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Kodan Legislation

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b. A sub-committee of the Controls Coordinating Committee of ESS screens each candidate and endeavors to eliminate the candidacy of those persons who have been influential in the control associations.

c. ESS recommends informally to ESB approval or disapproval of each candidate.

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Note No.:

From: ESS

To: GS

Date: 5 December 1947

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1. Confirming the oral understanding today between the Deputy Chiefs of GS and ESS, this Section requests all necessary action to secure prompt passage in this session of the Diet of the several bills providing for the establishment of Kodans for the distribution of food and feed stuffs. Although there is no objection to procedural or language changes, the bills should be passed without substantive amendment.

2. The passage of this legislation is necessary to implement SCAPIN 1394 (copy attached) which requires the abolition of private monopoly distribution systems and the substitution of government corporations where monopoly control is necessary. Adoption of the amendments proposed by the Diet committees would, in fact, retain private monopolistic influences and would thereby violate the requirement of SCAPIN 1394.

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1. SCAPIN 1394

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From: GS

To: ESS

CW/ CLK/rh
Date: 6 Dec. 1947

1. Necessary action has been taken and the bills referred to in Note 1 will be enacted on or about 8 December 1947.

2. It is believed, however, that every effort should be made to prevent the control of the Kodans from passing into the same hands as those who were influential in the control associations. Such a development would lend support to the objectives raised by the committees in both houses of the Diet. Proper safeguards by screening proposed appointees to eliminate such personnel ties should be established.

3. It is accordingly suggested that an appropriate procedure be devised under which the Cabinet Secretariat would submit the names of proposed Kodan officers for approval prior to appointment. This Section will be glad to assist in any way in the preparation and execution of such a screening procedure.

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