

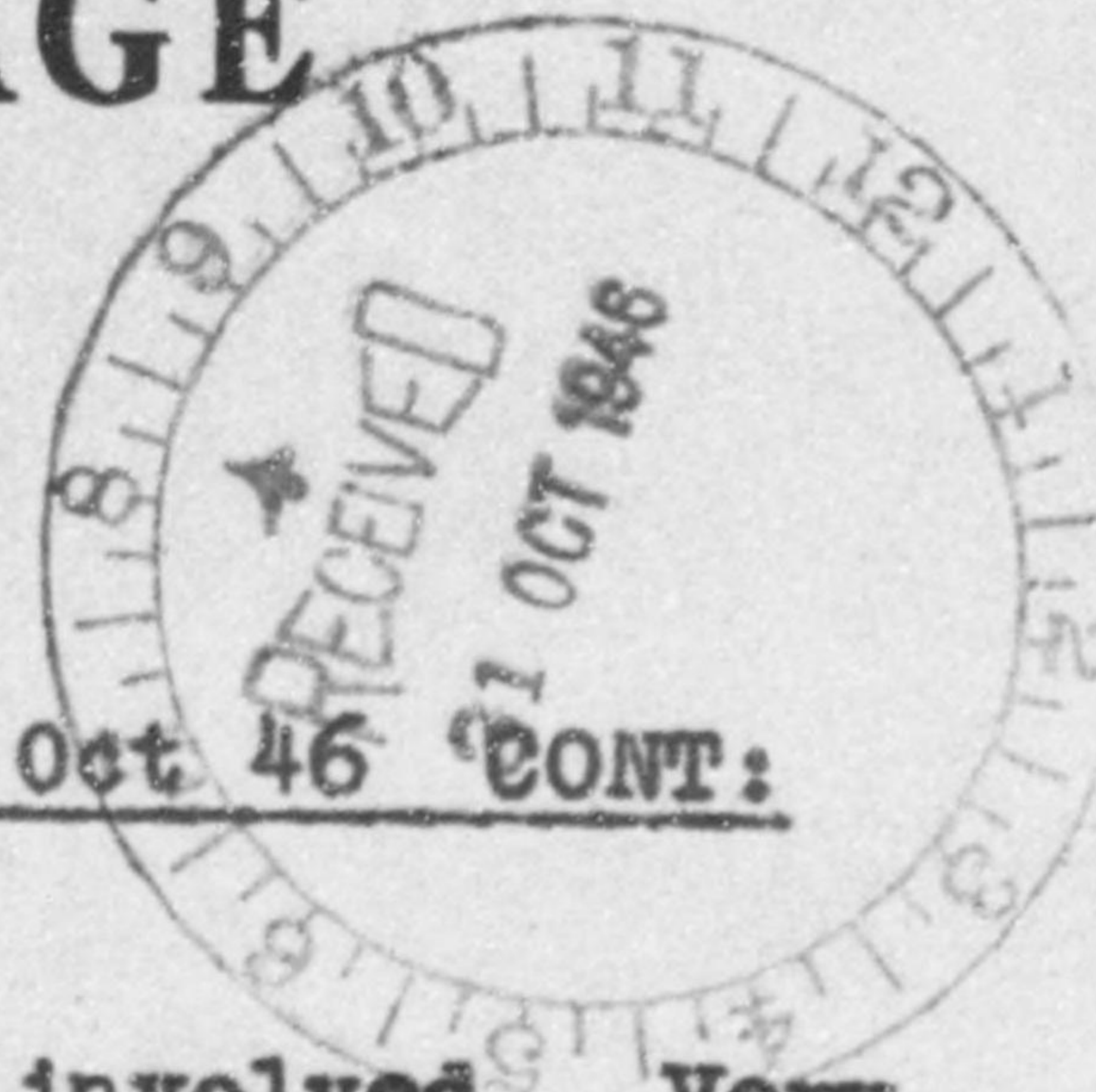
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FROM : WASH (WDSCA ES) NR : WCL 25433 30 Oct 46 CONT:



survey at present time would justify work involved. Very shortly restitution and reparations teams will be operating in Japan and they will be able to inspect plants designated for removal and draw the attn of their govts to any cases in which deterioration is a particular urgent problem. "Subcommittee considers that best solution of problem lies in removal of facilities from Japan rather than in any action by SCAP beyond what has already been done. This necessitates prompt action by commission." At time report was adopted US member also made fol statement, which was incorporate in minutes of 42 meeting of committee number 1: "SCAP 1 Oct issued directive to Japanese Govt clarifying previous instructions and outlining its responsibility for preservation and care of plant equip and records in industries designated for reparations. Directive broadens concept of preservation by oiling and greasing of machinery and equip to l of maint and repair to extent possible without substantial purchase of replacement parts. Sv and repair will include inspection and testing of existing replacement purchases for putting each item of equip in good operating condition and facilitating its ready use when moved. Japanese Govt also required to preserve and assemble specified engineering data, domestically obtainable, necessary for removal, reerection and opn of each plant.

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FROM : WASH (WDSCA ES) NR : WOL 25433 30 Oct 46 CONT:



ACTION: CIV PROP CUST

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4,  
AG, GOVT SECT, ECON & SCI SECT

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T00 : 292334 Z  
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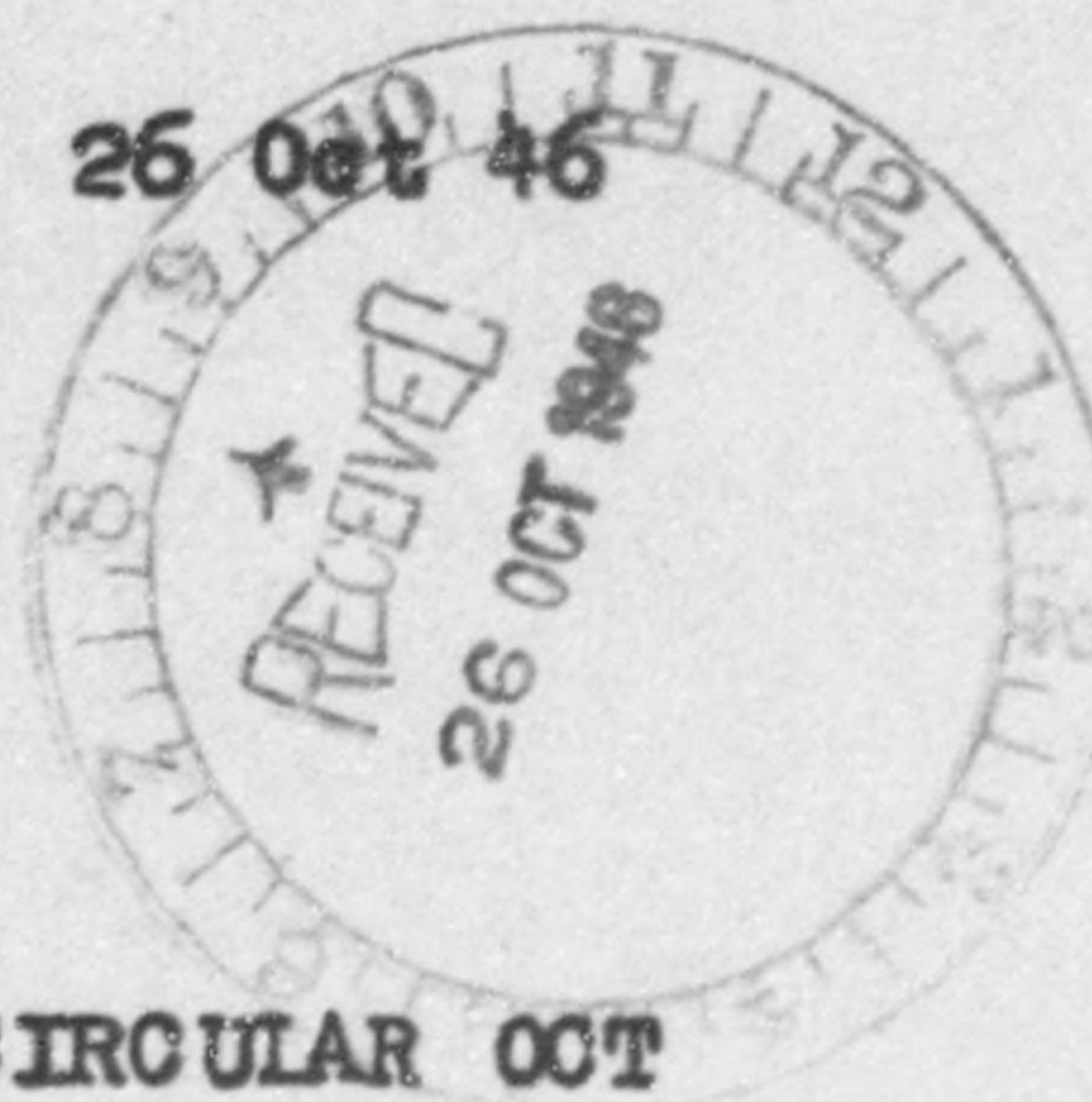
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE



FROM : WASHINGTON (STATE DEPT)  
TO : SCAP (FOR POLAD)  
INFO : WD CHIEF OF STAFF  
NR : WAR SVC 6710 (DTG 252301/Z) (STATE CIRCULAR OCT 25, 2PM)

Paraphrase necessary.

US proposal that reparations conference on Japan be held under auspices Far Eastern Commission been approved by all FEC members except USSR. Attempts implement (Info-tel) proposal failed FEC meeting Oct 24 when Soviet member said USSR could not agree holding proposed reparations conference because lack of agreement in US USSR bilateral negotiations re disposition external assets. USSR maintains its original stand that war trophies from Manchuria Jap assets in Kuriles South Sakhalin cannot be regarded as assets subject reparations. US maintains these categories be at least listed considered connection reparations if only to credit them against total eventual USSR reparations.

ACHESON

ACTION: DIPLOMATIC SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4, AG,  
GOVT SECT, CIV PROP CUST

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ROUTINE  
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TOO: 260423/Z  
MCN: SA 52/26

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PRIORITY - SECRET

FROM : SCAP  
TO : WARCOS .. JCS  
NR : C-66574

23 OCTOBER 1946

Reurad WCL-30315, 25 July, subject "Restitution of Looted Property", no mention is made of former proviso contained in interim policy radio W-98260, 23 February, that objects subject to restitution must have been removed from areas occupied by Japanese Armed Forces subsequent to 7 July 1937. Elimination of limiting date has resulted in submission of claims for restitution which do not appear to be within the intended scope of the restitution directives. As specific examples the following claims and inquiries have been received:

Inquiry from Union of Soviet Socialist Republics regarding ships acquired by Japanese as result of WAR 194-195;

Claim from Chinese for anchors with chains and cannon shells removed from China warship in 1895;

Claim for artistic and industrial articles removed from Korea 1592.

Investigation into these matters presents many time consuming problems and difficulties because records and proof of ownership are not available and property is difficult to locate and identify. Request clarification.

Approved:

PATRICK H. TANSEY,  
Brig. Gen., USA.  
Custodian.

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PRIORITY - RESTRICTED

FROM : CINCAFPAC  
TO : WASHINGTON (JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF)  
NR : C-66343

GS 18 October 1946

Acknowledge receipt urad WAR 83287 dated 17 October.

APPROVED:

COURTNEY WHITNEY,  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Government Section.

MEMO FOR RECORD:

Message acknowledges receipt of radio reporting modification of FEC  
Policy decision of 18 July relative to restitution of looted property.  
Acknowledgment requested because policy decision is to be announced to  
the press 48 hours after its receipt in Tokyo.

O.I. HAUGE  
Chief, Information Officer.

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FROM : WASHINGTON (WDSCA GO)  
TO : CINCPAC  
NR : W 82939

Available info indicates that actual incidence of Japanese presurrender national and local taxes did not favor "wider distribution of income" prescribed in basic directive. In particular Japanese income and inheritance taxes were not in practice as sharply graduated in accordance with taxpayers ability to pay as those of other industrious, democratic nations. Data requested on any past or impending post surrender change in laws governing Japanese taxes and in collection methods used to carry out those laws. FEC interested in plans for such changes; would appreciate your views concerning optimum timing thereof.

*U.S. did have action:*  
NO SIG

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ACTION: ECON & SCI SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG,  
GOVT SECT, DIPLOMATIC SECT

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ROUTINE  
*Confidential*

T00: 120047 Z  
MCN: YH 8/12

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ROUTINE

11 Oct 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (FROM WDSCA ES)  
TO : CINCAFPAC (HI-LEVEL)  
NR : W 82753

UK delegate at FEC originally took position (FEC 064) that numbers SCAPS staff should be members of holding Companies Liquidation Commission. Their present views on appointment such members to that commission fol:

"Such representatives would not be concerned with mgmt and running of commission or have executive powers of any kind.

They would act as observers to safeguard United Nations interests and report to SCAP.

Not more than one representative would be required to attend meetings and not more than two would be required in all. They would sit not only on formal board meetings but also those of mgmt committee or any other inner policy forming body.

Their functions would be

(1) To exercise general supervision over the commission in initial period while long term plans are being worked out;

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FROM: WASHINGTON NR: WAR 82753 DTD 11 OCTOBER 1946 CONT'D

(2) To make recommendations to SCAP based on their inside knowledge for future organization of various industries formerly controlled by Zaibatsu.

Reports made to SCAP should also be made available to FEC.

The above proposal seems most practicable for the kind of supervision we have in mind. Evasion will be easy unless foreign specialists are closely associated with the work of commission".

This proposal has been informally discussed in commission and the US has taken position that it is question for SCAP administrative discretion. UK delegate however wishes to have their views forwarded to SCAP informally with their request for comment and makes clear there was no intention of asking commission to take policy action. US delegate FEC also would appreciate SCAP comments to assist in any further discussion on subj.

NO SIG

ACTION: DIPLOMATIC SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG,  
GOVT SECT

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TOO : 102009 Z  
MCN : SA 21/11

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ROUTINE

6 Oct 46

FROM : WASHINGTON (STATE DEPT)  
TO : CINCPAC (FOR POLITICAL ADVISER)  
NR : WAR SVC 6253 (STATE SERIAL 514,3 OCT 46,  
040044 Z)

Text infotel requested your 437, USSR has informally agreed discuss within FEC or at special reparation conference US proposal on Jap external assets provided we agree to and support Sov reservations to original proposal as follows:

1. In distributing tot amt reparation available from Japan definite share be allocated USSR without relations war booty taken by USSR from Manchuria which is subject for settlement between China, USSR;

2. Former Jap assets South Sachalin and Kuriles not be considered available general reparation purposes as these territories now part of USSR as per agreement between USSR, USUK;

3. Jap assets Korea remain there for use Korean people;

4. Reparation shares be determined on broad political basis taking account damage suffered and contributions to defeat Japan;

5. Claims Allied Nationals for damages property loss Jap or Jap occupied territories ceded to Allied Countries to be met from common reparation pool. Our preliminary view is 3,4,5 acceptable, 2 difficult but not insoluble, 1 presents very difficult problem. Amb Smith comment Sov proposal asked.

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ROUTINE

FROM: WASHINGTON (STATE DEPT). NR: WAR SVC 6253, CONT'D

ACTION: DIPLOMATIC SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG, GOVT  
SECT, ECON & SCI SECT, CIV PROP CUST

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MCN: SA 96/4

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PRIORITY

28 Sep 46



FROM : WASHINGTON (JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF)  
TO : CINCPAC (MACARTHUR)  
NR : W 81725

Far Eastern Commission on 12 Sep 1946 agreed to accept your recommendation in C-64968 that a press release on tax bills be postponed until action by the Japanese diet has been completed thereon.

NO SIG

ACTION: SECY GEN STAFF

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG,  
PUB REL OFF, GOVT SECT, ECON & SCI SECT

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PRIORITY

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TOO : 280057Z  
MCN : SA 94/28

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ROUTINE

28 Sep 46

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FROM : WASH (WDSCJ ES)

TO : CINCAFPAC

NR : W 81694

Reurad Sept C 64806. Fol for your info. Assured capacity paper introduced in FEC 12 Aug 46. US member aware urgency and continues pressing adoption. Delay in FEC due to lack of instructions representatives other Govt. UK only representative known instructed to date but expect others receive instructions soon, possibly this week.

UK representative instructed recommend assured capacity 800,000 mtons pig iron as opposed US position 550,000 tons maximum, based on Pauley recommendation 500,000 in his comprehensive report. US therefore cannot now accept UK figure. UK also willing accept only 3,000,000 tons sulphuric acid and 8,000 machine tool annual capacity which US member can accept PE UK May reserve on shipbuilding pending receipt further instructions.

Indications are Chinese and Sov may object to original US position 3,400,000 mtons sulphuric acid assured capacity, soda ash 260,000 and caustic soda 100,000. Pending receipt their instructions, their exact positions not known.

In view above situation, and urgency FEC adoption of principle of establishing some reasonable assured capacity level, US member prepared:

To adjust present US recommended assured capacity figures to reasonable extent necessary to secure FEC agreement, to handle paper piecemeal in FEC by urging immediate adoption of all non-controversial items.

NO SIG

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

FROM : WASH (WDSCJ ES) NR: W 81694 DTD : 28 Sep 46 CON'D

ACTION: ECON & SCI SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG, GOVT SECT

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TOO: 272120 Z  
MCN: SA 35/28

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28 September 1946



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FROM : WASHINGTON (STATE DEPT)  
TO : SCAP  
INFO : WAR DEPT (CHIEF OF STAFF) (FOR POLITICAL ADVISER)  
NR : W SVC 6106 (262342 Z) (STATE CIRCULAR SEPT 26 10 AM 1946)

We are informing Sov Rep FEC (see infotel Sep 9, 11 AM) we welcome Sov agreement participate special reparation conference and endorsement US proposal that Jap assets Korea be retained for benefit Korean people and not incl any general reparation settlement. (Infotel) we can agree to Sov proposition that reparation shares be allocated on broad polit grounds and that source of compensation for damage to property belonging Allied Nationals should be met from common reparation pool.

We cannot agree however that reparation conference exclude removals "War Booty" by Sov Forces Manchuria from final determination reparation shares. Nor can we approve that former Japanese South Sakhalin and Kurile Islands be exempt. If within near future FEC cannot agree on calling reparation conferences US in concert whatever Govts willing to do so will hold conference outside framework FEC.

CLAYTON

ACTION: CIV PROP CUST

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG, GOVT SECT, ECON & SCI SECT, DIPLOMATIC SECT

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TOO : 270727 Z  
MCN : YA 135/27

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*F.E.C.*

7 SEPTEMBER 46

FROM : WASHINGTON (JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF)  
TO : SCAP (PERSONAL TO MACARTHUR)  
NR : W 99688

Following has been received from the State, War and Navy Departments for transmission to you under the provisions of the final sentence of paragraph 6, 1, of the term of reference of the Far Eastern Commission:

1. "The Far Eastern Commission requests it's Chairman to inform the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers that it welcomes the message from the Supreme Commander on extraordinary taxation (C 63938, 8 August 1946). The discussions of the Commission were solely concerned with the possible application to Nationals of members of the United Nations of any such laws; and the Commission appreciates the Supreme Commander's statement that adequate safeguards will be achieved to protect Allied interests.

2. "The Chairman of the Far Eastern Commission advises that in adopting the above, the Commission agreed that it should be released to the press along with the message from the Supreme Commander to which it has reference (C 63938, 8 August 1946). As the Supreme Commander has already expressed to the Chairman of the Commission that any message from him to the Commission might be released to press, provided that he might have an opportunity to release it at the same time in Tokyo, the Commission intends to release both documents 48 hours after receipt in Tokyo of the above communication. It is requested, therefore, that receipt of this message be acknowledged".

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WASHINGTON RADIO W 99688 DATED 7 SEPTEMBER 46 CONTINUED:

ACTION: ECON & SCI SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG, GOVT SECT

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TOO: 070102 Z  
MCN: SA 43/07

*E. O. Kadee  
Hayes  
Hawley  
Brisson*

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FROM : SCAP  
TO : WARCOS  
NR : Z-16875.

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5 September 1946.

Reurad WCL-30315, request clarification as to whether date 31 December 1946, paragraph 2, is intended to be applicable to paragraph 3, ships damaged or sunk and found in Japanese waters. Recommend elimination of any target date as to paragraph 3 ships.

Approved by:

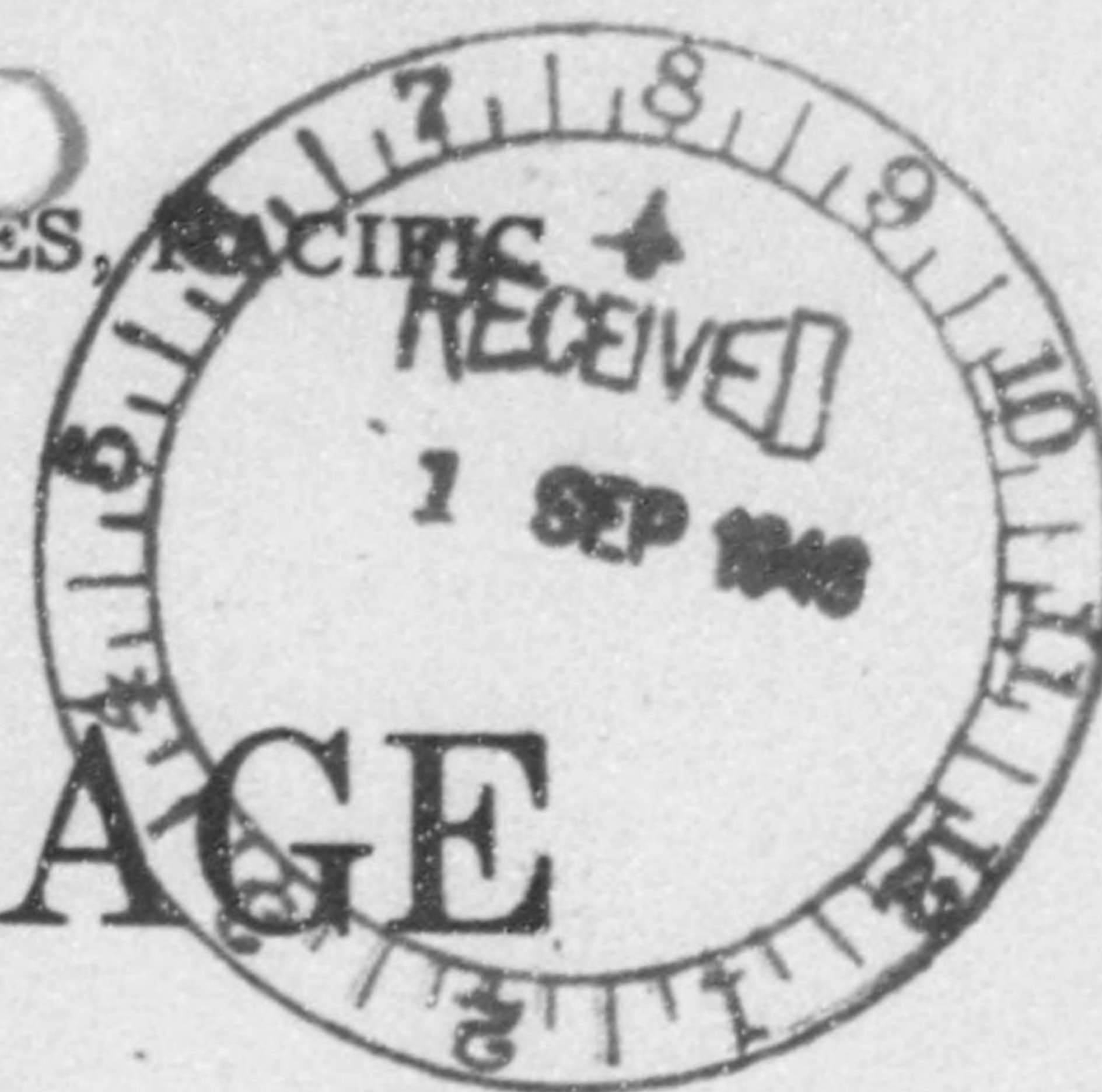
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

31 AUGUST 1946

FROM: WASHINGTON (WDSCA ES)

TO : CINCPAC

NR : W 99017

Reurads June C 62237 Aug C 64436. Pass to Mr Howard C Petersen on arrival at Tokyo. Cable in 2 parts.

1. Reurad C 62237, part 2, comment on para 8B, US position to have FEC decide now only broad gen principle with respect future level Jap industrial capacity. Industry by industry decisions to be made by proposed reparations conference, with subsequent review and confirmation by FEC. SWNCC will prepare instructions to US delegate to reparations conference on this subj. Basis for action will be industrial removal sects Pauley comprehensive report, as given Gen Marquat by Martin Bennett in May. In view of your interest in and first hand info on industry by industry capacity levels required for peacetime economy, important have your views in time for full consideration before SWNCC acts. Request time your detailed recommendations and comments this subj can be made available here. Will these accompany your comments on comprehensive Pauley report scheduled prior 15 Sept per urad C 64436?

2. As separate but related subj State wishes to propose to FEC that you be invited to send observer to reparations conference. Do you approve? Nothing further.

ACTION: ECON & SCI SECT

NO SIG

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4, AG,  
C GOVT SECT, CIV PROP CUST

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ROUTINE

TOO: 301738  
MCN: YA 113

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

31 August 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (WDSGA ES)  
TO : CINCPAC  
NR : W 99016

Reurad July C 63123 ourad July WX 93549 reurad on trade representatives. Contents discussed with member Govts of FEC who are gratified in your concurrence in proposals WX 93549. Number of Govts, including Great Britain, Australia, France and Netherlands will immediately take steps to have representatives appointed. FEC being informed that apmt of trade representatives should be handled with SCAP by head of Liaison Mission. If country has no Liaison Mission, accrediting of trade representative should be handled through State Dept.

NO SIG

ACTION: ECON & SCI SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1, G-2, G-4, AG, C CIV COMM SECT, C GOVT SECT, LEGAL SECT, DIPLOMATIC SECT, CIV PROP CUST

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T00 : 301737/Z  
MCN : YC 113/30

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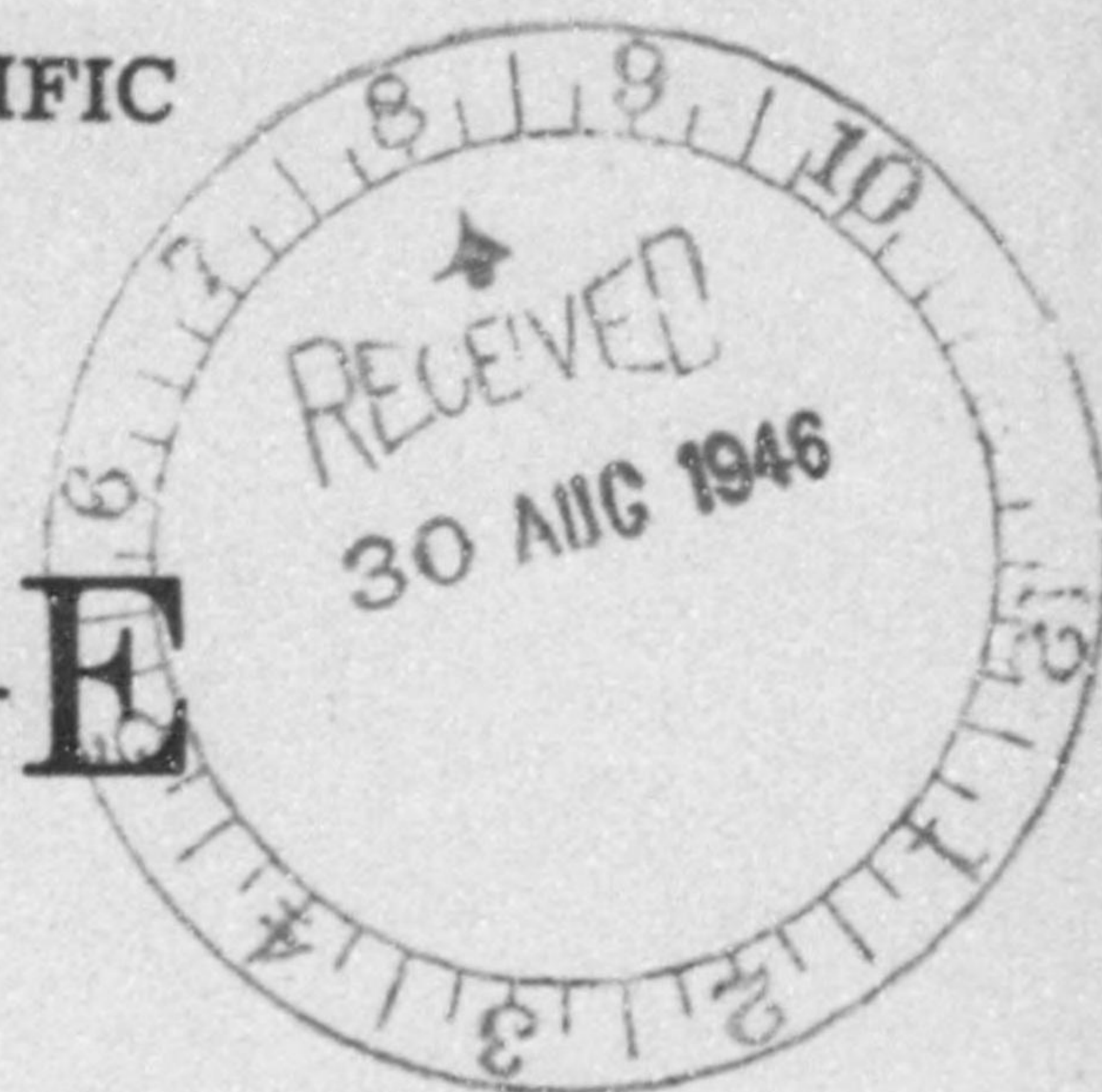
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PRIORITY

30 August 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (WDSCA ES)  
TO : CINCPAC  
NR : W98942

Reourads Aug WX 98020 Aug WX 97575 reurads Aug C64457 Aug C645044 representative FEC pressed for US positions re these matters. Urgently need your comments and recommendations in final formulation such policy positions.

NO SIG

ACTION: ECON & SCI SECT

ADDED DIST: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4, AG,  
C GOVT SECT, DIPLOMATIC SECT, CIV PROP CUST

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PRIORITY

TOO : 292255/2  
MCN : YC 29/30

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ROUTINE

25 August 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF)  
TO : CINCPAC (MACARTHUR) *F.E.C.*  
NR : WAR 98279

The following, received from the State, War and Navy Departments as a statement of the position of the U. S. Government in the matter, is forwarded for your information. Departments have requested State Department to forward it to the U. S. member of the Far Eastern Commission for the Commission's consideration:

Statement begins:

"1. The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP) shall be authorized to restore to nationals of any of the United Nations at war with Japan identifiable property, tangible or intangible, owned by them and located in Japan prior to December 7, 1941, and seized, confiscated, or sequestered, formally or otherwise, during the recent war by the Japanese Government, members of its Armed Forces, or by official or private Japanese or other enemy individuals or groups, regardless of the present ownership of such property, except that gold, other precious metals, foreign exchange and large-scale commercial and industrial enterprises shall not be restored at this time, and provided further that:

- a. Restoration subject to SCAP's discretion, shall be made only to:
  - (1) Natural persons in Japan
  - (2) Small-sized business, commercial and service corporations where the stockholders of a controlling interest are United Nations nationals now resident in Japan.
  - (3) Charitable and religious institutions financed primarily by non-Japanese

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FR: WASH TO: CINCAFPAC DTD 25 AUG 46 CONTINUED:

funds, where a duly authorized agent or properly qualified person is resident in Japan to receive title.

b. SCAP is satisfied as to the identification of such property.

2. For the purpose of determining whether property was in fact confiscated it shall be assumed that all property taken by the Japanese or other enemy government, Armed Forces, or nationals during the recent war from nationals of any of the United Nations at war with Japan was confiscated whether or not payment was made at time of acquisition unless it can be definitely shown that no duress or fraud was involved.

3. If payment to restoree was made at the time of confiscation, SCAP shall require persons repossessing the property to agree to remit such amounts to the Japanese Government as a prerequisite to restoration. However, actual payment of such amounts shall be made only after settlement of claims as specified in paragraph 4 below.

4. The restoration of property shall be made without prejudicing the claim of the original owners against the Japanese or other enemy government and / or their nationals for damages to property, rent, depreciation, and other ascertainable losses.

5. If funds received in payment for confiscated property were blocked by the Japanese Government, such funds shall be unblocked and the owner permitted to draw upon them on the same basis as depositors in general draw upon their bank funds, except that in the event that the confiscated property is returned such funds shall be transferred to the Japanese Government in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

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6. The right to restoration of confiscated property provided in the foregoing paragraphs and even the completion of restoration shall in no manner preclude properties from being assigned to reparations as a prior claim, in which case the original owners of such property shall receive only a general claim against the Japanese or other enemy government and their nationals.

7. The right to restoration provided in the foregoing paragraphs and even the completion of restoration shall not be considered as the basis for permission to operate certain properties where SCAP considers the operations of such property injurious to the occupying forces or to the purposes of the occupation. Similarly, the operation of properties considered by SCAP to be beneficial to the occupying forces and / or the accomplishment of the purposes of the occupation shall not await restoration of title or the transfer of possession of such properties.

8. Japanese nationals injured by the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs shall look to the Japanese Government for relief.

9. Although the foregoing applies only to property owned by persons presently in Japan, the provisions contained herein should not operate to discriminate against other United Nations nationals who may own property in Japan. It is recognized that the office of the Civil Property Custodian on SCAP's staff is concerned with investigating and listing other allied property for which direct restoration or claims against the Japanese or other enemy government may be made at a later date. SCAP's recommendations on this matter should be solicited. Specifically, SCAP should be requested to advise whether he is prepared administratively to restore one or more of the following types of property to United Nations nationals outside of

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FR: WASH TO: CINCAFPAC NR: WAR 98279 25 AUG 46 CONT'D:

Japan: tangible, intangible, personal, commercial; and whether shipping is available to permit such restoration."

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INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG, C GOVT  
SECT, DIPLOMATIC SECT, CIV PROP CUST

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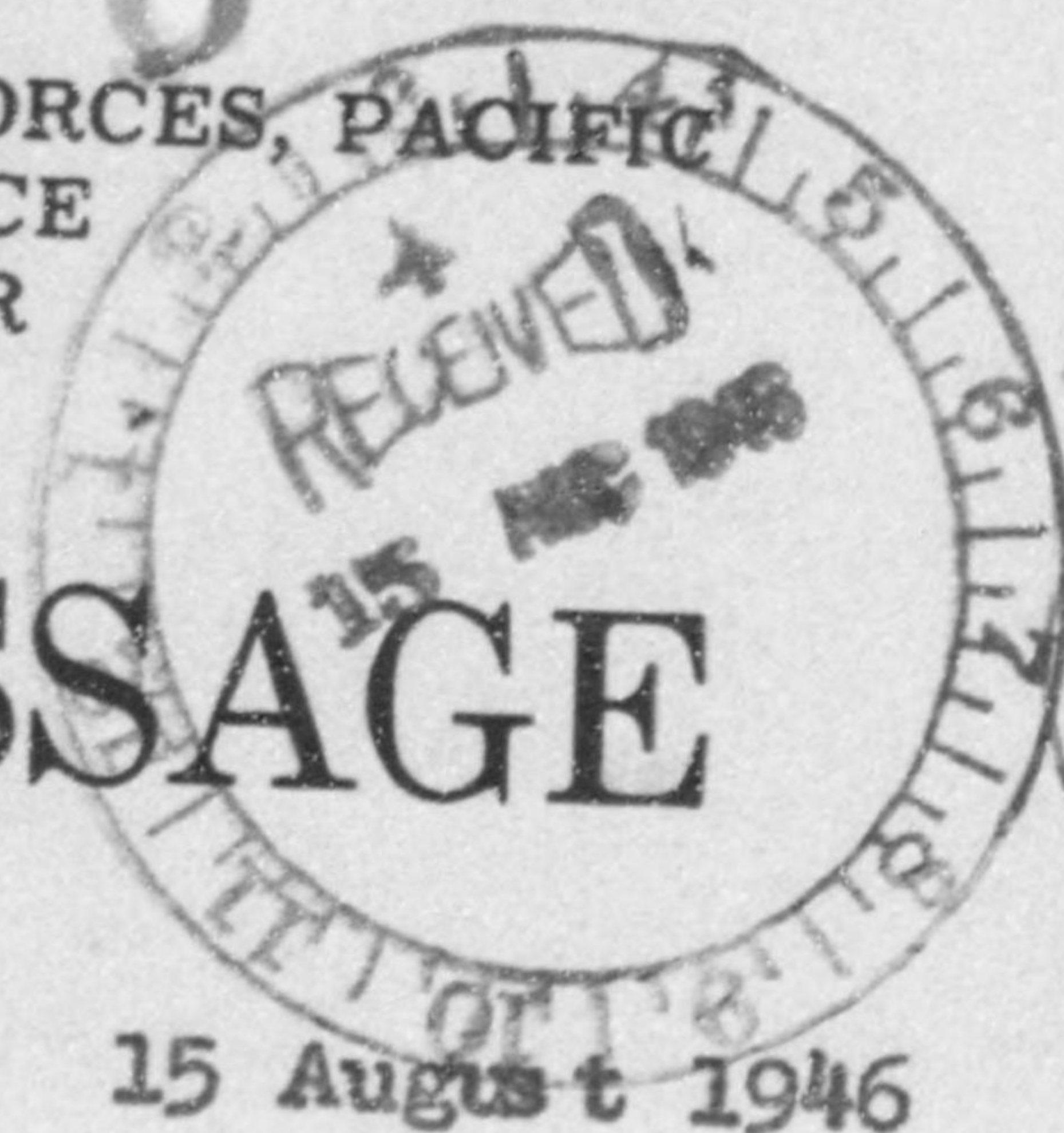
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15 August 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (WDSKA ES)  
TO : CINCAFPAC  
NR : WCL 35935

*FEC*

FEC now considering proposals to maximize export of commodities in world short sup of type formerly provided by Japan such as cotton textiles, bicycles, cheap clocks, and electrical goods. Basis of program is to limit domestic consumption if necessary to provide goods for export and to give special attn to increasing production. These proposals in line with preestablished US policy and with SCAP's program. As part of plan, it is proposed to establish maximum Japanese standard textile ration subject to exemption for heavy workers or incentive goods for farmers. Comment requested as to level such ration should be placed to meet minimum Japanese needs and still maximize Japanese contribution to meet world shortage. Other comments on proposed program also requested. Reply is urgent.

NO SIG

ACTION: ECON & SCI SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4, AG  
C GOVT SECT, NAT RES SECT

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TOO : 142106 Z  
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FROM : WASHINGTON (STATE DEPT)  
TO : SCAP (POLITICAL ADVISER)  
INFO : WAR DEPT (CHIEF OF STAFF)  
NR : WAR SVC 5017, (STATE SERIAL 448 Aug 13 , 7 PM)

Members Far Eastern Commission have not been given diplomatic status nor have they been accorded special privileges exemptions or immunities since FEC does not come within purview act of Congress entitled "International Organizations Immunities Act". Most FEC delegates happen also be accredited this Govt in diplomatic capacities and therefore enjoy diplomatic status solely by virtue that fact. While Tokyo situation is unusual suggested that members and their staffs Allied Council need not be granted diplomatic status. Dept agrees your policy issuing diplomatic identification cards to members foreign diplomatic and liaison missions and suggest issuance such cards be limited these persons. Presumably some members Allied Council will enjoy diplomatic status by virtue their positions as representatives their respective Govts near SCAP. If however to meet situation there you consider advisable issue diplomatic identification cards to principal civilian members and assistants on respective Allied Council members Staffs Dept perceives no objection.

ACHESON

ACTION: DIPLOMATIC SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1, G-2,  
AG, C GOVT SECT

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TOO: 140921 Z  
MCN: SA 58/14

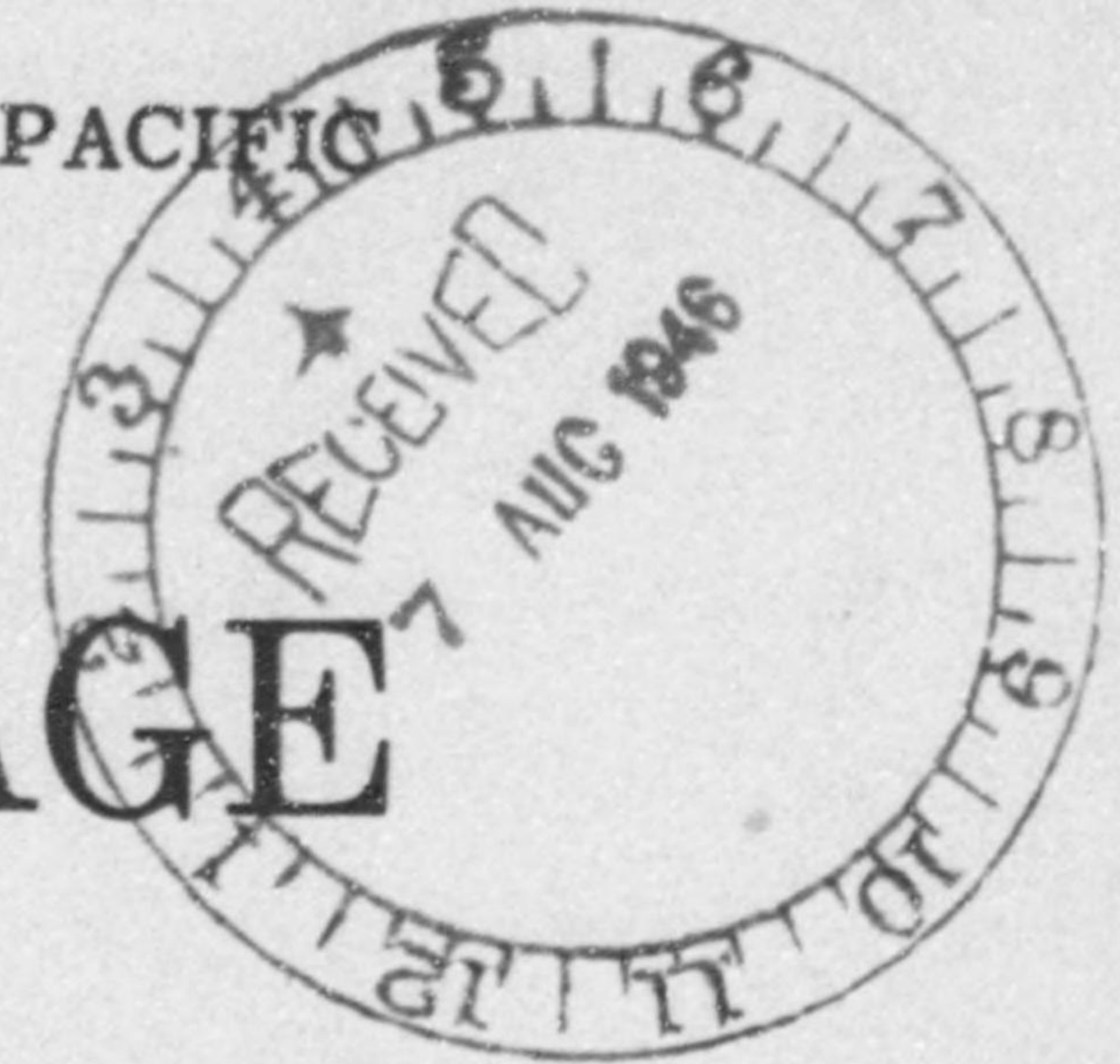
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7 August 1946

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FROM : WASHINGTON (WDCSA)  
TO : CINCPAC  
NR : W 96610

*F.E.C.*

Soviet member of Disarmament Committee of Far Eastern Commission has questioned efficacy of surveillance over former Japanese Officers. US representative has taken position that this is not a matter for FEC decision since it is question of implementation of measure such as Ordinance nbr 30 of Ministry of Home Affairs, dtd June 20, 1946. In this connection it is noted that at fourth meeting of Allied Council other members asked some questions relating to demobilization of former Japanese Officers which were not fully answered at that time. To deal more easily with this question in FEC and to insure coordinated stand by US both in Washington and Tokyo, request report on what further info, if any, was given to members of Allied Council as result of these questions.

REVISED:

NO SIG

ACTION: DIPLOMATIC SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, G-3, AG,  
C GOVT SECT

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TOO : 061805 Z

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6 August 1946

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FROM : SCAP  
TO : WASHINGTON (WDSCA)  
NR : C-63844.

Reur W-95789. Six months have elapsed since SCAP first brought to the attention of FEC the need for experts on the SCAP staff. Very few were furnished for the numerous vacancies which then existed. It was therefore necessary for efficient operation that SCAP obtain required personnel from available American sources, and all vacancies have now been filled. Experts from other governments are not therefore now required. Should a substantial number of vacancies occur in the future or should special personnel be needed, SCAP will again bring this matter to the attention of FEC.

The individuals nominated by USSR (named in reference message) are presently serving with the Soviet member of the Allied Council for Japan and thus are contributing to the occupation. There is no provision for integration of staff personnel of members of the Allied Council into SCAP Headquarters and any attempt to do so would be undesirable.

OFFICIAL:

JOHN B. COOLEY,  
Colonel, A.G.D.  
Adjutant General.



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*FEC*

4 August 1946

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FROM : WASHINGTON (FROM STATE DEPT)  
TO : SCAP  
INFO : WAR DEPT CHIEF OF STAFF (FOR POLITICAL ADVISER)  
NR : W SVC 8777 (DTG 030334 Z) (STATE SERIAL 426, AUG 2, 6PM)

Russians have raised FEC objection to extension Jap fishing and whaling areas (DES 481 from POLAD July 1, 1946). Informal minutes being transmitted airmail. Following desired by FEC Sub-Committee

- (1) Will any additional catch fish be used for export?
- (2) To what extent could additional fish be substituted for foods now imported or which otherwise would have to be imported?
- (3) What is current annual fish consumption Japan in relation total caloric intake?
- (4) Is there possibility increasing catch substantially in formerly authorized areas without using larger vessels?

In addition, Dept wishes info and analysis current fisheries programs in terms current needs and objectives, particularly reference boat building program and extension fishing areas. Dept informed basis extension fishing areas and building program is domestic need fishery products. Please confirm, indicating place of fish in total domestic food availability.

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FROM : WASHINGTON (FROM STATE DEPT) , NR: W SVC 8777, 4 Aug 46,

Dept desires comment on basis decision build additional fishing vessels of types proposed in relation need other shipping and other use for materials. What if any significance need for employment and foreign exchange in relation fisheries program? Observations current status export program fisheries production will be helpful.

From Russian representative FEC and other sources appears Russia desires urgent expansion domestic fisheries program and acquisition fishing and whaling vessels. Is negotiating with American firms construction various types deep sea fishing and whaling vessels. Russian interest fishing operations elsewhere in Pacific also indicates possible Russian intention assume position re Pacific fisheries held pre-war by Japan.

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ACTION: DIPLOMATIC SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4, AG,  
C GOVT SECT, ECON & SCI SECT, NAT RES SECT

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MCN : SA 73/03

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FROM : WASHINGTON (WDSKA)  
TO : CINCPAC  
NR : W 95789

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For 3 nominations to your Staff made by USSR representative FEC recd by State from Chairman FEC are transmitted for your consideration:

1. Moisei Semenovitch USATCH. Born 09. Graduated 32 Technological Institute Kiev. 14 Years Mechanic-Engr Ship-building plants. Employed Soviet Purchasing Commission USA Aug 44 to Oct 45. Knows English. Now in Tokyo Office USSR member Allied Council for Japan. Approval requested by USSR member FEC as "Chief of Reparations Div";

2. P Karpovich Moskalov. Born 03. Graduated 36 Mil Air Academy. 10 yrs mil Engr. Rank of Engr-Colonel. Employed Soviet Purchasing Commission USA for 44-45. Knows English. Now in Tokyo Office USSR member Allied Council for Japan. Approval requested by USSR member FEC as "Chief of Section or Group Reparations Div".

3. I. V. Ochrimenko. Born 09. Engineering Naval Education. Served Red Army since 26. Rank of Engr Capt of 2nd rank. English poor. Now in Tokyo Office USSR member Allied Council for Japan. Approval requested by USSR member FEC as "Asst Chief of Sect or Group of Reparations Div".

These nominations are based upon views expressed your radio to McCoy of 8 Feb 46 presented to FEC in FEC 069. Nothing further.

NO SIG

(Not received from F.E.C.)

ACTION: G-1 (Not able to locate in AG, GS or CinC files)

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, G-4, AG, C GOVT SECT, ECON & SCI SECT, DIPLOMATIC SECT, CIV PROP CUST

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ROUTINE

27 July 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (STATE DEPARTMENT)  
TO : SCAP  
INFO : WAR DEPT (CHIEF OF STAFF FOR POLAD)  
NR : WAR SVC 8550 (TOO 260157/Z)

FEC July 25 meeting highlights:

1. Approved request for consultation SCAP re constitution (see infotel July 24 1 PM).

2. Heard and placed on FEC agenda "Proposed US Plan for Reparations Conference" (FEC 081). Summary: US proposes FEC sponsor reparations conference for Japan attended by 11 FEC countries. Convened not later than Aug 15 1946, to remain continuous session until agreement reached re: final establishment character extent Jap assets available reparations, final establishment shares in total reparations pool apportionable claimant countries, procedure whereby claimants obtain assets they most want, and establishment international machinery for resolving disputes and undertaking appropriate liaison with SCAP while removals being made. Decisions should be reached in light Potsdam, established FEC policies and declared occupation objectives. Final settlement subject ratification by FEC.

US requested above proposal remain commission agenda without reference subcommittee facilitate immediate reference home govts and fast action.

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FROM: WASHINGTON NR: WAR SVC 8550 DTD: 27 JULY 1946 CONT:

ACTION: DIPLOMATIC SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG,  
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*F.E.C.* 27 July 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (FROM WDSCA)  
TO : CINCPAC  
NR : W 95503

Subj is advance transfers of Japanese reparations per proposed SWNCC statement of US position for presentation to FEC re this subj contains conclusions condensed per fol. Your comments requested.

"A. It is position US Govt that SCAP should effect immediate delivery of assets within Japan as advanced payment on account of ultimate reparations shares provided

1. Such assets fall within categories of Japanese facilities, equipment or property which FEC has declared available for reparations transfer.

2. Such assets should be delivered by SCAP only to those countries

a Whose productive or transportation facilities, other than ocean shipping, have suffered heavy damage as direct result of Japanese hostilities;

b Which provide evidence that the immediate and useful employment of such assets is practical; and

c Which provide evidence that employment of rehabilitated, repaired or reconstructed facilities can contribute, directly, to immediate relief and rehabilitation requirements of war - devastated economy of claimant country or, indirectly, to relief needs of other parts of Asia devastated by Jap Armed Forces.

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3. No single country should claim or receive delivery of more than 5% in quantity or value of any single category of available assets as determined in subpar 1 and authorized for transfer under the provisions of subpar 2 above.

4. Assets specified for delivery should represent, in total quantity or value, not more than 15% of any single category of available assets as determined in subpar 1 above.

"B. SCAP should maintain such records as necessary to enable the Reparations Agency for Japan to account for any such advance transfers as offsets against ultimate fulfillment of approved and recognized over-all national reparations claims.

"C. If above percentages for relief transfers prove to be inconsistent with final allotments from various specified categories of assets available for reparations, Reparations Agency for Japan when established should make necessary adjustment or offsets in quantity or value."

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ACTION: CIV PROP CUST

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG, C GOV'T SECT,  
ECON & SCI SECT, DIPLOMATIC SECT,

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ROUTINE

26 July 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (WDSKA)  
TO : CINCPAC  
NR : WCL 30468

During Gen Schulgens visit to Theater, problem of distribution to Theater of FEC papers discussed. CAD requests estimate number required. To which address should shipment be sent.

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ACTION: DIPLOMATIC SECT  
INFORMATION: C GOVT SECT

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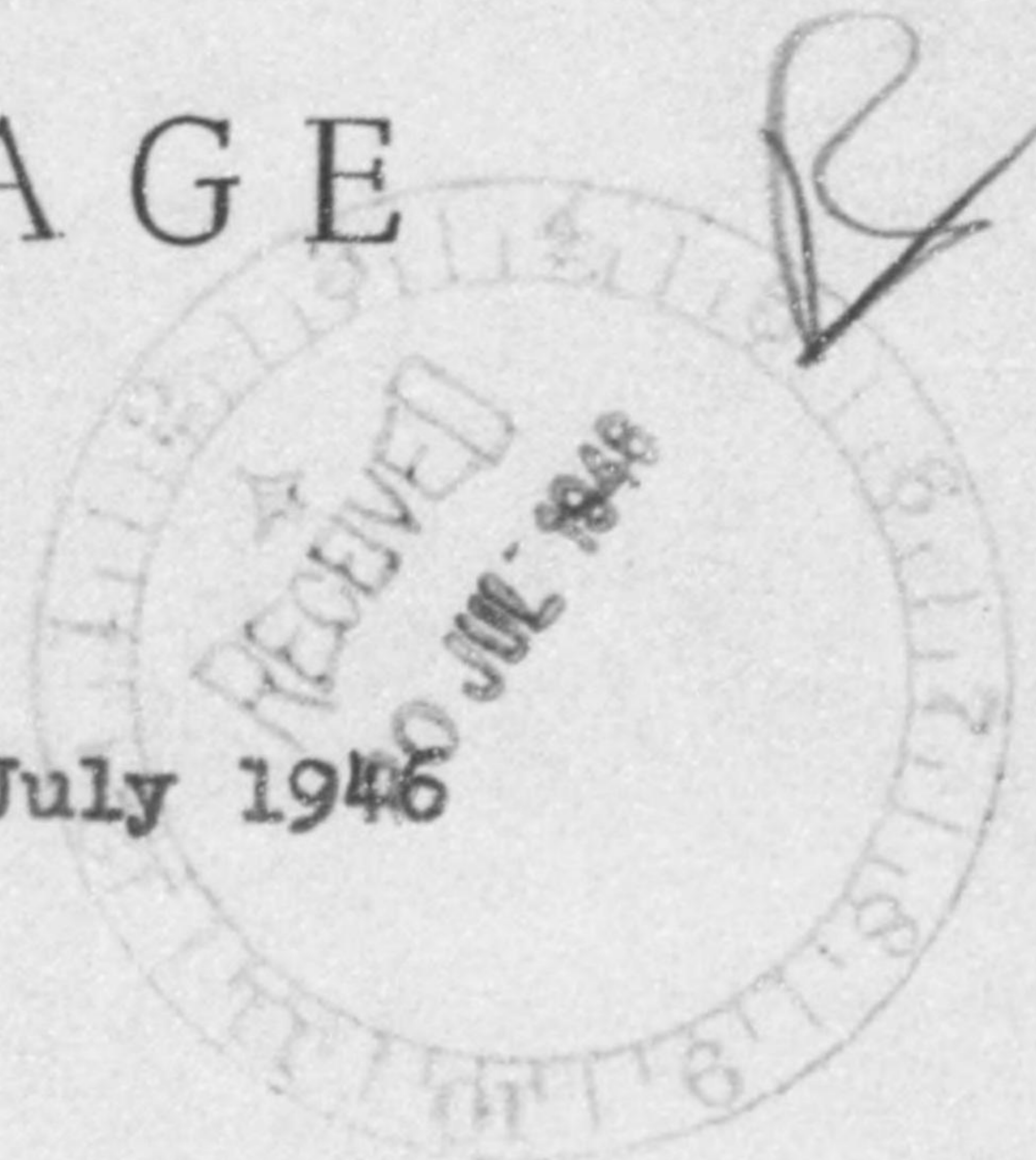


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ROUTINE *F.E.C.* 20 July 1946



FROM : WASHINGTON (WDCSA)  
TO : CINCAFPAC  
NR : W 94949

In order to strengthen his position in discussions on demilitarization of Japan, it is desirable that US Representative be able to inform Far Eastern Commission that, for all practical purposes:

A. All Japanese Coast Defenses have been completely demilitarized,

B. Japanese Ground, Naval and Air Forces and Secret Police have been completely disarmed and demobilized,

C. Save for personnel and arms required in carrying out your directives to Japanese Government as to maintenance of law and order, Japanese Gendarmery has been disarmed and demobilized,

D. Arms remaining in possession of civil populace are so insignificant in number as to have no bearing on policy decisions of the Commission nor to warrant any further expensive attempt at search and confiscation.

Information available here is incomplete and your early comments requested as to whether you can confirm statement listed above.

NO SIG

ACTION: ~~C. GOVT SECT~~ *E-2*

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG,  
DIPLOMATIC SECT

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T00: 191710Z  
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ROUTINE

*F.E.C.*

18 JUNE 1946

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FROM : WASHINGTON (WDSCA)  
TO : CINCPAC (MACARTHUR)  
NR : WCL 49948

Reference is FEC Policy decision of 5 June 46 on aliens in Japan, a directive on which has been forwarded you by JCSN. Commissions decision was unanimous. It is felt that the following excerpts from the minutes would be interesting to you: "Item 2-Aliens in Japan (FEC 034/1) Mr Dolbin referred to Par 2F and stated that he desired the Soviet view made a matter of record the effect that German Nationals should be subjected to more stringent restrictions than Nationals of Axis Satellite countries. He said, however, that he was prepared to approve the document in its present form. The commission unanimously approved FEC 034/1."

MCCOY

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, AG,  
C GOVT SEC, DIPLOMATIC SECTION

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14 June 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON  
TO : CINCPAC  
NR : W 91054

*FEC*

Reurad May 61254. Cable in 4 parts.

1. Subject is ASN in production capacity levels for Japan. Now before SWNCC is a paper on this subject.

2. Paper conclusions are:

A. Policy governing assured production capacity levels for Japan, as stated in appendix "C", is suitable for adoption by FEC.

B. US Member of FEC should be authorized on behalf of US Govt to deviate from recommended assured minimum capacity levels presented in appendix "C", if such deviation should prove necessary to secure agreement in FEC to this program, as follows:

(1) Reduction by amount not exceeding 20% of levels stated therein;

(2) Increase by amount not exceeding 10 % of levels stated therein, save that there should be no increase in recommended assured production capacity of machine tool industry of shipbuilding industry.

C. Add program of assured production capacity levels for other Japanese industries, where fear of reparations removals may currently constitute a deterrent to essential industrial revival, should be drawn up by SWNCC for submittal to, and approval by, FEC.

3. Tapes appendix "C" substantially as follows:

A. SCAP should be informed as to interim assured production capacity level established for each of categories of Jap industry listed below and instructed that he may designate for retention specific plants and establishments, associated with each category, whose aggregated production capacity does not exceed the level established for that category. Such designation should be

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interpreted to mean that:

(1) In judgment of SCAP, operation of these plants and establishments, individually and collectively, is practical in terms of current needs for their products, and in terms of such conditioning factors as availability of raw materials, power, and labor;

(2) Owners and management are assured that particular facility will not be subject to removal under the interim program or subsequent disarmament or reparations.

B. Machine tool industry. Assured production capacity level for Jap machine tool industry should be placed at a balanced type-size aggregate of 10,000 units annually

C. Arsenals, Army and Navy. None

D. Aircraft industry (including aircraft engines). None

E. Shipbuilding industry. 80,000 gross tons of new construction, and supporting facilities, for service and repair of a merchant fleet of 2.0 million gross tons.

F. Iron and steel industry. Aggregate of 2.0 million metric tons of steel ingot, and aggregate of 500,000 metric tons of pig iron annually.

G. Light metals industry. None

H. Thermal electric power industry. Aggregate installed public utility capacity of 1.0 million kilowatts.

I. Soda ash, chlorine, and caustic soda industry. 260,000 metric tons of soda ash, 35,000 metric tons of chlorine, and 100,000 metric tons of caustic soda annually.

J. Selection of facilities. Among principles to govern selection of facilities for retention under this program should be following:

(1) Security considerations, which indicate that certain facilities have been less directly associated with mil production in past and have less potential for conversion to War purposes in future than others.

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WASHINGTON RDO W 91054 DTD 14 JUNE 1946 CONT'D:

(2) Occupation policies looking toward destruction of Zaibatsu wealth and influence, and towards encouragement of new industrial ownership and management which will contribute to economic rehabilitation in a manner consistent with purposes of occupation.

(3) Needs of Jap economy embracing such factors as geographical location of individual plants with respect to markets, raw materials, manpower, power supply, and complementary facilities; and variations in specific products as among types, sizes, and other variable characteristics.

4. Request you comments soonest.

WDSCA

ACTION: ECON & SCI SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4, AG, C GOVT  
SECT, NAT RES SECT, CIV PROP CUST

*Info Eyo  
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TOO: 122302 Z  
MCN: ZUE 94/13

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RESTRICTED  
ROUTINE

FROM : WASHINGTON  
TO : CINCAFPAC  
NR : W 87071

Reourad Apr W 86100 State advises number representatives on Far Eastern Commission express active interest in policy re Zaibatsu. U S deferred action and obtained postponement action by FEC pending receipt Edwards Rpt with your comments. Gen argument has been this Rpt indispensable to any steps toward realistic inter-allied policy. Upon receipt Edwards Rpt State proposes submitting US policy on Major issues for approval SWNCC and FEC. State has no desire restrict initiative Japanese Govt in formulating own solution Zaibatsu problem but believes it most important freedom of action be retained to Req changes or AD should these be necessary to confirm FEC decisions.

WARCOS

ACTION: ECON & SCI SEC

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG, C GOVT SEC,  
DIPLOMATIC SEC

W-86100 "Although cps available here action and release on report Textile and Edwards mission waiting Off receipt reports fr SCAP plus comments on Edwards report. Request they be forwarded sooner."

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TOO: 071521 Z  
MCN: SA 150/07

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

CONFIDENTIAL  
URGENT

29 April 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (WDCMC)  
TO : CINCAFPAC  
NR : SVC 17735

Reference your C 60393 here with retransmittal of  
W 35763.

"Far Eastern Commission today approved policy statement  
as follows:

In view of the world food shortage, which will be  
at its most critical stage over the next 3 months, and in view  
of the conditions prevailing in the territories of the Allied  
Powers, the Far Eastern Commission:

1. Decides as a matter of policy that, except to  
the extent that the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, with  
the advice of the Allied Council for Japan, determines that imports  
are essential immediately for the safety of occupation forces, no  
imports shall be permitted which will have the effect of giving to  
the Japanese a priority or preferential treatment over the require-  
ments of the peoples of any Allied Power or Liberated Area; and

2. Request the United States Government, in the  
light of the policy set out above, immediately to review the  
food import program for Japan in consultation with the United  
Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, the Combined  
Food Board, and other allocating authorities.'

For your information, War Dept, through not having  
direct advisory capacity to Far Eastern Commission, was not consulted  
in preparation of this policy statement. War Dept regards as  
particularly unfortunate the implication in para 2 of statement  
that current US program is in accordance with a policy more gen-  
erous than that stated by Far Eastern Commission. Immediate efforts  
will be made to have publicized the fact that policy now being  
followed by the US is exactly in accordance with decision of  
Commission."

NO SIG

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WASHINGTON RADIO SVC 17735 DATED 29 APRIL 46 CONTINUED:

ACTION: ECON & SCI SEC

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4, AG, C GOVT  
SEC, NAT RES SEC, US REP ALLIED COUNCIL

NOTE: Ref. C 60393 requested retransmission of W 85763.

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TOO: 281703 Z  
MCN: YD 28/29

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PRIORITY

27 April 1946

FROM : WAR  
TO : CINCPAC  
NR : W 85986

Reference WAR 85763, 25 April. Following quotation from New York Times 26 April, is indicative of press treatment today of Far Eastern Commissions decision:

Later J H Hildring, Assistant Secretary of State, issued a statement declaring that "The State Departments pleased" that the Far Eastern Commission approves "The policy under which the United States has heretofore been requesting allocations of food for the Japanese.

"Unfortunately, because of the world food shortage, it has not been possible even under these very rigid standards to meet the minimum requirements and actual shipments have fallen far below the approved allocation under these very minimum requirements," he said.

WD understands that Commissions formal action on its decision of yesterday will allow of reply by US government without unduly involving your headquarters. No Action believed necessary by you at present. You will be kept advised.

WARCOS

R-E-V-I-S-E-D

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4, AG, C GOVT SEC,  
ECON & SCI SEC, NAT RES SEC, DIPLOMATIC SECTION

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MCN: YD 26

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

April 26, 1946

FROM: US POLAD, Tokyo

No. 192

TO : SECSTATE

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192, April 26, 1946.

For the Acting Secretary:

1. Associated Press reports Far Eastern Commission has laid down policy that the United States should send only enough food to Japan to safeguard Allied Occupation Forces. Question of food policy is on the agenda for the third meeting of the Allied Council schedules for April 30. In the absence of a directive and insofar as the Council is concerned, I have been prepared to meet this question in Council by presenting views as follows:

"There is strong question in my mind as to how far the Council may properly proceed in a substantive discussion of the amount of food which the United States sends to the Occupation Forces for Japanese consumption for the purpose of safeguarding the Occupation Forces and the Occupation in Japan. If the Occupation Forces were not taking steps, such as provision of necessary food supplies, to preclude insofar as possible starvation, hunger and unrest which would adversely affect the Occupation from military as well as political point of view, it would be logical for members of the Council to offer advice in the matter. The reverse however is true. The United States is sending this food to the Occupation Forces--actually to USAFPAC rather than to SCAP--for the purposes mentioned. The food is being provided by the United States alone, not through an international organization concerned with the distribution of contributions by various countries. The burden falls upon the United States and there is no question but that it is far better for the United States to send food than to have to send large numbers of additional troops. It seems to me therefore that in the absence of a governing policy directive stipulating that the Japanese people are to be limited in their per capita food consumption, the question of how much food United States sends to safeguard the Occupation Forces and the Occupation is not one which properly comes before the Council. Certainly the question whether the United States might send some of this food to other countries is entirely outside the Council's purview."

2. The question of food policy was placed on the agenda at the request of the British Commonwealth Member (an Australian). We understand that question was raised in the Far Eastern Commission by the New Zealand representative. The wording of the item on our agenda is: "An inquiry about Allied food policy in Japan in relation to the present world shortage of foodstuffs and the standards of food con-



sumption prevailing in other defeated countries." The purpose of the inquiry here I believe is clearly to raise the question whether food for Japan provided by the United States should not be allocated to some other country. I submit my opinion that the question of the distribution of food provided by the United States alone outside the scope of any international agreement is not subject to decision or determination by any other than United States Government. Certainly determination of the question of how much food should be sent to Japan by the United States to safeguard the Allied Occupation Forces is one solely for determination by the United States. I submit further that, over and above the paramount question of preventing unrest and most serious military as well as political difficulties, we are under moral obligation to do what we can to prevent hunger and starvation in this country. I am mindful of remarks made some time ago by a SCAP spokesman pointing out that the islands of Japan are in a sense analogous to a huge concentration camp. There is no barbed wire fence around these islands but we are in a military occupation here and, at this stage, our efforts to revive manufacture of exports to exchange for imports of food are necessarily restricted to channels which the United States has set up. Thus the Japanese are not yet free to trade abroad (before the war they had to import from 15 to 20 per cent of their foodstuffs) or indeed to utilize all of their own resources. While the progress and purposes of the Occupation will eventually place the responsibility solely upon the Japanese to provide for themselves, that time has not yet come and our obligation has not ended. We are indeed trying Japanese war criminals for failure to provide sufficient food to American and other Allied internees and prisoners of war.

3. If actions of the United States Government pertaining to security of its forces are to be subject to review at the direction of an Allied body acting on the basis of political considerations, the opportunities for embarrassment and hindrance to our executive administration of the Occupation might become so increased as to endanger seriously our position here.

4. Adverse propaganda by interested foreign representatives and others may easily obscure and distort realities of the situation and adversely affect our position in the eyes of the American public. There is no question here whether we should be harsh or should be soft on the Japanese. Our Occupation Authorities are faced with a serious and concrete military problem, not to mention important political considerations having definite bearing upon our long-range objectives. As a means of clarifying position here and of offsetting propaganda adverse to our policy and position, it is suggested Department furnish the press with pertinent facts and considerations inherent in the situation and which support our position.



5. Please see radios exchanged between General MacArthur and War on subject of food needs in connection with Occupation. References are:

From War Department to SCAP  
W80091  
WX 89675  
W 96126  
W 98710  
W 97085

From SCAP to War Department:  
CA 56217  
CA 56674  
EA 56727  
CA 57156  
CA 58100  
CA 58445  
C 59377  
C 59880

6. This telegram sent with concurrence and approval of General MacArthur.

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ROUTINE

21 April 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON  
TO : CINCPAC  
NR : WCL 85247

In December exchange of letters acting Secy of State and Secy of War agreed upon importance of quickly providing full current info on developments Japan to FEC as basis for consideration policy questions. Depts feel liberal policy in matter improves position of US VIS a VIS other members.

Although many valuable reports already provided by your Hq widely used and appreciated, important sources info not yet available to FEC or key Washington Agencies which prepare material in support of US views. Therefore request 20 copies each post-surrender English language editions Official Gazette ( Kampo ) and English language reports of proceedings Japanese Diet desired pursuant SCAP in 179 be airmailed earliest CAD designated by SW to service FEC. Request applies to future issues.

WARCOS

ACTION: C GOVT SECT

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG, DIPLOMATIC SECTION.

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12.	WASHINGTON (McCoy)	28 Mar 46	CINCAFPAC	<u>W-82358</u> - Ref. W-81600, W-82176. requesting early reply.

Elections



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C/S SJC/ceh

31 March, 1946.

FROM : SCAP (MACARTHUR)  
TO : WASHINGTON (JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR McCOY)  
NR : Z-27797.

Reference your W-82740. No objection.

Refers: W-82740.



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INCOMING MESSAGE  
SECRET  
URGENT

31 March 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (FROM JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF)  
TO : CINCPAC (FOR MACARTHUR)  
NR : W 82740

Ref CX 59200, C 59222, C 59335 and W 81600 Gen McCoy requests this message be transmitted. Begin message: The Far Eastern Commission met this morning to discuss the Japanese election date and your views on the subject as outlined in urads CX 59200, C 59222 and C 59335. Upon due consideration the Commission agreed that any action on its part in connection with the date of the forthcoming election as Apr 10 was unnecessary.

The Commission has requested your agreement that your views as outlined in the above cited messages be made available by the Far Eastern Commission to the press along with the text of the communication to you (W 81600). I concur in the release of this to the press with the exception of the following phrase which appeared in your CX 59200: "Furthermore, postponement has been supported by practically only the Communist element whose present political strength is negligible but who seek to gain from the confusion and breakdown in the orderly protracted denial of popular participation in Government through legislative means."

Request your approval earliest.

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URGENT  
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TOO : 302215 Z  
MCN : SB 03/31

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NR: W 82740, FROM: WASH (FROM JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF) 31 Mar CONT'D

ACTION: SECY GEN STAFF

DISTRIBUTION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG

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T00 : 302215 Z  
MCN : SB 03/31

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30 March, 1946.

FROM : SCAP (MACARTHUR)  
TO : WAROPDIV (FOR MCGOY)  
NR : C-59406.

Last sentence my CX-59200 reads as follows: "Should the results of the election prove disadvantageous to the purposes of the occupation, the remedy is always in my power to require the dissolution of the Diet and the holding of a new election under such provisions as are deemed necessary."

MACARTHUR

W 82645

301201



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S E C R E T

C/S SJC/ceh

29 March, 1946

FROM : SCAP  
TO : WASHINGTON (FOR GENERAL MCCOY)  
NR : C-59358

My CX-59200 and C-59222 to you and C-59335 to Waropdiv were  
intended as official dispatches for submission to Commission.

MACARTHUR

W-82358

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C/S SJC/ceh

28 March, 1946

FROM : SCAP  
TO : WAROPDIV  
NR : C-59335.

The full discussion of your WCL 82176 is contained in my CX 59200 and my C 59222 addressed to the chairman of the Far Eastern Commission, General McCoy. These messages were sent for official submission to the Commission.

In direct reply to your queries: (1) No. (2) No. (3) The suggested statement seems wholly unnecessary as the conditions it would announce are inherent in the situation and are completely understood as I can require dissolution of the Diet and call for another election at any time.

281429

Refers to W-82740.



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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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URGENT

28 March 46

FROM : WASHINGTON DC (MCCOY)  
TO : CINCAFPAC (PERSONAL TO MACARTHUR)  
NR : W 82358

Reference W 81600 and W 82176 earliest possible reply requested to official telegram sent to you by the Far Eastern Commission W 82176. Delay at this end in transmission of this message from the Commission to the War Department has placed me under considerable pressure from the Commission. I bring this to your attention since I fear that garble in transmission of my personal message to you, W 81600, may lead you to believe that it was the official telegram from the Commission. I have not communicated to the Commission the views you expressed in your replies to me (C 5900 and C 59222) but am awaiting your official dispatch to the Commission.

WAROPDIV

ACTION: SECY GEN STAFF

INFORMATION: COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG

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URGENT  
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TOO: 280056-Z  
MCN: SB 27/28

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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PRIORITY

28 March 1946.

FROM : WASHINGTON  
TO : CINCAFPAC  
NR : WCL 82176

Message from the Far Eastern Commission, Re  
Japanese General Election, follows:

The Far Eastern Commission has given some short preliminary and tentative consideration to the position that may arise after the forthcoming Japanese elections. Having regard to the established position throughout the country of the more reactionary political parties, and to the very short period available to the parties of a more liberal tendency to circulate their views and organize support, the members of the commission are not without the apprehension that the holding of the election at such an early date may well give a decisive advantage to the reactionary parties and thus create the embarrassment of a Japanese Government elected in terms of a Potsdam Declaration "In accordance with the freely expressed will of the Japanese people", which might not, in fact, truly represent their wishes, and with which it might prove impossible for the Supreme Command to cooperate. From another point of view, the commission feel the difficulty of expecting a fully instructed, intelligent and authoritative expression of the views of the Japanese people on their political future during this uncertain period when the whole of the future economic structure of Japan is still in doubt, and when a proportion of the electorate must necessarily be disfranchised owing to absence. Finally, the issue of the draft constitution, of which you have approved, makes the constitution at this late stage an election issue, upon which there can be little time for consideration by the Japanese people, and at the same time may give an undue political advantage to the political party preferring this constitution.

The Far Eastern Commission would be most grateful.

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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RADIO FROM WASHINGTON NR WCL 82176 DTD 28 MARCH 1946. CONT'D.

If the Supreme Commander could let them have a very early expression of his views generally, and in particular on the following questions:

1. Does the Supreme Commander share the apprehensions expressed above?

2. If so, would he consider it possible and desirable to require a further postponement of the Japanese elections, and in that case, for what period?

3. If the Supreme Commander should not consider a further postponement desirable at this late date, would he express his views on the desirability, as an alternative, of publicly prescribing that the forthcoming election will be regarded as a test of the ability of Japan to produce a responsible and democratic government in full accordance with the wishes of the people and that further elections will be held at a later date.

WAROPDIV

ACTION: SECY GEN STAFF

INFORMATION: COMMANDER-in-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, AG

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TOO: 271650 Z  
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C/S BJC/ceh  
26 March 46.

FROM : CINCAFPAC (GEN MACARTHUR)  
TO : WASHINGTON (FOR GEN McCOY)  
NR : Z-26633.

Further reference your W-81600. The following from this morning's issue of Nippon Times appears to impartially estimate the existing political situation and may be of interest to the Commission: Heading "Parties are probing chances for victory", sub-heading "Difficulty found in making estimates as election setup has been changed". Article: "What party will have the majority support of the people at the coming general elections? That is not a problem of interest only to the people, for all the political parties themselves would like to know the answer to that problem. Already the Progressive Party with Kan Inukai, the Liberal Party with Tsuruhei Matsuno, the Social Democratic Party with Rikyzo Hirano, the Communist Party with Kyuichi Tokuda, and the Kyodoto with Tadao Ikawa, as their respective election campaign managers, are busily engaged now in figuring the prospect of their parties, with statistics and the tabulations, reports the Mainichi.

Yet all parties are finding it difficult to make estimates because it is yet unknown how women voters, new youth voters, and the restricted plural ballot system will affect the election. Furthermore, as most of the candidates are new men, their strength and positions are unknown. As a result, all parties are unable to predict correctly the election results and, therefore, are determined to place more emphasis on their campaign activities.



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The Progressive Party, after studying the situation all over the country, recognizes the popularity of the Social Democratic Party, but calculates results favorable to itself, because its candidates are mostly influential men in their localities who have public confidence. The Progressive Party is succeeding mainly to the grounds of the former Minseito, with the addition of the anti-Hatoyama faction. Thus it believes it is stronger than the Liberal Party. The Progressive Party thus estimates that it will have 150 to 200 members elected, and further believes that it will be able to bring into its organization independent and neutral candidates who compose more than one-half of the candidates.

On the other hand, the Liberal Party is certain of winning more than one-half of the members from almost 20 prefectures and of having about 200 members elected, thereby becoming the first party.

The Social Democratic Party is confident of gaining the support of majority of the voters in Aomori, Iwate, Akita, Fukushima, Tokyo, Yamanashi, Nagano, Niigata, Aichi, Kyoto, Osaka, Okayama, Hiroshima, Kagawa, Kochi, Tottori, Fukuoka and Kagoshima. As to the result of the election, the Social Democratic Party believes that the three parties, Progressive, Liberal and Social, and Social Democratic, will occupy the three main positions, each with 150 members elected. The parties' candidates, the Party headquarters insists, have gained the true support of the masses.

The Communist Party has about 100 candidates, and its campaign meetings are well attended. But the observations made by the abovementioned three parties say that the Communist Party will have less than ten members elected.



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The kyodo Party is hopeful of having about 30 candidates elected, its influence being strong in the Hokkaido, Nagano and Ibaragi.

The election of independent, neutral and small party candidates, is estimated at about 80 to 90.

Informed Government circles observe that the Liberal Party will become the first party with about 150 elected, while the second and third parties will come with only a 20 to 30 difference. It is yet to be seen whether the Liberal Party or the Social Democratic Party will become the second party.

The actual results will depend on the future campaign, but it is observed that the Social Democratic Party will cut into the grounds of the Progressive and Liberal Parties, and particularly influence the youths who newly gained franchise rights."

MacArthur

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25 MARCH 1946

FROM : SCAP (GENERAL MacARTHUR)  
TO : WASHINGTON (GENERAL McCOY)  
NR : C-59222.

The last sentence of your W-81600 was apparently omitted when received here and has just been transmitted. It reads: "(3) the fact that the Draft Constitution is now an election issue which has been unduly influenced in favor of the party in power by your recent expression of approval thereof in the press." The Commission seems to be laboring under a confusion of thought in believing that the Constitution has been put forth by any particular party. The cabinet itself does not represent any party. The Prime Minister, Shidehara, is completely independent and has no party affiliations whatsoever. All parties in Japan, except the Communist Party, overwhelmingly favor the proposed Constitution, which represents the work of men from many different groups and many different affiliations. It has created confidence in the cabinet but cannot be regarded as an appreciable factor in the elections as practically every candidate except the Communist support it. My own approval of it will have no slightest effect in any way upon the election returns or any party or any candidate.

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24 March, 1946.

FROM : SCAP (MACARTHUR)  
TO : WASHINGTON (GENERAL McCOY)  
NR : CX-59200.

Reference URAD W-81600. The basis of occupational policy is the utilization of the Japanese Government to the fullest extent, under SCAP supervision and control. This is only possible through a functioning legislative body to enact new laws required to implement SCAP directives and to provide for routine governmental business. The alternative is government by imperial edict which denies to the Japanese people the right to participate in their own domestic affairs. Such an emphasis upon the power of the Emperor would obviously be both undemocratic and unwise and would negative the basic principles envisaged at Potsdam, which we have proclaimed and are meticulously following. The present Diet is completely unsatisfactory because of its war taint and its unrepresentative character, having been elected in 1942 under Tojo's control. It is imperative that a more representative body be organized at the earliest possible date. The urgent requirements of the present situation demand an expression of popular will. The results of the election will serve to define more clearly the political picture, to clarify political issues and political parties and to indicate the nature and trend of popular opinion. It will also provide for popular participation in the determination of major questions. The suffrage base



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has been greatly broadened through the lowering of the minimum age requirements and the removal of restrictions on sex. By the application of the purge directive of January 4, 90% of the members of the present Diet, as well as many other persons holding high government office in the war administration, have been removed from government service and barred from public office or activity as officers of political parties. No political group has thereby suffered so greatly as the reactionaries. Every candidate for the new Diet, of whom there are over 3000, has been screened for affiliation or association with militarism and ultra-nationalism. Many reforms in the electoral system have been accomplished. The election laws are now sufficiently democratic to provide ample opportunity for a free expression of the popular will. The campaign and the election are being carefully watched and closely studied by the forces under my command, with the objective of verifying the democratic nature of the electoral process.

It is probable that the new Diet will be the most truly responsive body to the will of the people that has ever served Japan and will provide the basis for a much more representative cabinet. Under any circumstances, it will certainly be a great improvement over the last Diet along democratic and liberal lines. There is no ground for supposition that the reactionary party will secure a greater advantage as a result of the election at this time than at a later date. Political activity is now widespread. Any postponement of the election would inevitably result in greater advantage to the more experienced and better organized reactionary group severely crippled by the purge order who would thereby be provided the opportunity to regroup and strengthen. Furthermore, postponement has been supported by practically only



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the Communist element whose present political strength is negligible but who seek to gain from the confusion and breakdown in the orderly process of government which would result from protracted denial of popular participation in government through legislative means.

Any postponement would certainly be misunderstood by the Japanese people, and would have a profound adverse reaction upon the purposes and success of the occupation. Should the results of the election prove disadvantageous to the purposes of the occupation, the remedy is always in my power to require the dissolution of the Diet and the holding of a new election under such provisions as are deemed necessary.

MACARTHUR

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, U. S. ARMY FORCE, PACIFIC  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
RADIO AND CABLE CENTER

## INCOMING MESSAGE

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22 March 1946

FROM : WASHINGTON (FROM MCGOY)  
TO : CINCPAC (PERSONAL TO MACARTHUR)  
NR : W 81600

*(see no. 6 in this file)*  
Reference W 98139. Since the organization of the New Far Eastern Commission considerable concern has been shown by the Majority of the Representatives on the matter of the Timing of the Japanese Elections. I have made available to the Commission the substance of your reasons for allowing the Elections to proceed as scheduled but a large majority feel that the Commission should have the advantage of an official expression of your views on certain considerations which they believe have an important bearing on this subject. These considerations are: (1) The fact that the holding of an Election at such an early date may well give a decisive advantage to the Reactionary Party and thus create a Japanese Government elected in terms of the Potsdam Declaration "In accordance with the freely expressed will of the Japanese People," which might not, in fact, truly represent their wishes; (2) The difficulty of expecting a fully instructed and authoritative expression of the views of the Japanese. (3) *The fact that the draft Constitution is now an election issue which has been unduly influenced by your recent expression of approval thereof in the press.*  
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16 March 1946

TO: WARCOS

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EIGHT NINE PD ALL OF ITS PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN INITIATED AND ARE  
EITHER ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED OR WELL ON THEIR WAY THERETO (C-58902)

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16 March 1946

FROM: WASHINGTON (HULL)  
TO : CINCAFPAC (CHAMBERLAIN)  
NR : W 80789

State-War-Navy policy paper on treatment of institution of Emperor is before Joint Chiefs of Staff for comment. One important reason for paper is to state U.S. position for use of General McCoy. Conclusions of paper are briefly as follows: Your comments requested.

1. United States would favor republican form of government in Japan if that were wish of Japanese people. However, majority of Japanese prefer reform rather than elimination of Emperor institution. SCAP, therefore, should not take initiative in advocating complete elimination.

2. Constitutional Monarchy is consistent with U.S. objectives in Japan and should be supported by SCAP.

3. SCAP should not force Japanese into immediate decision regarding ultimate role of Emperor institution since more time for consideration should develop more enlightened attitude.

4. Following specific reforms are desirable. To the extent not already accomplished they should be called to attention of Japanese Government but should not be issued as an order unless Japanese Government clearly shows unwillingness to act.

a. Articles I, II, and IV of Constitution should be changed to indicate Emperor's position is constitutional, not divine.

b. Divinity should not be taught in public schools or through Shinto.

c. Extreme measures to keep person of Emperor mysteriously distant from public should be abandoned.

5. Emperor should demonstrate he is not divine and should mix more freely with foreigners and Japanese. Any attempt to persuade Emperor to participate in his own debunking should not be made known to Japanese people.

WARCOS

ACTION: SEC'Y GEN. STAFF  
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FROM : WASHINGTON (FROM McCOY)  
TO : AFPAC (PERSONAL FOR MACARTHUR)  
NR : W-99134

3 March 1946.

Reference CA 58185. Appreciate greatly your clear cut analysis of Japanese National Election problem. I am sure this information will enable me to handle this matter to our mutual satisfaction. You may rest assured of my determination to safeguard your interests at all times.

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C/S SJC/ceh  
28 February 1946

FROM : CINCAFPAC (MACARTHUR)  
TO : WARCOS (PERSONAL TO GENERAL McCOY)  
NR : Z 20604

Did you receive my message of last week (C-58185) with refer-  
ence to Japanese elections? As I have had no acknowledgment of receipt,  
I fear it may have miscarried.

MACARTHUR

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S E C R E T

C/s SJC/ceh  
23 February 1946

FROM : CINCAFPAC (MacARTHUR)  
TO : WASHINGTON (PERSONAL TO GENERAL McCOY).

C-58185

Reurad W-98139. The basis of occupational policy is to utilize the Japanese Government under SCAP control and direction. This is only possible through a functioning legislative body, as many new laws must be enacted to implement SCAP directives as well as to provide for routine governmental business. The only alternative to such a legislative body would necessitate government through Imperial edict. The emphasis this would in turn place upon the power of the Emperor obviously would be both undemocratic and unwise and would negative the basic principles envisaged at Potsdam which we have proclaimed and are meticulously following. The past Diet is completely unsatisfactory because of its war taint. It is imperative therefore that a more representative body be organized at the earliest possible date. It is entirely probable that the Japanese Government may wish to postpone the tentative date selected by it of March 31 by some thirty days to which I would have no objection. The suffrage base has been greatly broadened, the electorate purged and cleansed of undesirable candidates and many other reforms in the electoral system have been accomplished. The election laws are now in all respects sufficiently democratic to provide an opportunity for an expression of the popular will. In consequence, it is probably that the new diet will be the most truly responsive body to the will of the people in modern Japan. Under any circumstances it will certainly be a great improvement



C-58185 (Cont'd):

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along democratic and liberal lines over the last Diet. Should this estimate prove erroneous, the remedy is always within my power to require dissolution of the Diet and the holding of a new election under such provisions as are deemed necessary. There can be no basis in logic or reason for the opposition to the forthcoming election. Furthermore, it is an administrative measure which falls exclusively within the scope of SCAP's authority and attending responsibility. I should of course be compelled to vigorously resist any unauthorized encroachment upon or challenge to that authority. Please acknowledge receipt.

MACARTHUR



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22 February 1946.

FROM : WASHINGTON (McCOY)  
TO : CINCAFPAC (PERSONAL TO MACARTHUR)  
NR : W 98139.

At the last two meetings of the FEC, certain representatives brought up the subject of the forthcoming Japanese National Election. There was a feeling on the part of four (4) of the delegates that there was doubt as to whether a reasonably representative government may be expected from an election held as early as 31 March 1946. It was further proposed that the Commission send a telegram to the Supreme Commander asking his estimate of the factors involved in this matter.

The US, supported by 3 other Representatives, opposed any action being taken by the Commission on the grounds that the subject was a matter of implementation and not of policy and that such action would constitute an infringement on the prerogatives of the Supreme Commander.

It is evident that this subject will be brought up again at an early date. I am determined not to permit the Commission to interfere in your affairs but I would prefer to do so with the least amount of friction at this stage of the Commission's proceedings. I would, therefore, appreciate your informing me personally of the factors which led to your decision in this matter so that I will be able to handle this affair when it comes up again without recourse to drastic action.

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