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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McCLOY;  
GENERAL HILLDRING;SUBJECT: Brief of Item 2 for 9th Meeting of SWNCC on  
Unconditional Surrender of Japan (SWNCC 21)BACKGROUND

1. Surrender terms were drafted by JFWC in consultation with State Department.
2. After the issuance of SWNCC 16 (memorandum by Navy representative on SWNCC outlining politico-military problems in Pacific for consideration by SWNCC) the JFWC - State Department papers on Unconditional Surrender of Japan were approved by the PFESC (Dooman, Strong and Train only) recommending that SWNCC transmit documents of unconditional surrender to the War and Navy Departments for their comments and recommendations and for those of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

DISCUSSION

3. It is not believed that the documents on the unconditional surrender of Japan have received the consideration of the interested staff agencies of the War Department thus far.
4. The War Department representative on SWNCC should not approve SWNCC 21 at this time but should recommend that SWNCC note it and transmit it to the War and Navy Departments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Note SWNCC 21.
6. Transmit the Appendices to SWNCC 21 to the War and Navy Departments for comment and recommendation.

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