

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
THROUGH: Central Liaison Office, Tokyo
SUBJECT: Screening and Reporting of Registered Motor Vehicles

1. Reference is made to memorandum for the Imperial Japanese Government, file AG 451.1(10 Jan 47)CIS, SCAPIN 1458, 10 January 1947, subject: Registration of Motor Vehicles, from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

2. The Imperial Japanese Government is directed, pending further instructions, to screen vehicle registrations for proof of legal ownership and to make reports on the registration of all vehicles the legal ownership of which has not been clearly established. Such reports will contain the following information on each vehicle:

- a. Make, model, engine number and license number;
- b. Present owner;
- c. Present user;
- d. Identity of person from whom vehicle was purchased;
- e. Ownership at and since time of arrival of the vehicle in Japan;
- f. Additional information which will establish title or which will otherwise determine the status of the vehicle.

3. Attention is directed to the fact that "legal ownership" is not established solely by proof of payment at time of purchase and that the burden of the proof of legal ownership rests with the present vehicle holder. Any vehicle imported to Japan from a country occupied by the Japanese armed forces, will, but not by way of limitation, be considered as not having a clearly established legal ownership.

4. The first report on the registration screening will be made on 15 March 1947 and will include all vehicles the ownership of which is not clearly established which have been registered up to and including the month of February 1947. Subsequent reports will be made monthly on the

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15th day of the month following the reported month and will include all suspect vehicles not previously registered and all such vehicles the status of which has been changed by virtue of transfer or other reason since the original registration.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

for *John B. Cooley*
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