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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Earthquake Reports and Tidal Wave Forecasts

1. Rescission. Memorandum for the Japanese Government, AG 000.92 (27 Dec 48) GC-0, SCAPIN 1957, 6 January 1949, subject, "Earthquake Reports and Tidal Wave Forecasts," is rescinded.

2. Effective upon receipt of this memorandum the Japanese Government will:

a. Organize an efficient and expeditious system of disseminating tidal wave warnings to the indigenous population.

b. Concurrently, furnish to the Occupation Forces geophysical reporting and forecasting services as hereinafter specified.

3. In organizing the warning system for the indigenous population the Japanese Government should:

a. Make maximum use of existing geophysical reporting and forecasting installations.

b. Make maximum use of existing communication systems, including telephone and telegraph both public and exclusive, and radio.

c. Adopt procedures similar to those required (paragraphs 5 and 6, below) for the Occupation Forces.

d. Make provision for periodic tests of the communications system.

e. Adapt the system to the provisions of the National Disaster Law.

f. Arrange for handling traffic as supervisory operational, or as a service matter without billing between agencies and without treating the service as a special expense item.

4. The warning system specified in paragraph 2a, above, should be organized within sixty days of receipt of this memorandum. Within the following thirty day period one practical test of the warning system should be

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completed. Prior to the conduct of the first periodic test the Civil Communications Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will be notified.

5. a. In each instance that an earthquake of intensity 3, or greater, is recorded by the instruments of the Central Meteorological Observatory or its subordinate reporting stations, an immediate report will be made to the Occupation Forces. This report will contain the following information:

- (1) The intensity of the earthquake.
- (2) The location of the epicenter of the earthquake.
- (3) The time the earthquake occurred, expressed in Greenwich Mean Time.
- (4) Whether or not a tidal wave will result from the reported disturbance.
- (5) If a tidal wave is forecast to result from the quake, the estimated size of the wave and a forecast of what areas will be affected by the wave.

b. The required report will be prepared with the utmost speed consistent with technical accuracy, and will be transmitted by telephone to the Haneda Weather Central, Haneda Airport, telephone number Cargo 391. The telephone report will be confirmed in writing in English.

c. The Central Meteorological Observatory will be prepared to render the above required telephone report at any hour of the day or night. It is required that the telephone report be transmitted with minimum delay, and that the data necessary to make the report be assembled with the greatest urgency.

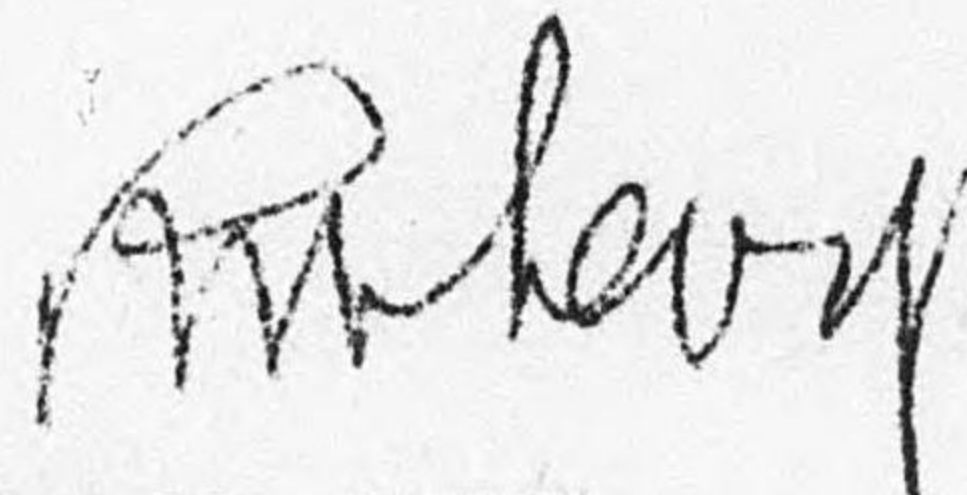
6. The written confirmation of the telephone report will be prepared in duplicate and will be delivered to the Central Liaison and Coordination Office at such time that it will be delivered to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers not later than the day following the day in which the earthquake occurred.

7. Since the warning system herein is primarily a function of government for benefit of the indigenous population, the services specified will not be covered by procurement instrument.

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8. Direct communication between the 2143d Air Weather Wing, Japanese Governmental agencies concerned, and appropriate staff sections of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and Far East Command is authorized on matters within the scope of this memorandum.

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