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Yu-Gyo, 4146.

From: Director of Postal Bureau, Ministry of Communications.

To : Director of Postal Division, CCS, GHQ, SCAP.

Subject: Impression of a slogan-stamp on mail matter.

We received reports from operating bureaus that certain post offices were recently required by the Military Government in those districts to impress on mail matter forwarded or delivered within definite area designated with the date-stamp bearing designs or slogans concerning production increase, offering of food-stuff, tax payment, savings or education, etc., or to make and use special impression with the said slogans. This Ministry, however, cannot comply, to our regret, with these demands for the reason that introduction of these may not only cause much complication in sorting and other handling of mails and hamper the expeditious transmission thereof, but also require such expenses.

In this connection, we shall be much obliged if you will kindly take necessary steps as to this matter.

Director of Postal Bureau

*m/R - handled by telephone with  
Col Watts EX 0 8th A - who  
agreed*

*JM*



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**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS**

**OUTGOING MESSAGE**

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25 June 1947

**FROM: SCAP**

**TO: WAR (Pass for Action to Military Attache,  
American Embassy, Paris for Col Jay  
D. B. Lattin) .....ROUTINE**

**INFO: STATE DEPARTMENT WDSCA - GO.....ROUTINE**

( ) Reurad WAR Svc 6859 (Ref NBR MA 214) of 20 June 47.

1. Concerning action contemplated para 3 and 4. State Department believes ex-enemy areas under Military Government and areas not fully sovereign should not be admitted to full membership nor should they sign convention. Approve you recommending Congress continue Japan and Korea as members of Postal Union with their status as voting members suspended; but with their rights as voting members during the suspension being exercised by SCAP. No mention or request should be made re Ryukyus or other ex-Japanese Dependencies. As Japan and Korea may adhere later to Postal Convention if United States proposals to this effect are accepted, it is not imperative that you sign the convention. However, if it finally develops that the signing of the convention as recommended by you is proper and conforms with the opinion of the State Department, as well as the procedure being followed by other delegates in the same status as yourself, you are authorized to sign for Japan and Korea.

2. Assumed here that your representation of SCAP is now in observer status for Japan and Korea. You are authorized to continue attendance at Congress in observer status as outlined in ourad CX 52743 of 18 May 47.

3. Letter orders 107-28 being amended to extend period of temporary duty approximately 21 days and to increase authorized baggage allowance from 50 to 100 pounds. Amended orders follow by mail.

**OFFICIAL:**

**APPROVED BY:**

**R. M. LEVY,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General**

**GEORGE I. BACK,  
Brigadier General, Signal Corps,  
Chief, Civil Communications Section**

**Copies to:**

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BASIC: Rad from SCAP to WAR (Pass for Action to MILITARY ATTACHE, American Embassy, Paris for Col J.D.B. Lattin), dtd 25 Jun 47.

NFR:

1. WAR Svc 6859, 20 June from SCAP representative (Col Lattin) at Universal Postal Union Congress in Paris requests approval his contemplated action to request Congress continue Japan, Korea and ex-Japanese Dependencies as members of Postal Union; authority to sign the Convention on their behalf; and, extension of current TDY orders.
2. WAR Svc 6226, 16 May from WAR to SCAP (From State Dept. for POLAD) stated position of State Dept re ex-enemy areas and requested POLAD press SCAP for change of status of representatives from delegate to observer.
3. CX 52743, 18 May, SCAP to Col Lattin authorized representatives at UPU Congress to waive voting rights at their discretion and to assume observer status thereafter.
4. Non-membership in UP Union will not deprive areas concerned of International regular mail service. Notification to the UP Union by the Government Administration of the country concerned to the effect that UP Union regulations will be complied with enables the country to participate in International regular mail service.
5. In view of State Dept opinion stated in WAR Svc 6226, 17 May, it is not deemed advisable that the question of ex-Japanese dependencies be raised at the Congress.
6. Do not concur in G-3 recommendation contained in C/S to D C/S FEC. Background info pertaining to SCAP representation at the Congress is not available to CINCPAC and it is highly probable that the basic msg would not be understood. As the basic msg is from Col Lattin a statement to the War Dept as recommended is believed inappropriate.
7. Coordinated with Diplomatic Section (Mr. Sebald) and Govt Section (Lt. Col Darnell).

Concurrences:

Diplomatic Section \_\_\_\_\_

Government Section \_\_\_\_\_

HJS \_\_\_\_\_ 26-5842/cro

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FAR EAST COMMAND JLR

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, ~~U. S. ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC~~jk  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
RADIO AND CABLE CENTER

# INCOMING MESSAGE

*Confidential*  
ROUTINE

22 Jun 47

FROM : WAR  
TO : CINCPAC (ATTN SIGNAL, DIPLOMATIC AND GORE)  
NR : WAR SVC 6859 (RELAYS MSG TRUE TOO 201400 Z) (FROM COL  
LATTIN FROM MILATTACHE PARIS SIGNED TATE) (REF NBR MA 214)

1. Reference Letter Order 21 Apr Order 107-28 re TDY Lattin about 42 days Congress Universal Postal Union Paris.

2. Request authorization extend Paris TDY about 21 days. Arrived Paris 6 May but Congress scheduled continue until at least 5 Jul. Essential remain with Congress to insure status Japan, Korea and ex-Japanese dependencies in Postal Union appropriate. This matter not due for discussion before at least 1 Jul.

3. Request approval my following contemplated action:  
Will request Congress continue Japan, Korea and ex-Japanese Dependencies as members Postal Union but with SCAP acting for them until SCAP notifies Postal Union in each case that the country is authorized carry on direct relation with Postal Union or Foreign Governments or both. In view keen diplomatic rivalry to prevent increase Soviet controlled membership and voting power, believe desirable continue membership ex-Japanese Dependencies until their International status settled, expect use argument Ryukyus expected eventually will be more or less independent with separate Postal Administration. Believe my above position would carry greater weight with Congress if were officially authorized added status as delegates for Japan, Korea and ex-Japanese Dependencies.

4. Request authority sign for Japan, Korea, ex-Japanese Dependencies their adherence to Postal Convention adopted by this Congress. This request made because present trend debate indicates possibility such adherence would automatically keep them in Postal Union.

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ROUTINE

FROM : WAR NR : WAR SVC 6859 (FROM COL LATTIN FROM MILATTACHE  
PARIS) DTD 22 JUN CONT'D

5. Request increase in baggage allowance return trip from 50 to 100 lbs due quantity official papers received from Congress by self as well as Dunbar who has already returned US.
6. Request rad reply on all above requests before 30 Jun care Military Attache Paris who has only Paris cryptographic facilities.
7. Above reference policies repeated by Paris Embassy to State Department.

NO SIG

ACTION: CIV COMM

INFORMATION: COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1, G-4, AG,  
AG PERS DIV, AG OFF BR, DIPLOMATIC

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ROUTINE

TOO : 211147 Z

MCN : YD 50/21

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

*Secret*  
URGENT

17 May 47

FROM : WAR  
TO : SCAP (FOR POLAD)  
INFO : WD (CHIEF OF STAFF)  
NR : WAR SVC 6226 (RELAYS MSG TRUE TOO 170116 Z) (STATE  
SERIAL 174 MAY 16 8 PM )

Postal Congress now meeting in Paris to draft new International Postal Convention including relationship between Postal Union and UN. Representatives of SCAP (Col Lattin and Mr Dunbar) have instructions to press for full participation and voting privileges in Congress on behalf of Japan and Korea. Dept believes ex-enemy areas under mil govt and areas not fully sovereign should not be admitted to full membership nor should they sign convention. Postal Administrations of such areas, however, may adhere later to Postal Convention, if US proposals to this effect are accepted. US Delegation taking strong stand re membership qualifications, and is in embarrassing situation since SCAP representatives on May 12 requested full participation which was granted "Under reserve" by presiding officer. SCAP representatives are informing SCAP of situation, suggesting possible change their instructions authorizing them to announce waiving voting rights and assuming observer status. Desirable they be given discretion re timing of announcement in order to use announcement as bargaining measure when US Delegation attempts eliminate plural and certain colonial votes.

SCAP representatives at Atlantic City radio conference (Maj Earl J Holliman and Mr Marden G Cooke) have instructions, dtd Apr 23, signed by Gen Paul J Mueller, requiring them press for full membership rights in conference. Dept desires change their instructions urgently. It is especially strongly felt that an ex-enemy country under mil govt should not be admitted

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~~Secret~~  
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FROM : WAR (STATE DEPT) NR : WAR SVC 6226 (RELAYS MSG TRUE  
TOO 170116 Z) (STATE SERIAL 174 MAY 16 8 PM) CONT'D 17 May 47

to conferences as sovereign entity. Later adherence Japan and Korea to Radio Convention may be possible, however.

Request you advise appropriate authorities foregoing and press for cabled changes instructions to both groups of representatives.

For your info suggestion previously made to SCAP that Atlantic City representatives be sent as observers only.

NO SIG

ACTION: DIPLOMATIC

INFORMATION: COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG

ADDED DIST: CIV COMM (17 May 47)

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URGENT

TOO : 170324 Z

MCN : SA 76/17

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
 FAR EAST COMMAND

AG 311.1 (19 May 47)AG-AM

APO 500  
 19 May 1947

SUBJECT: Army Post Offices in the Pacific and Far East

TO :

- Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
- Commanding General, United States Army Forces in Korea,  
 APO 235
- Commanding General, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, APO 707
- Commanding General, Marianas-Bonins Command, APC 246
- Commander, United States Naval Forces, Far East,  
 FPO Navy 3923
- Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, United States Army,  
 APO 925
- Commanding General, Headquarters and Service Group,  
 General Headquarters, Far East Command, APO 500
- Chief, United States Military Advisory Group to the  
 Republic of the Philippines, APO 707

The following list of Army Post Offices currently authorized for use in the Pacific and Far East is published for the information of all concerned and supersedes all such lists published prior to this date:

I - FAR EAST COMMAND APO'S

<u>APO</u>	<u>UNIT SERVED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
6	6th Inf Div	Pusan, Korea
7	7th Inf Div	Seoul, Korea
24	24th Inf Div	Kokura, Kyushu, Japan
25	25th Inf Div	Osaka, Honshu, Japan
59	Group Area	Inchon, Korea
74	Group Area	Clark Field, Luzon, P.I.
86	Group Area	Iwo Jima
181	Group Area	Tokyo, Honshu, Japan
182	Group Area	Guam, Marianas
184	1537th AAF Base Unit (ATC)	Guam, Marianas
201	1st Cav Div	Asaka, Honshu, Japan
226	1539th AAF Base Unit (ATC)	Haneda Field, Honshu, Japan
234	Group Area	Guam, Marianas
235	Hq XXIV Corps	Seoul, Korea
239	Hq 1st Air Div	Okinawa
244	Group Area	Saipan
246	Hq MARBO	Guam, Marianas
248	Group Area	Mitsuichikawa, Honshu, Japan
*249	16th BPO	Guam, Marianas
264	Group Area	Guam, Marianas
301	Hq I Corps	Kyoto, Honshu, Japan
309	Hq IX Corps	Sendai, Honshu, Japan



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<u>APO</u>	<u>UNIT SERVED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
317	Group Area	Kobe, Honshu, Japan
323	Hq Far East Air Materiel Comd	Fuchu, Honshu, Japan
328	Group Area	Yokota Field, Honshu, Japan
331	Hq RYKOM (21 BPO)	Okinawa
334	Group Area	Guam, Marianas
343	Hq 8th Army	Yokohama, Honshu, Japan
354	Paranaque Repl & Disp Center	Manila, P.I.
358	Hq PHIBCOM	Manila, P.I.
404	Group Area	Yokohama, Honshu, Japan
468	11th Airborne Div	Sendai, Honshu, Japan
500	GHQ, Far East Command	Tokyo, Honshu, Japan
503	Group Area (7 BPO)	Yokohama, Honshu, Japan
547	Group Area	Sendai, Honshu, Japan
613	Hq 12th Inf Div (RS)	Tarlac, Luzon, P.I.
660	Group Area	Osaka, Honshu, Japan
703	4th Repl Depot	Zama, Honshu, Japan
704	Group Area	Tachikawa, Honshu, Japan
707	Hq PHILRYCOM	Manila, P.I.
710	Hq 5th Air Force	Nagoya, Honshu, Japan
712	308th Bomb Wing	Kimpo, Korea
713	Group Area	Kyoto, Honshu, Japan
714	Group Area	Nichols Field, Luzon, P.I.
719	Hq 13th Air Force	Ft McKinley, Luzon, P.I.
*736	American Embassy	Manila, P.I.
815	Group Area (14th BPO)	Yong Dung Po, Korea
900	Group Area (22nd BPO)	Manila, P.I.
901	Korea Base Command	Ascom City, Korea
919	Group Area	Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan
925	Hq Far East Air Forces	Tokyo, Honshu, Japan
928	Group Area	Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan
929	Group Area	Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan
994	Group Area	Irumigawa, Honshu, Japan
*1000	Group Area	Tacloban, Leyte, P.I.
1005	161st Sta Hosp	Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan
1007	Shizuoka Mil Govt Team	Shizuoka, Honshu, Japan
1009	Hq Sub Base R	Batangas, Luzon, P.I.
1052	49th Gen Hosp	Tokyo, Honshu, Japan
1054	34th Gen Hosp	Seoul, Korea
1055	361st Sta Hosp	Tokyo, Honshu, Japan
1105	10th Gen Hosp	Manila, P.I.

II - PACIFIC COMMAND APO'S

<u>APO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
240	Tarawa, Gilbert Islands
455	Sand Island, Oahu
*459	Ft Shafter, Oahu (15th BPO)



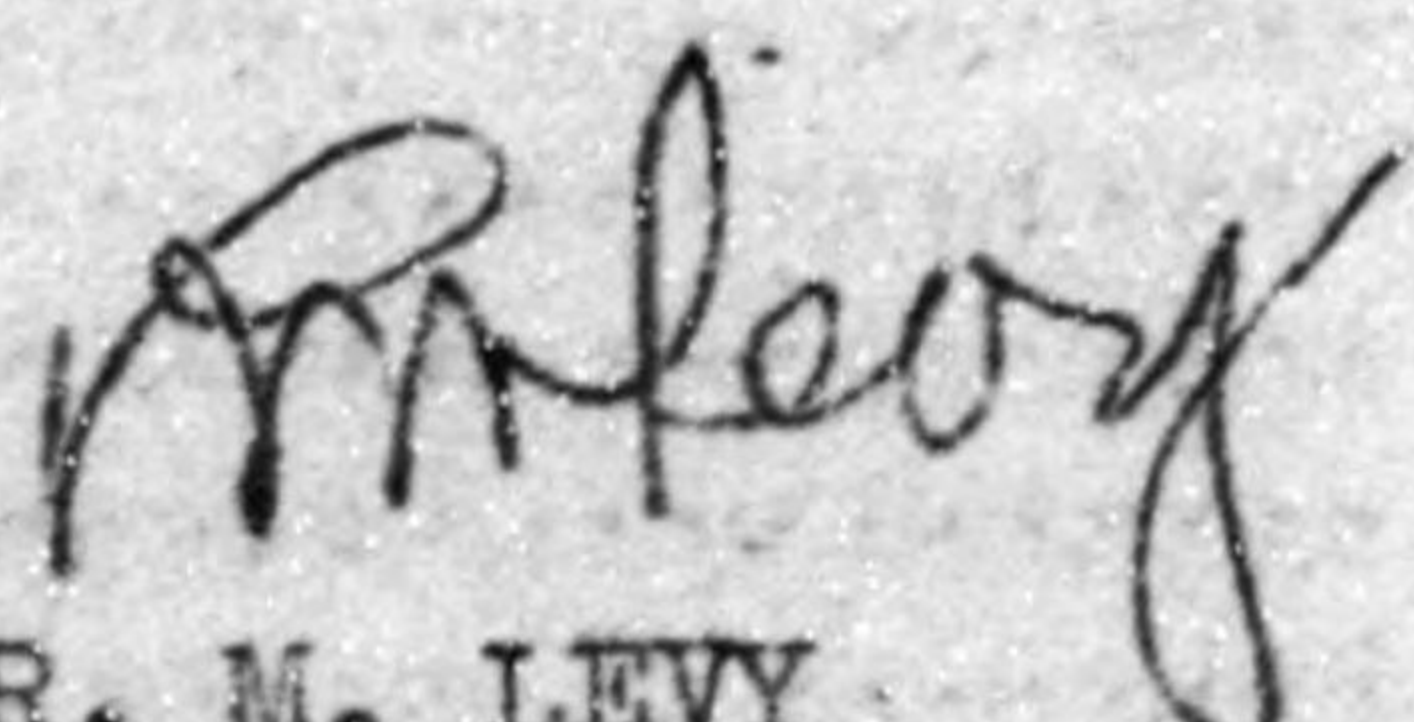
<u>APO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
*502	Noumea, New Caledonia
709	Guadalcanal, Solomons
913	Nandi, Fiji Islands
914	Canton Island
915	Christmas Island
950	Ft Armstrong, Oahu
*951	Bellows Field, Oahu
952	Ft Hase, Oahu
953	Hickam Field, Oahu (ATC)
954	Ft Kamehameha, Oahu
*955	Camp Malakole, Oahu
956	Ft Ruger, Oahu
957	Schofield Barracks, Oahu
958	Ft Shafter, Oahu (Hq AGFPAC)
959	Wheeler Field, Oahu
*960	Hilo, Hawaii
*961	Kahului, Maui
*962	Hanapepe, Kauai
963	Ft DeRussy, Oahu

III - CHINA APO'S

<u>APO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
909	Nanking, China
912	Peiping, China
917	Shanghai, China
933	Shanghai, China

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FAR EAST COMMAND

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APO 500  
22 January 1947

SUBJECT: Army Post Offices in Operation, Pacific

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343  
Commanding General, United States Army Forces in Korea,  
APO 235  
Commanding General, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, APO 707  
Commanding General, Marianas-Bonins Command, APO 246  
Commander, United States Naval Forces Far East,  
FPO Navy 3923  
Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925  
Commanding General, Headquarters and Service Group,  
General Headquarters, Far East Command, APO 500  
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6	Pusan, Korea	6th Inf Div
7	Seoul, Korea	7th Inf Div
24	Kokura, Kyushu	24th Inf Div
25	Osaka, Honshu	25th Inf Div
59	Inchon, Korea	Group Area
74	Clark Field, Luzon, P. I.	Group Area
86	Iwo Jima	Group Area
105	Okinawa	Group Area
181	Tokyo, Honshu	Group Area
182	Guam, Marianas	Group Area
184	Guam, Marianas	1537th AAF Base Unit
201	Asaka, Honshu	1st Cav Div
226	Haneda Field, Honshu	1539th AAF Base Unit
234	Guam, Marianas	Group Area
235	Seoul, Korea	XXIV Corps
239	Okinawa	1st Air Div
240	Tarawa Island	Group Area
244	Saipan	Group Area
246	Guam, Marianas	Hq, MARBO
248	Hachinohe, Honshu	Group Area
249	Guam, Marianas	16th BPO
264	Guam, Marianas	Group Area
301	Kyoto, Honshu	I Corps
309	Sendai, Honshu	IX Corps
317	Kobe, Honshu	Group Area
323	Fuchu, Honshu	Far East Air Materiel Comd
328	Yokota Field, Honshu	Group Area
331	Okinawa	Ryukyus Comd (RYKOM)

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<u>APO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT SERVED</u>
334	Guam, Marianas	Group Area
343	Yokohama, Honshu	Headquarters, 8th Army
354	Manila, P. I.	Paranaque Repl & Disp Ctr
358	Manila, P. I.	PHIBCOM
404	Yokohama, Honshu	Group Area
438	Okinawa	21st BPO
450	Marikina, Luzon, P. I.	91st Inf Regt
455	Sand Island, Oahu, T. H.	Group Area
459	Ft Shafter, Oahu, T. H.	15th BPO
468	Sendai, Honshu	11th Airborne Div
500	Tokyo, Honshu	GHQ, FEC
502	Neumea, New Caledonia	Group Area
503	Yokohama, Honshu	Group Area
547	Sendai, Honshu	Group Area
613	Angeles, Luzon, P. I.	12th Inf Div (PS)
660	Osaka, Honshu	Group Area
703	Yokohama, Honshu	14th Repl Depot
704	Tachikawa, Honshu	Group Area
707	Manila, P. I.	Hq PHILRYCOM
709	Guadalcanal	Group Area
710	Nagoya, Honshu	Hq 5th Air Force
712	Kimpo, Korea	308th Bomb Wing
713	Kyoto, Honshu	Group Area
714	Nichols Field, Luzon, P. I.	Group Area
719	Ft McKinley, Luzon, P. I.	13th Air Force
*736	Manila, P. I.	American Embassy
815	Yong Dung Po, Korea	14th BPO
900	Manila, P. I.	22nd BPO
901	Inchon, Korea	Group Area
913	Nandi, Fiji Islands	Group Area
914	Canton Island	Group Area
915	Christmas Island	Group Area
919	Chitose, Hokkaido	Group Area
925	Tokyo, Honshu	Hq FEAF
928	Sapporo, Hokkaido	Group Area
929	Fukuoka, Kyushu	Group Area
950	Ft Armstrong, Oahu, T. H.	Group Area
*951	Bellows Field, Oahu, T. H.	Group Area
952	Ft Hase, Oahu, T. H.	Group Area
953	Hickam Field, Oahu, T. H.	ATC Pacific Div
954	Ft Kamehameha, Oahu, T. H.	Group Area
*955	Camp Malakole, Oahu, T. H.	Group Area
956	Ft Ruger, Oahu, T. H.	Group Area
957	Schofield Bks, Oahu, T. H.	Group Area
958	Ft Shafter, Oahu, T. H.	AFMIDPAC
959	Wheeler Field, Oahu, T. H.	Group Area
*960	Hilo, Hawaii	Group Area
*961	Kahului, Maui, T. H.	Group Area



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<u>APO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT SERVED</u>
*962	Hampepe, Kauai, T. H.	Group Area
963	Ft DeRussy, Oahu, T. H.	Group Area
*965	Kaunakakai, Molokai, T. H.	Group Area
970	Yong Dung Po, Korea	Group Area
994	Irumigawa, Honshu	Group Area
1000	Tacloban, Leyte, P. I.	Hq Base K
1005	Sapporo, Hokkaido	161st Sta Hosp
1007	Shizuoka, Honshu	Shizuoka Mil Govt Team
1009	Batangas, Luzon, P. I.	Hq Sub Base R
1050	Okinawa	Group Area
1051	Okinawa	9th Sta Hosp
1052	Tokyo, Honshu	49th Gen Hosp
1054	Seoul, Korea	34th Gen Hosp
1055	Tokyo, Honshu	361st Sta Hosp
1105	Manila, P. I.	10th Gen Hosp

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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20	GS	18 April	CCS	P o s t a l S e r v i c e B e t w e e n J a p a n & R y u k y u s
21	GS	3 May	CCS	I n t e r n a t i o n a l P o s t a l S e r v i c e



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		1948		
16	CAMPBELL	20 JAN		Correction of Erronious Press Release Regarding Cabinet Dicissionsto raise Exicting Postal Rates
16A	HUSSEY	5 Feb 48	M/R	Increase in Postal Money Order and Postal Savings Rates
17	ESS	3 June	GS	Increase Rates of Interest Paid on Postal Savings Accounts
		<u>1949</u>		
18	GS	28 May	LS	Postage Stamps in International Mails



	FROM	DATE 1947	TO	SYNOPSIS
1.	GS	22 Apr	Chief Staff	Government Section Concurs.
2.	G-1	25 Apr	Govt. Sec.	Expansion of International Postal Service
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4.	Chief GS	23 May	GS	Objectionable Postage Stamps
5.	DC/S	4 June	CCS	Expansion of International Postal Service Information
6.	GS	17 Jun	Memo for Recd.	Reopening of Regular Mails to Include All types of Correspondence Without Restriction.
7.	GS	17 Jun	RES	Reopening of Regular Mails to Include All types of Correspondence Without Restriction.
8.	GS	22 Jun	Chief of Staff	Gift Parcels
9.	SCAP AND CINCPAC	17 July	War Routine	WDSCA-Go (PASS TO STATE DEPT FOR INFOR) ROUTINE
10.	CCS	15 Aug	GS	Unauthorized International Air Mail Serv.
11.	GS	9 Sep	RES	Customs Inspection of International Parcel Post
12.	WAR(CSCAD PG)	21 Sep	SCAP	Rates on Air Mail Sv. on Civilians from Japan
13.	SCAP	22 Sept	WAR	Civilian Air Mail from Japan by U.S. Flag Carries
14	BEAKEMORE	22 Oct		Instructions to Japanese Govt in Regard to Customs Inspection of International Relief Packages
15	SCAP	6 DEC	DA	Internatl Mail payments



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M. Matsukata 26-5964

Date: 3 May 1950

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From: GS

To: CGS

Government Section concurs in principle with the CGS proposal, but recommends retention of the present restrictions.

----- C. W. -----

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
APO 500

6 January 1950

SCAPIN 1900 REVISED TO INCLUDE AMENDMENTS  
CONTAINED IN SCAPINS 1900/1 - 1900/13

AG 311.1 (28 May 48)OCS  
SCAPIN 1900

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: International Postal Service

1. Rescissions. The following memoranda for the Japanese Government are rescinded effective upon receipt of this memorandum: *2 or*

2. International postal service between Japan and all other countries will operate in accordance with the instructions embodied herein. This memorandum neither adds to nor abrogates any of the International postal services which have been authorized to date.

3. Letters and Post Cards. Letters and post cards containing personal and family messages; and business, financial, commercial and transactional correspondence are mailable to and from Japan, subject to the following prohibitions:

a. Messages which transfer currency.

b. Messages which relate to the conversion, transfer, or disguising of any Japanese external assets by powers of attorney, proxies, instructions, or other means intended to defeat SCAP regulations regarding foreign exchange or the conversion of external assets, except that messages which relate to applications by Japanese or residents of Japan are mailable to and from Japan when they relate to the return of their property which has been vested in the Alien Property Custodian of the United States.

c. Messages which grant or transfer translation, reproduction, performance or other rights concerning books, articles, plays, music, motion pictures, or other media of information and expression, and messages relating in any way to copyrights except for description and explanation of the authorized channels and procedures for handling such matters and except for acknowledgment of rights arranged through the authorized channels.

d. Messages to and from the Japanese Government or any agency thereof, except as provided in SCAPIN 677, dated 29 January 1946, subject: Governmental and Administrative Separation of Certain Outlying Areas from Japan, and except that messages relating to personal status of persons residing abroad, as defined in SCAPIN 2015, dated 9 June 1949, subject: Communications Between Japanese Government and Persons Abroad in Regard to Personal Status, are mailable to and from Japan.



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**4. Commercial Papers.** Commercial papers as defined by the Universal Postal Union standards and limitations are mailable to and from Japan, with the following exceptions:

- a. Scores or sheets of music in manuscript.
- b. Manuscripts of works or newspapers sent separately, except that manuscripts covering results of scientific research and activity are mailable to and from Japan.
- c. All papers of legal procedure, except the following, which are mailable to and from Japan:
  - (1) Commercial papers and documents which relate to applications by Japanese or residents of Japan for the return of their property which has been vested in the Alien Property Custodian of the United States.
  - (2) Documents and papers of legal procedure which relate to personal status of Japanese Nationals or former Japanese Nationals residing outside Japan (see paragraph 3d above).
  - (3) Papers of legal procedure relating to patent, trade mark, design or utility model applications and registrations and legal proceedings relative to such industrial property rights.
  - (4) Commercial papers and legal documents relating to the offer of purchase, purchase, and acceptance of delivery of looted machinery within Japan.

d. Documents of all kinds drawn up by Ministerial officers (except as outlined in sub paragraph 'c' above).

**5. Prints.** The mailing to and from Japan of books, magazines and all other printed matter under the classification of "Prints" is authorized, subject to the provisions and limitations of the Universal Postal Union Convention.

**6. Samples and Small Packets.** These classifications of mail matter, as defined by the Universal Postal Union Convention, are mailable to and from Japan.



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7. Parcel Post. a. Mailing is permitted by parcel post of trade samples weighing more than eighteen (18) ounces, and ordinary commercial items of merchandise, to and from Japan, subject to the following regulatory provisions:

- (1) Weight limit will be in accordance with limitations provided by the Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Agreement and/or applicable bilateral agreements, but not exceeding twenty-two (22) pounds per parcel.
- (2) Parcels containing trade samples to and from Japan must have Customs Declaration tags attached indorsed "Trade Samples Only."
- (3) Parcels containing ordinary items of merchandise in commercial quantities, to and from Japan, are subject to all Japanese Laws relating to commercial shipments of merchandise and must bear the indorsement, "This Parcel may be opened for Customs Inspection." Such parcels will be subject to examination and clearance by Customs officials, and any parcels which do not conform to all requirements of applicable Japanese Laws will be treated as undeliverable.
- (4) Parcels containing personal or household articles, professional instruments, tools of trade and scientific specimens, in non-commercial quantities, for the personal use of the recipient, are mailable to and from Japan without a license. Such parcels will be subject to customs examination and clearance in accordance with Japanese Laws.

b. The mailing of relief parcels, to Japan only, is permitted subject to a weight limit of twenty-two (22) pounds. The contents of parcels are restricted to non-perishable foods, clothing and mailable medicines, in non-commercial quantities, for the personal use of the recipient and his immediate family, or for the use of bona fide orphan asylums, asylums for the aged and charity hospitals. The wrappers of such parcels must be indorsed "Gift Parcel" or "Relief Parcel." Such parcels will be subject to a customs clearance fee on delivery but will be admitted duty free.

c. Parcels inscribed as "Gift Parcel" or "Relief Parcel" and found to contain clothing in commercial quantities will not be permitted entry duty free. Such parcels will be impounded, addressees notified



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and afforded sixty (60) days to obtain import licenses and pay all import duties and other applicable taxes and penalties. In the event of failure of addressees to take the required actions within the time limit, the parcels will be treated as undeliverable.

d. Parcels inscribed as "Gift Parcel" or "Relief Parcel" found to contain available medicines in commercial quantities will be treated as undeliverable.

e. Parcels containing food items weighing up to twenty-two (22) pounds will not be considered as being in commercial quantities.

f. Gift articles, as distinguished from relief items, such as watches, fountain pens, tobacco products, etc., will be subject to customs duty. Parcels inscribed as "Gift Parcel" or "Relief Parcel" found to contain such articles will be delivered only on payment of customs duties and other applicable taxes or penalties. If addressees fail to pay duties and other taxes or penalties, such parcels will be treated as undeliverable.

g. Undeliverable parcels will be treated in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Agreement, or applicable bilateral agreements.

h. Each parcel post package must have securely attached thereto a "Customs Declaration" on which must be shown full and precise details.

i. Neither insurance, registry or C.O.D. service is included.

j. Prohibited articles:

- (1) Items included under Article 16, Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Agreement.
- (2) Articles prohibited in Japan's international regular-mails.
- (3) Any book, pamphlet, paper, writing, advertisement, circular, printing or drawing containing any matter advocating or urging treason or insurrection against any government.
- (4) Articles prohibited under terms of bilateral parcel post agreements between Japan and other countries.



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- (5) Articles prohibited under paragraph 2, Section I, Annex II, SCAPIN 1966, dated 18 January 1949, subject: Property Individuals are Authorized to Carry On Entering and Leaving Japan.

k. All parcels entering Japan will be subject to examination by the Japanese Customs Service. All parcel post packages (including relief parcels), samples, small packets and other articles entering Japan through International mail channels and submitted to Customs examination are subject to a customs clearance fee to be collected from the addressee upon delivery. The fee to be collected will not exceed the amounts specified by the Universal Postal Union Convention or applicable bilateral parcel post agreements. Exportation of dutiable articles will be subject to prevailing laws and regulations governing examination, appraisal and assessment of duty, except that items permitted in bona fide relief parcels and inscribed as "Gift Parcel" or "Relief Parcel" will not be subject to appraisal or assessment of duty.

8. International Air Mail Service. a. Japan's authorized International air mail service will embrace all mailable matter authorized now or later in the International regular-mail service to and from Japan.

b. Transportation of International air mail both to and from Japan will be by commercial carriers only. Air mail destined for Japan will be dispatched in pouches labeled to Tokyo only.

9. Registry Service. Registration is permitted of all mailable matter authorized in the International regular-mail service, including air mail, to and from Japan, in accordance with the following:

a. Charges:

(1) Postage and registration fee not to exceed amounts specified by the Universal Postal Union Convention, except that the domestic registration fee will apply in the case of registered articles destined for Korea.

(2) Fees for a return receipt requested at the time of mailing, or when request is made after the mailing of the article will not exceed amounts specified by the Universal Postal Union Convention.

b. Extent of responsibility:

(1) Provision for the payment of indemnity is not included and cannot be considered until an International exchange rate for Japanese yen is established.



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- (2) Japanese Postal Service will exercise all reasonable measures to safeguard and properly dispose of registered articles.

10. Censorship and/or Customs Examination. Incoming and outgoing International mails will be made available for censorship and/or customs examination in accordance with instructions issued by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

11. Governing Regulations. a. International regular-mail service, embracing letters, post cards, commercial papers, prints, samples and small packets, as authorized, will be governed by the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Convention.

b. Parcel post service, as authorized, will be operated by the Japanese Government under the terms of the Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Agreement, or bilateral or other agreements in effect between Japan and the respective countries at the time service was suspended.

c. The maintenance of records under the conditions of the Universal Postal Union Convention and the terms of the various bilateral parcel post agreements, and the preparation of the necessary accounts for settlement, will be the responsibility of the Japanese Government.

d. Amounts due Japan from other countries in the operation of the International postal service will be deposited in the United States Treasury Trust Fund Account, "Deposits, Proceeds of Remittances to and Exports from Occupied Areas," Symbol 218905.1 Japan. Payments due from Japan on International postal service operation will be made from that trust fund account upon recommendation of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

e. Statements of accounts showing amounts due Japan will be prepared under the direction of the Ministry of Communications and certified to the Supreme Commander for the Allied powers.

f. International surface mail will be dispatched from Japan on vessels of Japanese or any other registration except German.

g. Articles of International mail addressed in Japanese, Korean, or Chinese characters must have an interlined address written in Roman characters if such articles are addressed for delivery in countries other than Korea, China and the Ryukyu Islands.



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12. a. Correspondence necessary in the operation of the International postal services will be prepared by or under the supervision of the Japanese Ministry of Communications and transmitted by International mail direct to the office of the proper official of the postal administration of the country for which the communication is intended. Such correspondence will include form notices, bulletins of verification, inquiries, quarterly statements of terminal credits, and all other correspondence required by the Universal Postal Union Convention and agreements, also bilateral parcel post and other bilateral agreements, when both Japan and the country with which correspondence is to be exchanged have ratified the convention and/or agreement in question.

b. Direct communication between the Civil Communications Section and other staff sections of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and the Ministry of Communications is authorized concerning all matters within the scope of this memorandum.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:



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Subject: Postal Service Between Japan and the Ryukyus

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Mr. Carpenter 26-7695

From: DS

To: GS

Date: 17 April 1950

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DS concurs in action proposed by CCS in c/n 1.

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From: GS

To: CCS

-W J S Curtis 26 6962 -  
18 April 1950

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Reply to Check Note 1 above was made in Check Sheet from GS to CCS dated 17 Apr 50, subject as above.

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Mr. Rizzo 26-6238

Postal Service Between Japan and Ryukyus

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17 April 1950

1 1. Concur in proposed directive provided paragraph 5 thereof is deleted.

2. Since a statement similar to paragraph 5 of the proposed directive is included in SCAPIN 677 to which the proposed directive makes reference, its repetition at this time would be superfluous. Further, it would be subject to misinterpretation, as it might well be construed as suggestive that the Occupation entertains some doubts as to the permanence of the existing political and governmental separation.

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1. After the close of the last war, the Ryukyu Islands, south of 30 degrees north latitude, were removed from the governmental and administrative authority of Japan by SCAPIN 677. When it was proposed to resume postal service between these islands and other countries, the Department of Army, in Radio W95466, 4 April 1947, agreed with SCAP that the Ryukyus were to be treated as independent for postal purposes. This meant that postal service between the Ryukyus and all other countries, including Japan, would necessarily have to be on an international basis.

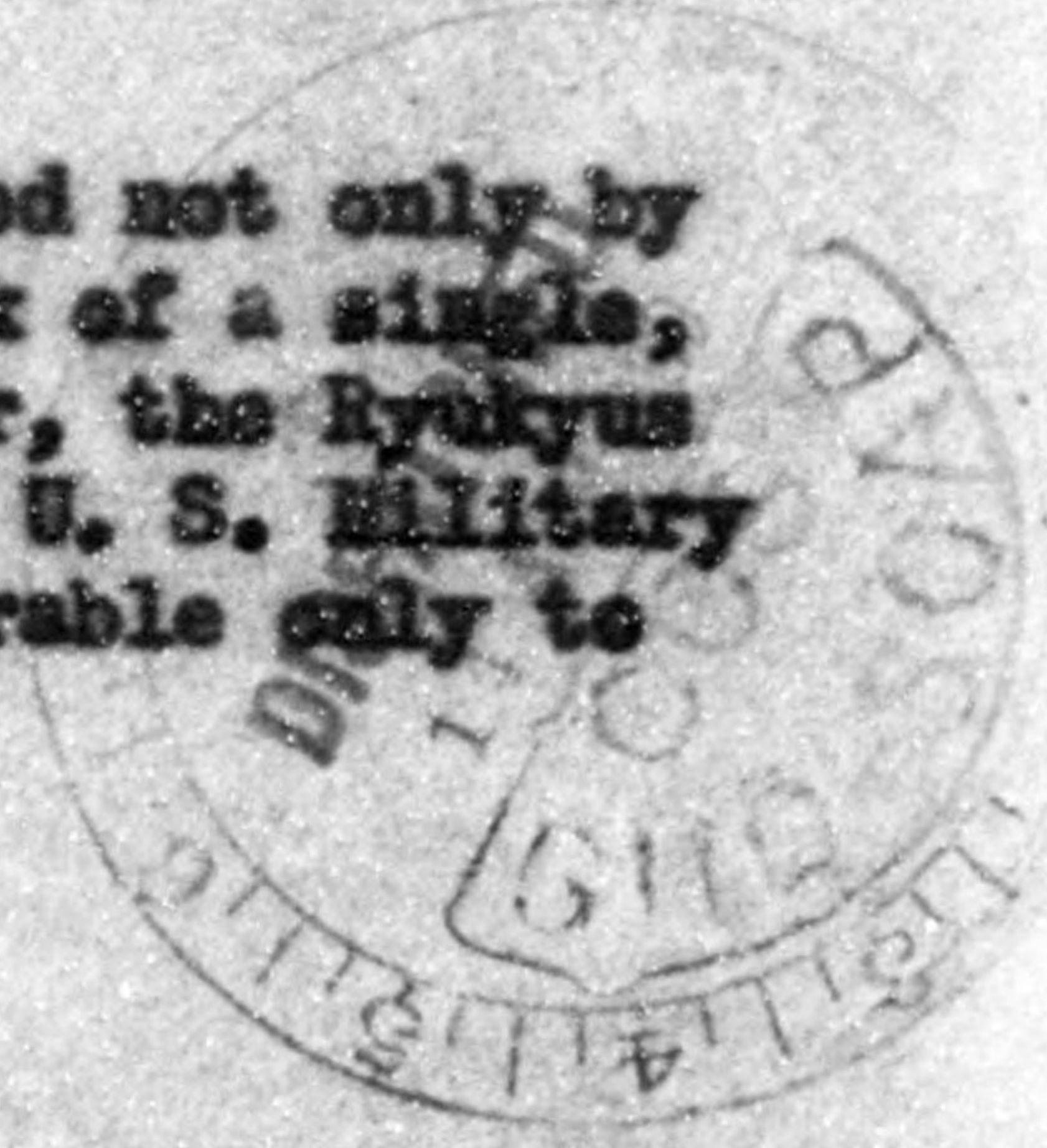
2. Services established in May 1947 consisted only of exchange of letters and post cards and one-way gift parcels to the Ryukyus. These services were later expanded to include air mail service for letters and post cards only. There have been no further expansions since that date.

3. Since early in 1949, demands have been made by influential persons and organizations in the United States for expanded services such as money order and regular parcel post - both ways. Needs for more comprehensive services have also increased in the Ryukyus, due in part to the changing status of the islands, to improved economic conditions and to the fact that thousands of construction workers and concessionaires, who do not have APO privileges, are moving into Okinawa from other countries.

4. As long as international postal services are limited to the present level, no particular agreements are needed with other countries, as no financial obligations are involved except in the case of gift parcels. Even the latter service was established on a voluntary basis, the only requirements being that participating countries limit contents to relief items and agree to pay certain terminal charges. However, establishment of most other services involves financial agreements and obligations and is dependent on authorization of some responsible person or agency to negotiate formal agreements. The Ryukyus are precluded from membership in the Universal Postal Union, which is open only to sovereign nations.

5. Solution of international postal problems was hampered not only by the undetermined political status of the Ryukyus, but by lack of a single, authoritative postal administration. Since the end of the war, the Ryukyus have been governed by four provisional governments, under the U. S. Military Governor. There were also four postal administrations, answerable only to

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the Military Governor. The provisional governments and postal administrations do not, of course, have any diplomatic standing in world affairs. Neither was the Military Governor authorized to enter into diplomatic negotiations of any character. The U. S. Post Office Department has stated that it would consider participation in the special services only if there is a postal administration, "capable, functioning and responsible for its financial obligations."

6. It became obvious, after studying all possible approaches to the problems, that the only practicable solutions would be, (a) Formation of a native Central Postal Authority, and (b) Authorization of the Military Governor to negotiate postal agreements with other nations, for the Ryukyus. The first has been accomplished. The "Ryukyu Communications Authority" was organized at a conference of the provisional governments during January 1950 and was formalized by means of M. Ordinance No. 3, dated 4 March 1950. The second problem is in the process of solution as the Department of Army has proposed to authorize the Military Governor to negotiate and has stated that State and Post Office Departments will concur.

7. In order to expedite negotiations and establishment of services, it was suggested to the Japanese Ministry of Postal Services that a draft Parcel Post Agreement be prepared for consideration by CCS and the Ryukyus M. G. After some delay, CCS was advised that the Prime Minister was very reluctant to present any such agreements to the Diet for ratification, because, in his opinion, such action would imply renunciation by the Japanese Government of any and all territorial claims to the islands involved. This question is extremely delicate at this time and to bring up international agreements of any kind affecting Japan and the Ryukyus could well result in embarrassing discussions in the Diet between the Government and opposition parties.

8. Discussions with top officials of the Ministry of Postal Services reveal that there is no opposition to engaging in Postal Services of all kinds with the Ryukyus. In fact, all concerned are anxious to do so because of: (a) The close family, racial and cultural ties between the two areas, (b) The presence of approximately 150,000 Okinawans in Japan, (c) The imminent employment of thousands of Japanese construction workers by the U. S. Armed Forces in Okinawa, and (d) The desire to build up postal revenues. The problem is to establish the services without in any way raising the question of the future status of the Ryukyus, which, after all, will be decided by the terms of a Peace Treaty.

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7. || 9. CCS believes that the views of the Prime Minister have considerable merit and that the only practical solution is to issue a SCAPIN, directing the Japanese Government to participate in postal services, within the provisions of the Universal Postal Union and related agreements. By so doing, the Japanese Government can establish whatever postal services are necessary, without referring the matter to the Diet. Furthermore, the directive can specifically provide that such services will in no way be construed as an indication of Allied policy as to future disposition of the Ryukyus.

10. It is proposed, therefore, to issue a SCAPIN, draft of which is attached as Inclosure No. 1. Comment and/or concurrence is requested as expeditiously as possible.

1 Incl  
Draft SCAPIN

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----- G.I.B. -----

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: International Postal Service Between Japan and the  
Ryukyu Islands

1. References:

a. Memorandum for the Japanese Government, AG 091 (28 Jan 46)GS, SCAPIN 677, dated 29 January 1946, subject: Governmental and Administrative Separation of Certain Outlying Areas from Japan.

b. Circular 3, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, subject: Control of Entry and Exit of Individuals, Cargo, Aircraft and Surface Vessels into and from Japan, 3 February 1950.

2. Definition: For the purpose of this directive, the Ryukyu Islands is defined as that portion of the Ryukyu (Nansei) Islands removed from the Administrative authority of the Japanese Government by the provisions of reference a.

3. Effective at once, the Japanese Government is directed to exchange mails and to participate in postal services with the Ryukyu Islands in accordance with the following regulations:

a. Regular mail service, embracing letters, post cards, commercial papers, printed papers, blind literature, samples and small packets, will be governed by the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Convention.

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b. Parcel post service will be governed by the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Agreement, except as modified to suit local conditions.

c. Money Order Service will be governed by the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Money Order Agreement. This service will be inaugurated at a later date, only after need for such service has been determined and provided that foreign exchange requirements can be met.

4. In addition to the above regulations, and to provisions of the Universal Postal Union Convention and related Agreements, the postal services will be governed by the provisions of reference b, above; other applicable memoranda for the Japanese Government issued by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and/or Japanese laws and regulations.

5. Nothing in this directive shall be construed as an indication of Allied policy relating to the ultimate determination of the status of the Ryukyu Islands.

6. Direct communication between the Japanese Government, Ministry of Postal Services and the Ryukyu Communications Authority, Naha, Okinawa, is authorized on operational or routine postal matters within the scope of this Memorandum.

7. Direct communication between the Civil Communications Section and other Staff Sections of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and the Ministry of Postal Services is authorized concerning all matters within the scope of this memorandum.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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Maj Napier 26 6962

Postage Stamps in International Mails

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28 May 1949

- 3 There appears to be no objection to the sale of any Japanese postage stamps under proper regulations for purely philatelic purposes. It is, however, suggested that CIE has an interest in this matter in so far as it pertains to the perpetuation of militaristic devices.

----- G. W. -----

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File No.: PO/ELW/mls

Subject: Postage Stamps in International Mails

1. From: CCS To: LS Date: 6 May 1949  
 ESS  
 G-2 (in turn)

1. SCAPIN 1900 prohibits letters and messages in the International mails which transfer currency, checks, drafts, payment orders, or other credit or financial instruments.

2. In the absence of formal written opinion from SCAP, the Ministry of Communications has interpreted postage stamps to fall within the classification of financial instruments and has issued instructions prohibiting the mailing of unused stamps abroad.

3. Many requests have been received by the MOC from Japanese people for permission to send stamps to collectors, friends and relatives abroad. Orders have been received direct from collectors and dealers abroad for quantities of Japanese postage stamps.

4. The MOC is desirous of removing restrictions on mailing of stamps by individuals and of filling orders to collectors. There is a relatively large demand for current and future new issues of stamps in foreign countries and such orders could be filled by the Philatelic Agency of the MOC, providing an additional source of revenue to the MOC and dollar credits to the Japanese Government. The MOC also has a large quantity of stamps in storage, bearing designs of prohibited subjects, issued during the war, which were later withdrawn from circulation and held pending possible future sale for philatelic purposes. The MOC desires to advertise and export as many of these as possible.

5. It is requested that opinion be expressed as to whether unused postage stamps may be interpreted as being commodities and as to desirability of removing any existing restrictions on mailing of stamps in the International Postal Service.

----- G. I. B. -----

FROM: LS TO: OS DATE: 27 May 1949

2. 1. Reference is check note 1 above.
2. Request comments of OS on proposal to permit sale of prohibited war time issues of Japanese postage stamps for philatelic purposes. Note that proposal is to sell for export.

----- C.H.L. -----  
 Acting Chief

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(Do not remove from attached sheets) WFM/WKL/EMR/HJ/mh

File No. 126(3 Jun 48)ESS/FIN Subject: Increase Rates of Interest Paid on Postal Savings Accounts

Note No. From: ESS To: GS Date: 3 June 1948  
Attn: Capt. R. G. Brown

1. Reference is draft of proposed Bill of Amendment for a Part of Postal Savings Law, transmitted with Routing Slip dated 20 April 1948.
2. ESS does not approve the proposed bill to increase rates of interest paid on postal savings accounts.
3. Revenues accruing on investments held by the deposit ~~bureau~~ are at present insufficient to pay the current interest rate on postal savings accounts and the cost of administering the postal savings system. Any increase in the interest paid by the postal savings depositors would, therefore, have to be made up by appropriations from the general account and no such appropriations have been proposed by the Japanese Government, nor is revenue available from which such appropriations could be made.

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-W. F. M.-

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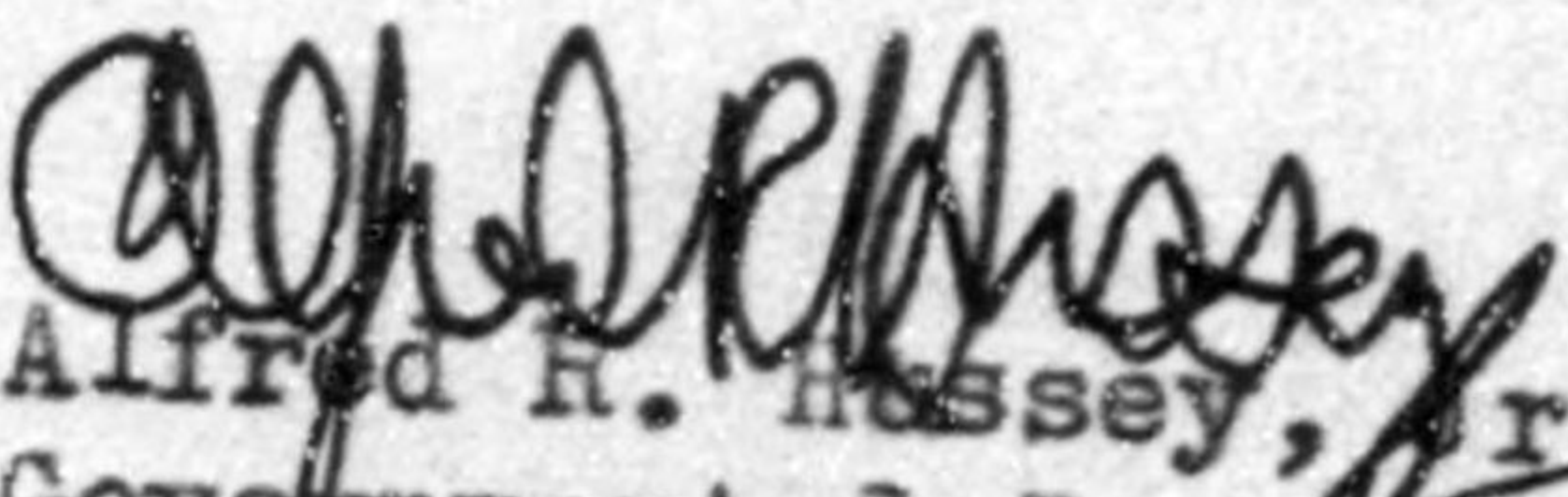
5 February 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Increase in Postal Money Order and Postal Savings Rates.

1. On Tuesday 3 February Mr. Feissner, Civil Communications Section, informed the undersigned that the Communications Ministry had prepared ministerial ordinances increasing postal money order and postal transfer savings rates, notwithstanding the fact that bills now before the Diet fixed these rates by law.
2. Acting on this information, representatives of the Ministry of Communications were sent for. Mr. Murukami, Director of the Savings Bureau, and Mr. Yamamoto, Vice-Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Communications Ministry, accompanied by Mr. Fujisaki, came to this office on 4 February and were questioned concerning the matter. They stated that ministerial regulations had been prepared raising the rates, that this was done at the direction of the Cabinet in response to a decision taken at the Cabinet meeting of 23 January. They maintained that the authority to issue these regulations existing under the old statutes which delegated the powers to raise rates to the ministry concerned.
3. The officials were instructed that such delegation was considered an improper delegation, that the fact that the Diet had taken the matter under consideration further limited the power of the Ministry to act and that the ministerial ordinances in question would not be approved by this Headquarters. They were directed to cease and desist from any further efforts to increase rates in the communications field by Ministerial Ordinance and hereafter to treat all such matters as within the jurisdiction of the Diet, notwithstanding the provisions of any earlier statutes or Imperial Ordinances.

cc- Mr. Feissner, CCS

  
Alfred R. Hossey, Jr.  
Governmental Powers Division

NOTED: C.L.K.

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*20 Jan 48*

FROM:

*Campbell*

TO: —

SUBJECT:

*Memo -  
Correction of Erroneous Press Release Regarding  
Cabinet Decision to raise Existing Postal Rates*

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*Memo for the Record*

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FILE UNDER: 040

INDEX SHEET

DATE: 6 Dec 47

FROM: SCAD

TO: Dept of Army

SUBJECT: C-57148 -

International mail payments

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Radio

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FILE UNDER: 040

I N D E X S H E E T

DATE: 22 Oct '47

FROM: *Blackmore* TO: —

SUBJECT: *MR -*

*Instructions to Japanese Govt in Regard to Customs  
Inspection of International Relief Packages*

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER:

CLASSIFIED FILE:

*Memos for the Record*

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FILE UNDER: 090

I N D E X S H E E T

DATE: 22 Sept 47

FROM: SCAP

TO: WAR -

SUBJECT: Civilian Air Mail from Japan by  
U.S. Flag Carriers — .

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

21 Sep 47

FROM : WAR (CSCAD PG)

TO : SCAP

NR : WCL 23455

Transportation rates on civilian air mail sv from Japan is subj. Post Office Dept requests you be informed that fol are transportation rates payable to Post Office Dept for civilian air mail originating in Japan which may be carried by facilities of US Flag Carrier and requests info as to whom accts covering such sv should be sent. All rates are quoted in postal gold francs per kilogram from Tokyo:

US 49.50; Manila, Philippines 21.75; Shanghai, China 10.50; Hong Kong 22; Bangkok Siam 35.50; India (Calcutta or Karachi) 50.25; Istanbul Turkey 88.25; London England 104.25; Shannon Eire 107.75. Nothing further.

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ACTION: CIV COMM

INFORMATION: COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4, AG,  
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MCN : SA 109/20



FILE UNDER: 040-

I N D E X S H E E T

DATE: 19 Sept '47

FROM: AG-AM

TO: cg's

SUBJECT: *Trailing of Official Matter*

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*Administration*

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Customs Inspection of International Parcel Post

9 Sept 1947

Govt Section

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1. Government Section recommends that the memorandum dated 31 July 1947, letter No. AG 091.311 ESS/FI, to the Ministry of Finance, Subject: Customs Inspection of International Parcel Post, Samples and Small Parcels, be immediately withdrawn and new instructions be issued eliminating item (1) under 7a and the words "and police" in paragraph 7a (3) and all of paragraph 7b of said memorandum together with a clear definition of the phrase "in excess of reasonable needs of the addressee and/or his immediate family" used throughout the memorandum.

2. Under paragraph 7a (1) customs officials, in addition to removing items in excess of specific limitations listed in paragraph 4a, are directed to remove all items "in excess of agreed (sic!) quantities listed under paragraph 4a and b. Paragraph 4b limits certain items to "amounts which reasonably can be used by the addressee and/or his immediate family." No customs official can possibly know the size or reasonable requirements of an addressee's family and he is thus permitted the exercise of purely arbitrary and uncontrollable judgment. Since the overall size of the package is limited to 22 pounds, there can be little real justification for such a provision.

3. The invitation for the Japanese police contained in paragraph 7b to revert to their former practices is entirely unwarranted. It is not necessary to elaborate on one of the prime objectives of the occupation which is the elimination for all time the past oppressive tactics of the Japanese police. In place of paragraph 7b the following should be provided:

"The Japanese Government will assume full responsibility for adopting all suitable and legal measures necessary to prevent the unlawful disposition of articles received in relief packages and the abuse of privileges granted."

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Ltr fr ESS 31 Jul 47  
to Ministry of Fin.

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I N D E X S H E E T

DATE: 19 Aug '47

FROM: Dep. Sec.

TO: Australian Mission

Letter.

SUBJECT: Expansion of Japan's International  
Postal Service

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FILE UNDER: *Postal*

I N D E X S H E E T

DATE: *11 Aug '47*

FROM: *Nooney*

TO: —

SUBJECT: *Memo for the Record*

*Postal Money Order Law, Postal Savings Law  
and Postal Transfer Savings Law.*

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**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS**  
**PACIFIC COMMAND**  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
**CHECK SHEET**

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File No: GIB/TEN/JMK/JBT/cro Subject: Unauthorized International Air Mail Service.

Note  
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From: CCS

To: GS

Date: 15 August 1947

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1. Conference was held with Mr. C. Coville (DS) regarding a letter from G. T. Chippindall, Acting Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, Commonwealth of Australia, dated 5 August 1947, addressed to The Director-General, Department of Communications, Tokyo, Japan, reading in part as follows:

"An opportunity of providing a civil air mail service to Japan has now presented itself and arrangements have been made for commencement forthwith. Closed air mails will be made up for Tokio, via Army Base Post Office, Kure, and despatched regularly from Melbourne by Military Aircraft, operating three times weekly, between Australia and Japan."

2. Japan's International Postal Service is confined to surface mails and restricted to postal cards (including reply cards) and letters to and from Japan; one-way gift parcel post to Japan, and the mailing from Japan of such scientific and professional publications as may be approved by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAPINS 1177 and 1432).

3. Proposed expansion of Japan's International Postal Service including establishment of International Air Mail between Japan and all countries of the world, is now before War Department for approval.

4. This matter has been forwarded to Diplomatic Section with the request that appropriate steps be taken to prevent further correspondence of this nature from Australia. The above is being furnished to Government Section, and by separate check sheet to G-2, for information.

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FILE UNDER: *Postal*

I N D E X S H E E T

DATE: *16 Aug 47*

FROM: *SCAP*

TO: *WDSCA*

SUBJECT: *C - 54877*

*Expansion International Mail and Telecommunica-*  
*tions - Re - <sup>WB4189</sup> W84289 - C54202 - C54561.*

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I N D E X S H E E T

DATE: *1 Aug 47*

FROM: *Novotny* TO: ✓

SUBJECT: *M/R -*

*Main Law, Post Office Life Ins. Law and  
Post Office Annuities Law*

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

OUTGOING MESSAGE

CCS      GIB/TEN/JMK/HJS/cro  
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FROM: SCAP AND CINCFE  
TO: WAR (PASS FOR ACTION TO MAJ EARL J. HOLLIMAN, TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
CONFERENCE, ATLANTIC CITY.) . . . .ROUTINE  
INFO: WDSCA - GO (PASS TO STATE DEPT FOR INFO). . .ROUTINE

Paren      Paren: Further ourad CX 52741 of 18 May. Question of signing postal convention in Paris was raised by SCAP representative at which time State Dept stated belief that SCAP representative should not sign on behalf of Japan and Korea. Representative was authorized to sign convention provided that signing conformed with State Dept opinion. Final action taken in regard to signing of convention not known here.

Reference radio convention, State Dept has stated opinion that it strongly feels that an ex-enemy country under military government should not be admitted to conference as sovereign entity. Later adherence Japan and Korea to radio convention may be possible.

If it finally develops at the telecommunications conference that the signing of the convention is proper and conforms with the opinion of the State Department, you are authorized to sign for Japan and Korea.

OFFICIAL:

R. M. LEVY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

APPROVED BY:

GEORGE I. BACK  
Brigadier General, Signal Corps  
Chief, Civil Communications Section

COPIES TO: CinC, C/S, KORYU, DS, GS, SigO, CCS (Return)

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Ourad CX 52741, 18 May, to WAR for Maj Holliman authorized SCAP representatives at radio conference to waive voting rights and assume observer status and giving them full discretion as to timing of announcement. Similar instructions were sent to SCAP representatives at Paris postal convention in ourad CX 52743, 18 May, to WAR for Col. Lattin.

State Dept opinions contained in this radio were stated in WAR SVC 7033, 2 July, WAR to SCAP for POLAD and WAR SVC 6226, 17 May, WAR to SCAP for POLAD.

Col Lattin raised question of signing convention at the close of Paris Conference. (WAR SVC 6859, 22 June, WAR to CINCFE)

In anticipation of same question being raised by representatives at radio conference, this radio is to advise of developments at postal conference and stipulates conditions under which radio convention may be signed by SCAP representatives.

CONCURRENCES:

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GS \_\_\_\_\_

*Concerned in 28 July by CR*

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I N D E X S H E E T

DATE: *17 July '47*

FROM: *Noonday, I.C.* TO: *gs*

SUBJECT: *Memos for the Record*

*Mail Law*

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22 June 1947

SUBJECT: 1. Conflict between FEC Cir 26 and SCAPIN 1177, "Postal Service"  
2. Affects Possession of "American Goods," Cir 26, 10 Mar 47  
3. The Police Raid on Mr. Narahashi, Sec'y of Liberal Party

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Reference Circular No 26, 10 Mar 47, the definition of "American Goods" to determine legality of possession is in open conflict with the policy of "Gift packages" entering Japan.

2. Paragraphs 4 and 5, FEC Circular No 26, are inconsistent with the provisions of SCAPIN 1177 for resumption of International Postal Service, (especially paragraph c) dealing with "Gift Parcels" of 11 pounds in weight and the free circulation of miscellaneous gift items contained therein, among the Japanese population. An average of 35,000 parcels are being received per month and distributed. This average was exceeded in several months: March, for example, shows 74,000 packages arriving. Records for June indicate that the flow of packages will exceed these figures; 52,000 have already been received in the first ten days and it is anticipated that the month of June will show an increase to 120,000 packages.

3. Possession by Japanese of these very considerable amounts containing items: food, medicine, clothing, etc., are not chargeable to black market traffic, purpose or intent, nor can they be made the basis of police raids, nor does Circular No 26 apply in paragraph 4 (d).

4. This circumstance directly affects current minor police raids, attempting to locate such American goods, the difficulty to prove illegal possession, etc. These raids are beginning to vitiate the good impression painstakingly created by otherwise liberal occupation policies in the last two years. In many cases, the raids are based on insufficient evidence, on "tips," usually by malcontents, take no cognizance of the subject's general reputation, and are usually abortive. The case of Narahashi, Wataru is very characteristic: Acting on a "tip," his house was entered by a CID agent (and 2 Jap policemen) on May 4th. Items found: 2 Cigars, 1 Cream, 2 Nail Polish, 1 Powder, 1 Rouge, 2 Talcum Powder, etc. There is a strong presumption that this raid was designed to discredit Narahashi, an important Liberal politician, and embroil him with the Occupation authorities; in that case, the U.S. police power was cleverly exploited for Japanese political ends.

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22 June 1947

(Conflict between FEC Cir 26 and SCAPIN 1177, "Postal Service" Affects Possession of "American Goods," Cir 26, 10/Mar/47 The Police raid on Mr. Narahashi, Sec'y of Liberal Party) (cont'd)

5. G-2 Comments:

- a. The volume of gift packages, at 11 pounds, is sharply increasing from a monthly average of 35,000 to probably 100,000.
- b. Influx of gift items affects "possession of American Goods" under Cir 26.
- c. The presence of American gift items, in Japanese hands, makes enforcement of Cir 26 of questionable value.
- d. New postal policy on commercial samples will add to the volume of entry into Japan of "American small goods."
- e. The privilege of "gifts" (under a) should be extended to occupation personnel.
- f. Minor police raids to trace "American Goods" are generally abortive and produce negligible items.
- g. Black-market investigations should be oriented toward big objectives only.
- h. Police raids should be controlled and limited observing procedures of warrants, etc.
- i. Minor police raids are stirring up the population.
- j. Expert local and linguistic background is essential in police action, affecting the Japanese and public trends.
- k. This calls for intervention by CIS and CIC in combined operations with CID, PM or MP.
- l. Joint action was one of the basic provisions of the initial Occupation Plans. See "Blacklist" Annex 5 d, Section I, Par 6:

"There is an identity of interest between operational intelligence, counter-intelligence and public safety (as represented by Military Government, the Provost Marshal, etc).

"It is essential that at all levels there should be complete unanimity on policy and that collaboration in action is continuous. This can be accomplished by the formation of joint committee of representatives of Theater G-2, Army or District G-2, Counter-Intelligence, Provost Marshal General and Military Government, to be known as J.C.I.S., (Joint Committee on Intelligence Security)."

C. A. W.

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17 June 1947

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Reopening of Regular Mails to Include all Types of Correspondence Without Restriction.**

1. Under SCAPIN 1432 (2 Jan 47) postal service between Japan and other countries was reopened to permit the transmittal of non-transactional letters and postcards, one-way gift packages to Japan and one-way scientific and professional publications from Japan.

2. In War Department radio W-84559 (2 Nov 46), it was suggested that postal service be expanded to include the transmission of sample packages and business inquiries short of conclusion of transactions. The SCAP's views and proposals were subsequently stated in radios C-67963, 67965 and CX-67962 (December 1946). The War Department in granting authority to expand communication facilities stipulated that Japanese nationals be not permitted to send or receive communications with respect to vesting Japanese external assets and mentioned the danger of cloaking operations; continuation of censorship was also stipulated (W-88575, 29 Dec 46). The SCAP, in radio C-53391 dated 16 June 47, proposed that censorship of international mail (letters, cards and authorized prints) be relaxed from 100% to spot check censorship and other mails be subject to local import-export controls through surveillance of examination by customs service. Printed matter, except as specifically authorized, continues to be prohibited.

3. Since the maintenance of SCAP controls over transactions in foreign exchange and other external assets will continue for some time to come, communications which would result in the evasion of these controls should continue to be prohibited in order to permit the censorship department to perform its functions intelligently and effectively.

4. The present prohibitions of direct communication between the Japanese Government or any of its agencies and agencies of other governments should be continued for two reasons. In the first place, removal of this prohibition would open the way for inter-governmental contacts which could weaken the SCAP's control over the Japanese Government, and second, agreements or transactions could be effected contrary to SCAP policy and directives. In recent weeks, agencies of various foreign governments have attempted by direct communication with the Japanese to reach agreement or receive acknowledgment on claims for their carriers' share of messages received from Japan. These claims have been stated in United States dollars and Swiss francs while the messages were prepaid in yen. Such claims, if acknowledged, might place a burden on the Japanese import fund before the SCAP had had an opportunity to determine how much, if any, of them should be permitted to be paid out of

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that fund. The messages have been intercepted by CCB and called to the attention of the Government Section by COS. The Ministry of Communications has been instructed in each instance to ignore the message and to make no reply and the foreign missions concerned have been notified through the Diplomatic Section that all messages of this type should be addressed to SCAP.

5. In view of the foregoing, the Government Section should non-concur in the RSC proposal to reopen regular mails to Japan to include all types of correspondence without restrictions by 1 July 47 and should recommend that communications relating to transactions prohibited by SCAP directives are also prohibited.

FRANK RIZZO  
Special Advisor



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**Expansion of International Postal  
Service Information**

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Information to C-1

4 June 1947

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1. The proposed subject radio, paragraph 1, requests that "mail of an informational character (including letters, cards, and authorized prints) will be subject to 100% censorship".
2. A study by the undersigned now being submitted to the Chief of Staff proposes a modification of civil censorship in the occupied area, to require only a spot check, rather than 100% check of international mails and telecommunications.
3. You will be requested to concur in the above referred to study; Tab A of this study is identical with subject radio, except the words "international mail (including letters, cards and authorized prints) and telecommunications, all of an informational character, will be subject to spot check censorship", are substituted for the words "as quoted in paragraph 1 above".
4. In view of the foregoing, please determine whether those concurring in this draft and cited for information copies above are agreeable to the proposed modification. If this is concurred in by all concerned, M/S should be revised accordingly.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
Government Section

23 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, GOVERNMENT SECTION.

SUBJECT: Objectionable Postage Stamps.

1. As a result of a letter having been received by one of the members of this Section on which appeared some postage stamps displaying a map of the Greater East Asia sphere (see sample), representatives of the Ministry of Communications were requested on 2 May 1947 to explain the usage of such stamps in view of SCAP instructions to discontinue ultra-nationalistic and militaristic postage stamps (SCAPIN 947, dated 13 May 1946, CIB, File AG 311). Mr. Kanazawa, Chief of the Public Relations Division of the Communications Bureau, Mr. Fukumori, in charge of stamps in the Materials Bureau, and Mr. Nakamura, in charge of the Museum of the Japanese Philatelic Agency, who appeared for the Japanese Government, explained that the issue in question was no longer on sale as the printing of it had been stopped pursuant to the directive but that some private individuals apparently still had some in their possession. They brought with them samples of stamps now in current production and on sale and, also, samples of stamps no longer being printed, some of them still on sale and some completely out of stock. They were instructed to submit several complete sets with appropriate notations as to their present status and to report on the steps being taken to cease the sale and use of objectionable stamps on which printing has been stopped.

2. On 20 May 1947, Mr. Kanazawa called again and reported that steps were being taken to replace all objectionable stamps with new ones, the designs for which have been submitted to CIBS Religious Division (Mr. W. E. Bunce) for approval. Mr. Kanazawa stated that it will require two or three weeks to prepare a sufficient stock of the new stamps after which time all of the objectionable stamps now in the hands of post offices will be replaced with the new ones and thereafter the old stamps will not only not be sold but will be declared void so that if private holders continue to use them such stamps will be removed before the mail is delivered to addressees.

3. Mr. Kanazawa promised to submit the ordinance affecting this action as soon as it is ready.

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Incl 2 - 5 sets of stamps.

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Expansion of International Postal Service

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30 Apr 1947

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1. The Government Section concurs in the recommendations contained in basic staff study and in the proposed radio message to the War Department except for the proposal to authorize direct communication between the Japanese Ministry of Communications and the Postal Administrations of other countries and the International Postal Bureau. Authorization of such direct communication would violate the policy established almost at the beginning of the occupation, after due consultation with the War Department and upon the advice of the U. S. Department of State, that the Japanese Government would not be permitted to maintain contact or communicate with any other government except through the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

2. Accordingly, it is recommended that the proposal be deleted from Par 1 of the radio to the War Department and that arrangements be made for the appropriate staff agency of GHQ, SCAP to handle, on behalf of the Japanese Ministry of Communications, any inquiries or other communications with postal authorities in foreign countries and the International Postal Bureau.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

Memorandum, dtd 2 Jan 47, for the IJG, subj: Resumption of International Postal Service Between Japan and all Other Countries, file AG311.1 (2 Jan 47) CCS (SCAPIN 1432), authorized limited resumption of postal service between Japan and other countries consisting of letters and post cards bearing personal messages, business inquiries short of effecting or authorizing effectuation of transactions; one way gift packages to Japan; one way scientific and professional publications from Japan.

WD radio W-84553, dtd 2 Nov 46, suggested expansion of this service to include non-transactional correspondence leading to but not concluding purchase of goods and for stimulating production of such goods, also sample packages. SCAP radio C-68189, dtd 9 Dec 46, agreed in principle and stated detailed recommendations would follow.

CCS staff study, dtd 14 Apr 47, subj: Expansion of International Postal Service, recommends expansion of international postal service between Japan and other countries to include two way mailing of prints, samples and small packages, with G-2 exercising censorship control over mail of an informational character and ESS, through Military Government surveillance of the Japanese Customs Service, exercising control over imports and exports in permissible classes. In addition,

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the staff study recommends that the Japanese Ministry of Communications be authorized to communicate directly with the postal administrations of all other countries and with the International Postal Bureau at Berne, Switzerland, concerning all matters within the scope of international postal service previously authorized by SCAP.

While agreeing that the expansion of service recommended by CCS would be beneficial to SCAP objectives as well as to Japan, it is felt that the direct communication contemplated in the last recommendation would constitute a serious breach of the policy heretofore consistently adhered to that no government agency or official of the Japanese government may communicate directly with government agencies or officials of other countries. This policy has been applied in the closing of all foreign missions in Japan except those accredited to SCAP, in the closing of all Japanese missions abroad, in the denial on various occasions of permission to Japanese to attend international conferences in the capacity of Japanese officials and permitting such representation where deemed necessary for occupation purposes to be accomplished by a representative of the Supreme Commander.



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Thru: Govt Section

25 April 1947

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1. 1. G-1 concurs in proposed action.
2. Reference is made to paragraph 5, Section II, attached Staff Study, concerning additional personnel (1 military and 4 civilian) required by Military Government, Eighth Army for supervision of Japanese Customs. Military personnel required for such supervision must be provided from amongst those authorized under current troop basis. If additional funds are necessary for employment of civilian personnel separate request should be made through fiscal channels under appropriation GARIOA.
3. It is believed that the proposal contained in paragraph 2, Memo for Record, and paragraph 3, Section IV, Staff Study, to permit the Japanese Ministry of Communications to communicate directly with postal administrations of other countries and with the International Postal Bureau is of interest to Government Section. If authorized, it is assumed such communications would be cleared by G-2.

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Credentials for SCAP Representatives  
at Universal Postal Union Congress.

GOVERNMENT SECTION

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21 April 1947

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1. It is requested that the attached letter of credentials, addressed to the Director, International Postal Bureau, Berne, Switzerland, be signed by the Supreme Commander.

2. The French Mission in Japan transmitted to SCAP the invitation of the French Government for the participation of Japan in the Twelfth Congress of the Universal Postal Union, at Paris, beginning 6 May 1947, the delegation to be subject to SCAP approval. (Tab A).

3. G-1 held a conference of representatives of interested Sections and transmitted to Chief of Staff a check sheet (Tab B) with draft of a radio to Washington and of a reply to the letter from the French Mission stating that Japanese representation was desirable but impracticable because of lack of funds and advising the French Mission that SCAP representation was available. The recommendations were approved by Chief of Staff.

4. W-95154 of 30 March 1947, WAR (WDECA GO) to CINCPAC, stated no objection to SCAP representation at the postal congress but France as organizing government should be consulted. (Tab C).

5. The French Mission in Japan communicated to the French Government the substance of SCAP's reply to the memorandum advising Japanese representation was not available but SCAP representation was available if desired. The French Government, through the French Mission in Japan, has advised that the proposal to designate Colonel Lattin and Mr. Dunbar as representatives of SCAP at the Postal Congress is acceptable. (Tab D).

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- Incl 1. Ltr of credentials
- Incl 2. Cpy memo frm French Mission (Tab A)
- Incl 3. Cpy Ch Sh, G-1 to C/S (Tab B)
- Incl 4. Cpy radio W-95154 (Tab C)
- Incl 5. Cpy ltr frm French Mission (Tab D)

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From: GS

To: Chief of Staff

G. I. B.

22 April 1947

Government Section concurs.

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None required.

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