

For the Reparations Dept

22 June 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: REPARATIONS BOARD, JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: New Standards for Maintenance of Reparations
Machines and Equipment in Dead Storage

1. Effective immediately, the Japanese Government is directed to revise its maintenance standards of reparations equipment in dead storage as follows:

a. It is no longer required to maintain machines and equipment in operable condition.

b. Non-working surfaces of machines and equipment stored under cover will remain in their present condition without further expenditure of materials.

c. Working surfaces of machines and equipment that are now preserved with heavy grease, light oil, or any other type of preservative, will remain in their present condition. Preservatives on working surfaces will not be replaced unless Eighth Army or Commander Naval Forces, Far East, believes that the preservative has served its maximum usefulness. At such time only, these preservatives will be replaced by the most economical non-corrosive preservative available which will last the longest period of time. In the future, the practice of using paper in conjunction with preservatives to protect working surfaces is to be discontinued.

d. Exposed surfaces of equipment which are preserved with waterproof paint and are stored in outdoor locations will remain in their present condition. Repainting of such surfaces will be authorized only upon direction of representatives of Eighth Army or Commander Naval Forces, Far East.

e. The using agency will be responsible for cleaning and applying preservatives to machines and equipment to be returned to dead storage from authorized use status.

2. The number of reparations personnel in reparations plants will be reduced to conform with the above maintenance requirements. The pay scale for remaining personnel is not affected by the above revisions.

3. Reconditioning of machines and equipment now in process will be terminated by 1 July 1949.

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1. Arsenals, aircrafts and private munitions.
 - A. Plants not in operation.
 1. The maintenance and security shall be performed and paid for by the Japanese government from the Reparations Maintenance Budget.
 2. Each plants shall submit a cost estimate of maintenance and security for approval.
 - B. Plants having A.U.
 1. The maintenance and custody shall be performed and paid for by the company or companies using the plant and equipment.
 2. Where more than one company is operating in one plant, the work to be performed shall be divided in accordance with the area occupied and the items of equipent used by the company.
 3. When only a small percentage of the equipment contained in the plant is used, an area will be assigned to each company commensurate with the area used by each company and each company will perform all maintenance and security within the area thus assigned. The Japanese Government shall perform all maintenance and security for the remaining area.
 4. A custodian shall be stationed at each plant and be paid for by the Japanese Government from the Reparations Maintenance Budget to see that all requirement of maintenance and security are adequately accomplished.
 5. Each plant shall submit a cost estimate of all cost that is chargeable to the Reparations Maintenance Budget for approval.
- II. All other plants under reparations custody.
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 - B. Plants not in operation.
 1. The maintenance and security shall be performed by the company or companies using the plant and equipment.
 2. A custodian shall be stationed at each plant and be paid for by the Japanese Government from the Reparations Maintenance Budget to see that all requirements of maintenance and security are adequately accomplished.
 3. Each plant shall submit a cost estimate of all cost that is chargeable to the Reparation Maintenance Budget which should be cost of the custodian only.

effective 1 July.