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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Japanese Whaling Operations in the Antarctic in the  
1948-1949 Season.

1. Reference is made to:

a. Memorandum for Japanese Government from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 800.217 (3 Nov 45) NR SCAFIN 233, 3 November 1945, subject, "Whaling Industry"

b. Memorandum for the Japanese Government from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 800.217 (24 Aug 46) NR SCAFIN 1154, 24 August 1946, subject, "Whaling Industry"

c. Memorandum for the Japanese Government from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 800.217 (27 Sep 47) NR SCAFIN 1785, 27 September 1947, subject, "Whaling Industry"

d. Memorandum from the Japanese Government to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, C. L. C. C. No 1638 (2P), subject, "Japanese Whaling Operations in the Antarctic for the 1948-1949 Season", dated 7 May 1948.

2. Japanese whaling operations in the Antarctic are hereby authorized for the 1948-1949 season. Such operations will be conducted only in the areas, during the period, and under the conditions set forth by the International Whaling Conventions or modifications thereof adopted prior to the season.

3. Within thirty days of the receipt of this memorandum the Japanese Government will submit to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers for approval a plan for the organization and operation of the Antarctic Whaling Expedition. The expedition will consist of two fleets. The plan will include a list of the names and gross tonnages of the factory ships, catchers, and auxiliaries to be used and the names of the personnel who will manage each fleet. Subsequent to the approval of the plan or modification thereof, any substitution of vessels or personnel for those named must be approved by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

4. Vessels participating in the whaling expedition will comply with the following:

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a. Each vessel will be marked and operated in conformity with directives from the Administrator, Naval Shipping Control Authority.

b. Each vessel will display in the prescribed manner only the International code flag "E" (Easy) modified. At no time will the flag of the Japanese Merchant Marine be flown.

c. The master of each of the participating factory ships will maintain a duplicate of the ship's log which will be available for inspection at all times and upon completion of the expedition will be submitted, properly certified, to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. In addition a log will be maintained in English containing the text of all radiograms received from the catcher boats reporting the killing of whales.

d. The master of each of the participating factory ships during the periods enroute to and from the whaling area will forward daily radiograms to the Japanese Bureau of Fisheries in Tokyo listing the position of his ship at 1200 hours local time on the date the radiogram is dispatched.

e. The master of each of the participating factory ships during whaling operations will forward a daily radiogram to the Japanese Bureau of Fisheries in Tokyo containing the following information:

- (1) Position of his ship at 1200 hours local time on the date the radiogram is dispatched.
- (2) Number and kind of whales processed during the previous 24-hour period ending at 2400 hours local time, output of whale oil and other products, and raw material weights of meat, blubber and other materials processed as food stuffs.

f. The senior Japanese Government Inspector aboard each of the two participating factory ships will personally verify all information forwarded to the Japanese Bureau of Fisheries in Tokyo by radiogram as required in paragraphs d and e above.

g. Applications for frequencies for radio communication by the whaling fleets will be made to Civil Communications Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

h. Each vessel will proceed to and return from the whaling area by the most direct route and without approaching land nearer than 12 miles. The route to be followed by each vessel will be supplied to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and the Commander, Naval Forces, Far East, by the Japanese Government 15 days prior to the departure of each vessel from Japan and from the whaling area.

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i. The master of each of the two factory ships will, upon conclusion of whaling operations, dispatch a radiogram to the Japanese Bureau of Fisheries in Tokyo stating the date of departure of his ship from the whaling area.

5. The Japanese Bureau of Fisheries will maintain at its office in Tokyo a file of all communications between the whaling fleets and Japan for reference by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers when desired.

6. The whale oil produced by operations in the Antarctic will be transported to Japan and as quickly as possible after its arrival will be suitably stored and safely guarded. Within ten days of storage the Japanese Government will notify the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers of the place or places of storage, the amount stored, and the quality of the oil.

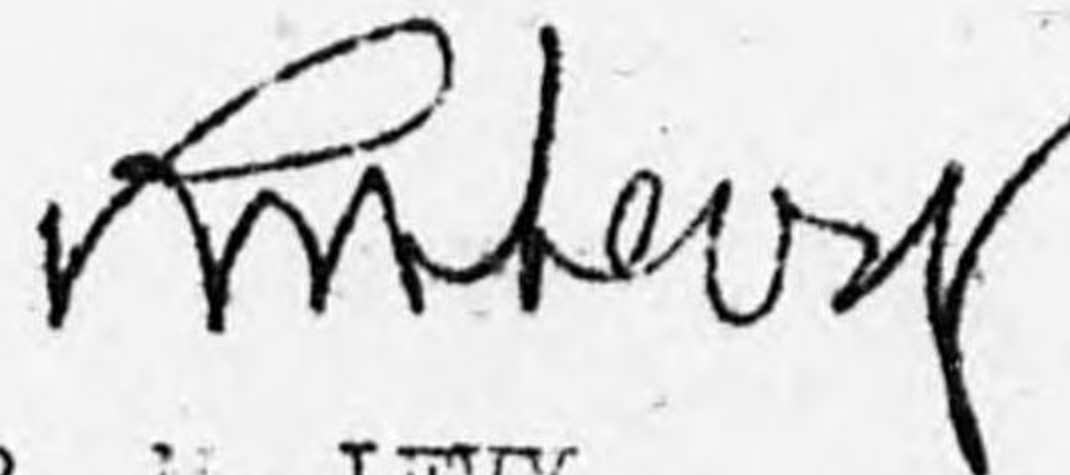
7. The Japanese Government will verify the cargo of each vessel arriving in Japan from the whaling area, and within ten days of the discharging of cargo will notify the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers of the exact cargo of each vessel and the condition of the cargo.

8. Thirty days prior to the departure of the first units of the expedition the Japanese Government will notify the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers of the allocation of petroleum products to the participating companies. The Japanese Government will also verify the amount of petroleum products aboard each vessel immediately prior to its departure from Japan and upon its arrival in Japan from the whaling area. Within ten days of the departure and arrival the Japanese Government will notify the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers of the exact amounts of petroleum products aboard each vessel.

9. The attention of the Japanese Government is directed to the memoranda referred to in paragraphs 1 a, b, and c, above. Reports required by the referenced memoranda will be submitted to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers prior to 1 June 1949.

10. This authorization does not establish any precedent for whaling operations in the Antarctic or in any other area for any subsequent period of time; nor is it an expression of Allied policy relative to ultimate determination of national jurisdiction, international boundaries, or fishing or whaling operations in the area concerned or in any other area.

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