foreign Trade Certificates, or British Armed Forces Special Vouchers, provided that there shall be excepted from the foregoing prohibitions wrecked or damaged motor vehicles sold by insurance companies, licensed to do business in Japan by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, incident to the conduct of business under their licenses and except as may otherwise hereafter be specifically authorized by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

3. Purchasers of automobiles from persons in Japan who have legal access as individuals to United States Military Payment Certificates, Foreign Trade Certificates, or British Armed Forces Special Vouchers in addition to complying with any registration requirements of Japanese law, shall register such purchases at the time of the transaction at a vehicle registration office established by either the Commanding General, Eighth Army or Commanding General, Headquarters and Service Group, General Headquarters, Far East Command. The Japanese Government will report registra-

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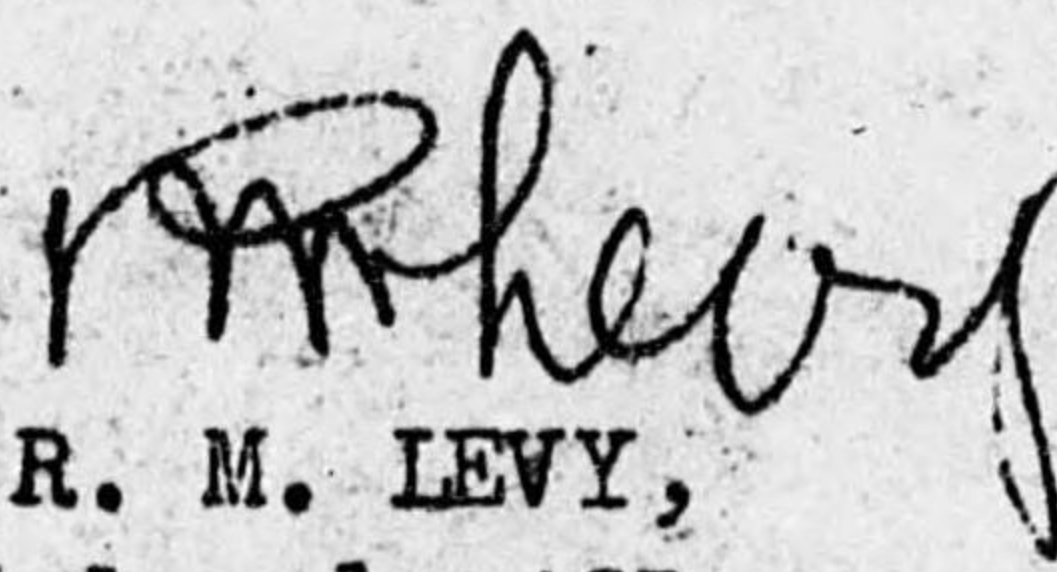
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tions of sales monthly in accordance with the procedure established pursuant to paragraph 4 of reference b. The first such report will be made on the 15th day following the end of the first calendar month after the date of this memorandum.

4. The Japanese Government will issue appropriate regulations to carry out provisions of this memorandum.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:


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