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**HEADQUARTERS  
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
APO 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)**

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3 October 1946

**SUBJECT: Prompt Reporting of Offenses Over which Provost Courts Have Jurisdiction**

**THRU : Mr. Toshito Satow, Chief Liaison Officer  
Wakayama City**

**TO : Chief of Police, Wakayama Prefecture  
Wakayama City**

1. The attention of this Headquarters has been called to the excessive time required to process charges relating to Japanese, Allied, and Non-allied nationals for alleged offenses against Occupation Forces. This delay frequently results in excessive periods of confinement pending trial, reflects unfavorably upon the efficiency of the Police Department and causes unnecessary expense.

2. The principal cause of delays of this nature is failure of the civil authorities to promptly notify proper military authorities, in detail, of arrests made by them for offenses coming under the jurisdiction of Military Occupation Courts.

3. In order to improve this situation and insure strict compliance with directives from higher authority it is recommended that minor offenders be not confined unless such confinement is necessary to secure the alleged offender's presence at trial or for his personal safety.

4. In this connection it is desired that at any time an offender is confined for an offense coming under the exclusive jurisdiction of Military Occupation Courts, that prompt investigation be made and full details be furnished by separate report in each instance, this report should be considered as in addition to periodic reports already being furnished in compliance with existing instruction.

**BY ORDER OF LT COLONEL LYONS:**

**BILL N. McFARLAND  
1st Lt QMC  
Adjutant**

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HEADQUARTERS  
WAKAYAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
APO 660, OSAKA (WAKAYAMA)

JLM/gh

27 July 1946

SUBJECT: Military Occupation Courts Procedure  
TO: Mr. Toshito Satow, Chief, Japanese Liaison Office  
Wakayama

1. In order to expedite the processing of charges relating to Japanese, allied, and non-allied nations for alleged offenses against the Occupation Forces and to prevent unnecessary long periods of confinement of alleged offenders pending trial, it is directed that:

a. The proper military authorities be promptly notified of arrests for offenses coming under the jurisdiction of military occupation courts.

b. Offenders will not normally be confined for minor offenses unless such confinement is necessary to secure the alleged offender's presence at trial or for his personal safety.

c. The following reports will be submitted.

(1) A weekly report as of Saturday will be submitted by the following Tuesday showing:

(a) All apprehensions and pending confinements for offenses over which Provost Courts have exclusive jurisdiction. This report will state whether apprehension or confinement was ordered by military personnel or by Japanese Police.

(b) All apprehensions for those acts prejudicial to the objectives of the occupation and which are also violations of Japanese law.

(2) A semi-monthly report, the report for the period 1st to the 15th of the month inclusive will be submitted by the 18th, the report for the period 16th to the end of the month will be submitted by the 3rd of the following month. This report will show all cases where apprehension was ordered by military personnel and Provost Court charges have not been preferred.

2. The proper Japanese authorities will be informed of the above.

GEORGE L. DANZEY  
Major AC  
Commanding