

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Disposition of Garbage and Waste

1. The responsibility of the Japanese Government for the collection of garbage and waste from Occupation Force installations was set forth in Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers Memorandum AG 720 (27 Feb 47)GD SC APIN 1548, subject, "Disposition of Garbage and Waste," 27 February 1947.

2. The development of practices contrary to the objectives of the foregoing SCAPIN have become increasingly evident. These practices include:

a. The donation of money or presents to personnel of occupation force installations by authorized collectors of waste and garbage ostensibly in payment for the privilege of making such collections.

b. The collection of garbage and waste materials by unauthorized individuals or agencies.

3. It is desired that the Japanese Government derive maximum revenue from garbage and waste collection contracts. The ability of some contractors to make unauthorized contributions in money or material gifts indicates the ability of these contractors to pay more for the privilege of making these collections and at the same time operate at a profit. It is, therefore, desired that immediate steps be taken to prohibit all donations and/or payments by authorized collectors of waste and garbage to any agency, organization or individual, private or governmental, for the privilege of making such collections, except those sums paid the Japanese Government and specifically set forth as a charge for the collection franchise. It is further desired that all outstanding contracts for collection of garbage and waste be reviewed, and in those instances where it is apparent that the Japanese Government is not receiving fair return for a particular contract a prompt upward revision of charges be made.

4. It is further directed that the Japanese Government report any instances involving solicitation of money or gifts by personnel employed at occupation force installations in connection with the collection of garbage and waste and, in addition, promptly report evidence of unauthorized collections of garbage and waste by unauthorized individuals or organizations.

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5. It is considered incumbent upon the Japanese Government that action be taken to prosecute those Japanese nationals who tender or receive bribes or gratuities in connection with the collection and disposal of trash and garbage from Occupation Force installations in compliance with SCAPIN 1548.

6. The reporting of tendering or receipt of money or gifts for unauthorized collection of garbage and waste as outlined in preceding paragraph will be submitted to the Commanding General, Eighth Army, for all areas outside Tokyo, and to the Commanding General, Headquarters and Service Group, General Headquarters, Far East Command for the Tokyo area. Information copies of such reports will be forwarded to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers at the time they are submitted to the commanders designated above.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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