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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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14 May 1948

AG 200.3 - BA

SUBJECT: Assignment of Personnel on Customs, Immigration
and Quarantine Service

TO: Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, APO 24
Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, APO 25

1. Rescissions: The following letters are rescinded:

a. Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 200.3 (MG-X),
subject: "Personnel to Operate Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Service",
4 August 1947.

b. Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 625.1 (MG-X), sub-
ject: "Additional Ports of Entry for Japan", 13 August 1947.

c. Letter, this headquarters, file AG 200.3-B subject: "Person-
nel to Operate Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Services", dated
3 September 1947.

d. Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 625.1 (MG-E),
subject: "Additional Ports of Entry for Japan", 5 September 1947, and
1st indorsement, this headquarters, thereto.

e. Letter, this headquarters, file AG 200.3-B, subject: "Person-
nel to Operate Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Services, and Additional
Port of Entry for Japan", dated 20 September 1947.

f. Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 200.3 (MG-X),
subject: "Medical Officers for Port Quarantine Duty", 4 October 1947.

2. References:

a. Operational Directive No. 32, Headquarters Eighth Army,
10 April 1947.

b. Letter, Fukuoka Military Government Team, file A^G 800
subject: "Designation of Fukuoka as a Quarantine Port", 29 July 1947,
4th indorsement thereto GHQ, SCAP, and 6th indorsement thereto, this
headquarters.

Ltr, Hq I Corps, AG 200.3-BA, subj: "Assignment of Personnel on Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Service", dtd 14 May 48, cont'd.

- c. Letter Order 1-8, Headquarters Eighth Army, 23 January 1948.
- d. Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AG 200.3 Gen (MG-X), subject: "Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Service", 27 February 1948.
- e. Paragraph 1f (5) (9), Annex 8 to Administrative Order No. 25, this headquarters, 28 August 1947, as amended by paragraph 6d, Administrative Order No. 25/1, 5 December 1947.

3. Maritime ports for allied shipping, under control of this headquarters are designated as follows:

<u>Major Ports</u>	<u>Responsible Agency</u>	<u>Operating Agency</u>
Nagoya	I Corps	Aichi MG Team
Kobe-Osaka	I Corps	Hyogo MG Team
Moji-Wakamatsu	I Corps	Fukuoka MG Team
<u>Minor Ports</u>	<u>Responsible Agency</u>	<u>Operating Agency</u>
Nagasaki	I Corps	Nagasaki MG Team
Sasebo	I Corps	Nagasaki MG Team
Miike	I Corps	Fukuoka MG Team

4. It is desired that exit and entry controls be maintained at the above listed ports as provided in reference 2a and e, above.

5. Personnel:

a. Officer personnel:

(1) One medical officer for duty at each repatriation center and at such designated ports of entry as are deemed necessary, will be provided from sources available to this and higher headquarters. Where repatriation centers are located at or near designated ports of entry, the medical officer on duty at the repatriation center will perform the duties of port quarantine officer. In the case of other ports of entry which have no medical officer assigned, the public health officer assigned to the operating agency (the military government team concerned) will perform the duties of port quarantine officer in addition to his other duties. Initially, medical officers will be provided as follows:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Officer to be assigned to</u>
Maizuru Repatriation Center	Kyoto MG Team
Sasebo Repatriation Center	Nagasaki MG Team
Kobe-Osaka Port	Hyogo MG Team
Moji-Wakamatsu and Miike Ports	Fukuoka MG Team

Ltr, Hq I Corps, AG 200.3-BA, subj: "Assignment of Personnel on Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Service", dtd 14 May 48, cont'd.

(2) Other officer personnel, as indicated below, are authorized the appropriate military government team on an overstrength allotted the various military government teams by reference 2c, above. This overstrength will not be reflected in the authorized strength sections of the strength status report, FEC AGO Form 82. The overstrength will be reflected in the actual strength columns of this report.

Major Port - 1 Captain, MOS 2120
 1 1st Lt, MOS 2120 (not authorized for those major ports provided with a medical officer)

Minor Port - 1 1st Lt, MOS 2120

b. Enlisted personnel for Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Service are provided by reference cited in 2c, above.

6. Initially, officer and enlisted personnel have been assigned to military government units from among qualified personnel who were formerly on Detached Service for Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Service duty. Those considered unqualified for this duty were returned to their parent units. Additional officer personnel to bring the ports up to required strength (as indicated in paragraph 5a (2), above) will be furnished by the military government operating the port. Shortages in enlisted personnel for this duty will be furnished by the military government teams operating the ports.

7. From time to time appropriate authority will direct allied shipping to Japanese ports not covered by this letter. In such cases, exit and entry controls will be performed by the military government team located in the prefecture concerned. Prior notification of arrival of such shipping will be furnished by this headquarters.

8. In addition to the ports listed in paragraph 3, above, the following ports have been opened for Japanese shipping only:

Hakata
 Kagoshima

Only routine surveillance of Japanese quarantine procedures by the appropriate military government teams is required in the case of these two ports.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SWING:

/s/t/ C. C. CARTER
 Colonel, AGD
 Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
KINKI MIL GOVT REGION
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

RFS/km

014.331
091.41

9 February 1949

SUBJECT: Customs, Immigration and Quarantine

TO: CO, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, APO 317
CO, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 25

1. Reference is made to the following directives:
 - a. SCAPIN 1966, 18 Jan 49;
 - b. GHQ SCAP Circular No. 1 "Private Commercial Entrants", 1949;
 - c. GHQ SCAP Circular No. 19, "Control of Entry and Exit of Individuals, Aircraft and Surface Vessels into and from Japan", 1948;
 - d. GHQ SCAP Circular No. 21, "Control of Entry and Exit of Property and Cargo into and from Japan", 1948;
 - e. Letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AGMGL 014.331, "Intransit Permits to Enter Japan", 30 Jul 48;
 - f. Letter, Headquarters I Corps, file AG 200.3 - BA, "Assignment of Personnel on Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Services", dated 14 May 48;
 - g. Letter, Headquarters Kinki Mil Govt Region, file 091.41, "Extension of Duration of Conducted Tours", dated 9 Feb 49.

2. There are a number of indications that not only will there be an increase in the number of persons entering and leaving Japan, but that the Kansai area will handle a larger proportion of the total for Japan. It is highly desirable that plans and procedures be well formulated in advance of the time they are needed if military government is to discharge efficiently the duties as indicated in references of paragraph 1 above, and particularly in paragraphs 4e and 23 of reference 1b and paragraphs 9, 10 and 13 of reference 1c.

3. a. Current procedures are planned to inform the port of individuals cleared to enter or depart Japan; however, instances occur when it is necessary to obtain speedy clarification on the status of an entrant. The following

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telephone numbers are listed for your convenience in obtaining verbal clearance. It is requested that efforts be made to contact headquarters in order of their sequence in the hierarchy of command.

<u>Headquarters</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Kinki Mil Govt Region	(Osaka) Lightning 532 or 332
I Corps	(Kyoto) 26579 or 26597
Eighth Army	(Yokohama) 21729 or 21701
GHQ, SCAP	(Tokyo) 265927 or 265086

b. Immediate confirmation of telephonic conversation and action taken will be sent to this headquarters when telephonic clearance is obtained direct from GHQ, SCAP or Eighth Army.

4. Intransit permits issued in accordance with reference 1e will be reported through channels as indicated in inclosure 1, after application (inclosure 2) has been approved.

5. Inclosure 3 is a sample pass form recommended for consideration of the issuing agency.

6. Inclosure 4 is recommended for use in reporting limited tourist personnel in Japan. (reference 1g)

7. Inclosure 5 is a recommended form for reporting arrival or departure of trade representatives; see also reference 1a and paragraph 4e (4) reference 1b above. Upon departure the trader is required to deliver to military government his identification card (paragraph 23 i of reference 1b above) and a report made in accordance with inclosure 6. It is expected that there will be times when the departing trader will claim to have previously turned in or lost his ID card. Inclosure 7 is a sample form to be used in such instances, and is to accompany the report of departure as an inclosure.

8. Persons arriving at a point of entry in Japan and where papers are in proper order will have their passport or other equivalent travel document stamped as indicated in paragraph 9, reference 1c. A stamp will also be required for the documents of persons leaving Japan; see paragraph 10e, reference 1c.

9. Copies of Individual Property Declaration as required in paragraphs 9a (3) and 10d, reference 1d, will be prepared in duplicate—one copy for

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the passenger and one copy for the files of the military government team. Inclosure 8 is a sample form used by the Kanagawa Military Government Team; see also Annex VI to reference 1a. A report of arrival or departure will be made to Headquarters Eighth Army, of which inclosure 9 is a suggested form.

10. In the event a person leaving Japan possesses government property which he claims was purchased or otherwise lawfully acquired, he should execute a certificate; see inclosure 10, which is forwarded to Headquarters Eighth Army, Attention: Provost Marshal.

11. Inclosures 11 through 13 are for use in processing and disposing of property seized and impounded. Each form is relatively self-explanatory.

12. Inclosure 14 may be used in reporting visits of flagships, paragraph 14, reference 1c.

13. It is understood that Operational Directive No. 32, 1947 is in process of revision. When republished, some of the provisions may change considerably the procedures outlined herein and modify the reports as indicated by attached inclosures. Further, the attached forms may be modified to suit local conditions or to provide a more detailed compliance with referenced directives. The aim is to set up a complete control system with adequate records on entry and exit of personnel into and from Japan. This letter deals primarily with persons and baggage which are normally processed by the Legal-Government Section. No attempt has been made to outline quarantine procedures of Public Health or cargo procedures of Economics Section.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL O'MOHUNDRO:

14 Incls:
As indicated

GEORGE MINARIK
Capt., CE
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
 MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
 APO

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091.41

Date _____

SUBJECT: Report of Temporary Shore Passes Issued

THRU: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 25, U. S. Army

TO: GHQ - SCAP- APO 500
 (Attn: G-1 Plans and Policies)

1. In compliance with letter, Headquarters Eighth Army, file AGMGL 014.331 subject: Intransit Permits to Enter Japan, dated 30 July 1948, list of persons granted passess is submitted.

NAME

NATIONALITY

DATE

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl. #1

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION & QUARANTINE SECTION
APO

APPLICATION FOR SHORE PASS

Date _____

Request that a shore pass be issued to the following named person(s) arriving at ITAMI AIRPORT/KOBE PORT aboard the SS/AC _____ on _____ and departing on the _____ at _____ on _____.

I guarantee that the person(s) listed above will not engage in any commercial activities under the private trade program while ashore on this pass.

I certify that I will be responsible for the movement and conduct of the above person(s) and will assure their return to the ship at the hour and date designated on the shore pass issued, and that their arrival at the pier/airport is in sufficient time to board the vessel at least one half hour prior to departure.

Signature _____
Unit & Address _____
Tel. No. _____

APPROVED:

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Date _____

TRANSIT PASS

MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE SECTION
KOBE PORT : ITAMI AIRPORT

Name _____ Not Valid After _____
 Passport No. _____ Nationality _____
 Enroute To _____ Ship or Plane _____
 Area of Travel _____ From _____
 Issued _____ (Time and Date) _____ By _____

Provost Marshal _____

If this pass is found, finder will return to nearest Military Police.

1. I will not engage in any commercial activities under the private trade program while ashore on this pass.
2. Unless specifically authorized by GHQ, SCAP to remain, I will depart on the same vessel on which I arrived.
 - (1) No firearms or weapons permitted ashore.
 - (2) Not more than two packages of cigarettes, two bars of candy, and one package of gun can be taken ashore, and NO WHISKEY.
 - (3) No United States Currency or negotiable documents can be taken ashore. U. S. Currency must be exchanged for occupation currency or Japanese yen.
 - (4) Transportation cannot be provided for you.
 - (5) Unless you are invited to occupation forces hotels or private homes, return to your ship to eat and sleep.
 - (6) Your tour immunizations must be up to date.
 - (7) All persons are subject to COURT-MARTIAL whenever disciplinary action becomes necessary for acts committed either aboard vessels or ashore in this area.
 - (8) MP's and SP's may demand to see identification papers or this pass at ANY TIME. Failure to present same on such demand is cause for arrest.
 - (9) CARRY THIS PASS WITH YOU WHEN ASHORE.

By my signature I certify that I have read, understand, and will adhere to the above regulations.

Signed _____

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE SECTION
APO

014.331

Date _____

SUBJECT: Entry of Limited Tourist Personnel

THRU: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 25, U. S. Army

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. In compliance with paragraph 2, letter AG 680.2, GHQ FEC SCAP ESS/EX dated 25 June 1948, the following named limited tourist personnel arrived at/departed from Itami Airport/Kobe port aboard plane/ship _____

2. Customs declarations and information cards have been filed in this office.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Info:
Provost Marshal, GHQ, FEC.

Incl. #4

HEADQUARTERS
 MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
 CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE SECTION
 APO

014.331

Date _____

SUBJECT: Report of Arrival or Departure of Trade Representatives
 THRU: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 25, U. S. Army
 TO: G-1, GHQ, SCAP, APO 500
 (Attn: SCAP Plans and Policy Div., Room 425)

The following trade representatives arrived at/departed from Itami Airport/Kobe Port.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CITIZENSHIP</u>	<u>FROM/TO</u>	<u>SHIP</u>
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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl. #5

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE SECTION
APO

014.331

Date _____

SUBJECT: Report of Departure of Commercial Entrants

THRU: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 25

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
(Attn: Provost Marshal, 8th Army KB Section)

1. The following commercial entrants departed from Itami Airport/Kobe port
on _____ via _____

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CITIZENSHIP</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>PASSPORT NO.</u>
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* Re-entry clearance granted

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl. #6

**KANAGAWA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 503**

**CUSTOMS - IMMIGRATION - QUARANTINE SECTION
PORT OF YOKOHAMA - AIRPORT HANEDA**

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY DECLARATION

To be Filled Out in Duplicate In Ink or Typewriter

1. I, _____, being a citizen of _____ having permission to (enter) (leave) Japan as shown by _____, copy attached, do hereby make the following declaration of personal property being (imported into) (exported from) Japan (on the ship _____), (by plane), due to arrive at (leave from) _____, on or about _____ and certify that

(* All items listed herein consist of personal property, household effects, professional instruments or tools of trade, samples and other commercial items required in the necessary conduct of my professional or authorized business, and further certify that samples and other commercial items mentioned below do not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) in value. See Note 1.

Signature of individual
entering Japan

(* All items listed herein consist of personal property, household effects, professional instruments or tools of trade, bona fide gifts, samples and other commercial items taken abroad by me or acquired for my personal use. I further certify that the samples and other items mentioned below acquired in Japan do not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) in value. See Note 2.

Signature of individual
leaving Japan

(* Strike out one.

Total pages - - - - -

Package	Quantity	Article	Value - \$

*See Annex VII, SCAPIN
1966.*

Incl #8

Customs Official

775013

NOTE 1. Only individuals authorized to enter Japan to conduct business are permitted to import samples and other commercial items.

NOTE 2. Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers permission to remove such items from Japan shall not be construed to mean that such items are exempt from declaration or customs duty at country of destination.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Articles of clothing will not be listed separately, but will be as "CLOTHING" with value.
2. Furs and fur clothing will be listed separately.
3. Furniture will be listed separately but may be by group—i.e., "Dining room set 6 pieces."
4. Automobiles, radios, electric refrigerators, and electric appliances and firearms will be listed separately.
5. Household linens, silverware, china will not be listed separately, except that any article valued at over \$100 will be listed separately.
6. Jewelry, diamonds, pearls, pearl necklaces, objects of art will be listed separately.
7. Any article purchased in Japan valued at \$100 or over will be listed separately.
8. Foodstuffs will be listed separately.
9. Property of a type issued or sold by a government participating in the Occupation, with authority for possession, will be listed.

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PORT OF TOKYO - AIRPORT -
CUSTOMS - IMMIGRATION - QUARANTINE SECTION

MAAT THAMNIBOLVA KATLIM AWASAKA

CERTIFICATE

Date _____

I _____ (Last name) _____ (First name) _____ (MI) certify

that my ID card no. _____ was turned in to: _____

or lost on this date: _____ Circumstances of loss: _____

Nationality _____ Employer _____

(Trader's Signature)

(CI&Q Official's Signature)

Incl. #7

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO

Date _____

014.331

SUBJECT: Customs-Immigration Report

THRU: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 25

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
(Attn: Military Government Section)

1. In compliance with Operational Directive 32, 1947, the following named persons were cleared for (Entry or Exit) Japan in accordance with current directives, and (Entered or departed) Itami Airport/Kobe Port aboard _____ on _____ (Date)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CITIZENSHIP</u>	<u>CONTROL NO.</u>	<u>SHIP</u>
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2. Customs declaration and (Exit/entry) permits have been filed in this office.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl: #9

775013

MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION & QUARANTINE
APO _____

CERTIFICATE FOR POSSESSION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Date _____

I, _____ hereby certify that the

government property :
weapon : _____

was legally purchased by me from the U. S. Government on approximately _____
at _____

Was property issued to me on shipping document or memorandum receipt on approxi-
mately _____ at _____ by _____

Signature: _____

Customs Officer: _____

Incl. #10

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE SECTION
APO _____

RECORD AND RECEIPT OF PROPERTY SEIZED AND IMPOUNDED

Date _____ Reported by _____ Report No. _____

Name of Port or Points of Exit/Entry _____

Address of Place of Storage _____

Reason for Confiscation _____

Name _____ Nationality _____

Permanent Address outside Japan _____

Owner's Address in Japan _____

Name of Shipper and Address _____

LIST OF ITEMS CONFISCATED

<u>No. of Items</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Value (State currency)</u>
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Signature of Rec. Official

Notice to Owner:

(A) An appeal to the Commanding General, Eighth Army for release of seizures may be submitted within sixty days from date of this receipt. The above mentioned Customs Unit must be notified of the appeal. Failure to take such action within the time fixed will constitute abandonment of the above listed items.

(b) If an appeal and/or a license to import or export the items are denied and the individual concerned does not elect to abandon the items he may, upon application to the Customs Unit mentioned above, within the sixty day period mentioned in (A) above, in the case of imports, be granted an additional sixty days within which the items must be exported, or in case of exports, be granted an additional thirty days to remove the property from the customs premises. Failure to take the required action within the additional time fixed will constitute abandonment of the above listed items.

Acknowledged _____
Signature of Owner

(c) I hereby abandon this property.

Signature of Owner

775013

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE SECTION
APO _____

(Reports Control)
Symbol QESS-14

REPORT OF PROPERTY DISPOSAL

Date _____ Original Report Number of Property _____
Reported _____ Port of Exit/Entry _____
Owner _____ Address _____
Address of Place of Storage _____
Returned to Owner and Reason for Return _____

Other Disposition--To _____
Authority _____

No. of Items Description Value

Received the above items

Owner (Signature)
Receiving Officer

Signature
Disbursing Officer

Incl. #12

REPORT OF PROPERTY DISPOSAL

Date _____ *Original Report No. of Property _____
 Reported by _____
 Name of Port of *Entry/Exit _____
 Address of Place of Storage _____
 Reason for Return _____

 Name of Original Owner _____

List of Items Returned

<u>No. of Items</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
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List of Items Otherwise Disposed of--State Disposition

<u>No. of Items</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
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 Signature of Owner) (Signature of Disbursing Official)

*1 This number must correspond with number as shown on original "Record of Property Confiscation".
 *2 Cross out one.

Incl. #13

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO _____

AG-C 565

DATE _____

SUBJECT: Report, Arrival and Departure Foreign Flag Vessels
(Message Form DX 84381 JO, 1 June 1948)

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
(Attn: Transportation Officer)

1. Arrivals-Date.

Name of Vessel	Flag	Gross Tonnage	Port of Origin	Last Port of Call	Call Sign
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(1) Purpose of Entry.					
(2) Purpose of Entry.					
(3) Purpose of Entry.					

2. Departures -- Dates

Name of Vessel	Flag	Gross Tonnage	Port of Origin	Last Port of Call	Call Sign
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl. #14

HEADQUARTERS
KINKI MIL GOVT REGION
APO 25 (Osaka, Honshu)

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1 February 49

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SUBJECT: Customs, Immigration and Quarantine

TO: CO, Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 25
CO, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, APO 317 (In Turn)

1. Unofficial information has been received that in the immediate future Itami Air Base may be designated as a port of entry for air passengers. Such action would require establishment of a customs, immigration and quarantine detachment with the Air Base to take care of incoming personnel. Further information indicates that higher headquarters are contemplating a detachment from the Hyogo Military Government Team to be on duty at the Air Base. Inasmuch as Itami Air Base is located in Osaka prefecture, this headquarters is of the opinion that customs, immigration and quarantine activities should be under the Osaka Military Government Team. Your comments are requested on this problem.

2. In the past, ports in the Kansai region have handled less than 10% of incoming personnel in Japan. It is anticipated that not only will there be a considerable increase in the number of persons entering Japan, but that the Kansai area will handle about 25% of those cleared for entry and exit.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL O'MOHUNDRO:

/s/ George Minarik
/t/ GEORGE MINARIK
Captain CE
Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, file No. 352, subj: "Customs, Immigration and Quarantine", dtd 1 Feb 1949

1st Ind

HCK/jt

Hq Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 25, 3 March 1949

TO: CO, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, APO 317

1. Forwarded for your comments and concurrence as required by paragraph 1, basic communication.

2. Two conferences were held at this headquarters concerning subject of basic communication.

a. Conference with Customs, Immigration and Quarantine personnel from Hyogo Mil Govt Team and this headquarters involved:

Capt Reiser - Hyogo MG Team
Capt Hook - "
Capt Lynes - "
Mr. Keisel - Osaka MG Team

- (1) Problems concerning additional personnel, transportation and supplies were discussed but since the amount of traffic to be handled is at present a matter of conjecture, no definite figures could be ascertained. However, it was agreed that from the standpoint of utilization of personnel, it would be desirable for Hyogo MG to handle Itami since they are established to maintain customs, immigration and quarantine operations at Kobe Port which would allow shifting of personnel between the two locations depending on traffic conditions at any given time.
- (2) From the standpoint of Japanese Govt agencies concerned it would not make any material difference whether Kobe or Osaka Customs Office was assigned, as in either case a probable increase in personnel would be necessary but in the case of quarantine personnel, there is no office in Osaka at present being maintained by the Ministry of Health.
- (3) As regards to geographical location, approximately 60% is in Hyogo Prefecture and 40% in Osaka with the administrative buildings on the Osaka side. Commuting time would be approximately the same with some advantage to Hyogo MG Team due to better traffic conditions.

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, file No. 332, subj: "Customs, Immigration and Quarantine", dtd 1 Feb 49

b. Conference with Japanese Govt customs officials in Osaka revealed that they desired to handle Itami as in the past this had been their responsibility and from a traditional viewpoint they would like to handle it regardless of which Mil Govt Team was designated.

3. In view of the facts set forth in paragraph 1, above, it is recommended that Hyogo MG Team be assigned the responsibilities for customs, immigration and quarantine at Itami Air Force Base.

/s/ Frank Kowalski, Jr
/t/ FRANK KOWALSKI, JR
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, file #332, subject: "Customs, Immigration and Quarantine", dtd 1 Feb 1949.

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Hyogo Mil Govt Team, APO 317, 16 March 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 25

1. With the assignment of additional personnel, Hyogo Military Government Team could handle Customs & Immigration and Quarantine at Itami Air Base. In general, however, this headquarters concurs with the recommendations contained in paragraph 1 basic communication for the following reasons:

- a. As indicated in par 2b of 1st indorsement, Japanese customs officials reveal that they desire to handle Itami Air Base traffic. With the implementation of SCAPIN 1966, burden of operation of ports of entry and exit within the Osaka area will revert to Osaka governmental agencies.
- b. Geographically, Itami Air Base is about one-half the distance between Osaka and Kobe. It is believed, however, that travel time would be approximately the same from either point.
- c. All procurement matters for Itami Air Base are processed through Osaka.

2. Minimum personnel and equipment estimated to operate Itami Air Base are being submitted in a separate report.

GEORGE L. ATWOOD
Lt. Col., CAC
Commanding

BASIC: Ltr, Kinki Mil Govt Region, 332, subj: "Customs, Immigration and Quarantine" dtd 1 Feb 49

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3rd Ind

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Hq, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 25, 18 Mar 49

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

1. Preceding correspondence was initiated following a visit to this headquarters by Mr. McLain, MG Section, Hq 8th Army, during which time customs, immigration and quarantine procedures were discussed.
2. When and if Itami Air Base is cleared as an air port of entry and exit for Japan, it is the recommendation of this headquarters that surveillance responsibilities be assigned the Hyogo MG Team.
3. The separate report referred to in par 2 of 2nd Ind will be forwarded upon receipt and after this headquarters has taken the necessary corrective measures within our jurisdiction.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GEORGE MINARIK
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HYOGO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

17 March 1949

091.31
SUBJECT: Customs, Immigration and Quarantine

TO : Commanding Officer
Kinki Military Government Region
APO 25

1. Recommend that the authorized strength of personnel of the Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Section, this headquarters, be increased as shown on Inclosure 1, attached.
2. It is also recommended that Tables of Allowances be increased as shown on Inclosure 2, attached.
3. Inclosures also include the estimated minimum requirements of personnel and equipment for the operation of a Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Section at Itami Air Base in anticipation of its being declared a Port of Entry and Exit.
4. Basis for the recommendations are as follows:
 - a. Since 1 December 1948, work load involved in the clearance of vessels in the Ports of Kobe and Osaka has increased approximately 30%.
 - b. Processing of passengers entering and leaving Japan has increased approximately 300% during the same period.
 - c. When the section was assigned to this headquarters no provisions were made for an increase in transportation or office equipment, particularly typewriters.
 - d. Persons assigned on Customs and Quarantine service must be available for duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
 - e. Preparation of lengthy and detailed statistical reports required by Messageform, Hqs 8th Army, 24 Sept 48, subject; "Control of Entry and Exit of Property and Cargo into and from Japan other than Occupation Cargo", necessitates a sizeable administrative section.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

2 Incls:

1. Personnel Requirements
2. Equipment Requirements

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			Authorized Strength	Actual Strength	Shortage	Required for Kobe Office	Required for Itami Office	TOTAL	
OFFICERS	Quarantine		1	1	0	2	1	3	} 6
	Cust. & Imm.		1	1	0	2	1	3	
ENL. MEN	Quarantine	MOS 657	0	1	0	1	1	2	} 5
		MOS 409	0	1	0	2	0	2	
		MOS 405	3	1	0	1	0	1	
	Customs	MOS 502	0	0	0	2	1	3	} 8
		MOS 405	3	2	1	4	1	5	
INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL	Quarantine	Clerks				2	1	2	} 13
	Customs	Inter-Trans				2	1	3	
		Typists				2	1	3	
		Clerks				4	0	4	

Incl 1

		On Hand	Required KO	Required IT	TOTAL
TRUCKS	1/4 Ton	2	2	1	3
	3/4 Ton	0	1	0	1
	Launches, Sea Type	0	2	0	2
EQUIPMENT	Typewriters	1	5	2	7
	Desks	9	15	4	19
	Tables	3	5	2	7
	Desks, Typewriter	2	5	2	7
	Cabinets, File	1	4	1	5
	Chairs, Office	8	15	4	19
	Chairs, Straight Back	5	15	5	20
	Wall Lockers	1	3	1	4
	Waste Baskets	4	6	2	8
	Safe, Steel	0	1	0	1
	Refrigerator, Electric	1	0	1	2
	Bag, Doctors	1	0	1	2
	Stethoscope	1	0	1	2
	Sphyonometer Aneroid	1	0	1	2
Cabinet, Medicine	1	0	1	2	

Incl 2

BASIC: Ltr, Hyogo Mil Govt Team, subj: "Customs, Immigration and Quarantine", dtd 17 Mar 49

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1st Ind

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Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 25, 1 April 49

TO: CG, I Corps, APO 301

1. Attention is invited to basic report pertaining to personnel and equipment needs growing out of the increasing activity in the fields of customs, immigration, and quarantine duties assigned to the Hyogo Military Government Team by Messageform, Hq 8th Army, file AGMGHE 091.31, subj: "Control of Entry and Exit of Cargo and Property into and from Japan other than Occupation Cargo", dtd 24 Sep 48, and Ltr, Hq I Corps, file AG 200.3 - BA, subj: "Assignment of Personnel on Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Service", dtd 14 May 48.

2. Further reference is made to SCAPINS 1927 and 1966 which are interpreted by this Headquarters as returning customs, immigration and quarantine operations to the Japanese government, with surveillance by 8th Army units. However, the burden remains on Military Government in handling the 228 commercial ships which entered Kobe Port between 1 Jan and 15 Mar 49, as well as the processing of about 120 people monthly (not including in transit personnel) who are entering or leaving Japan.

3. Reports required and actual operations in processing the above mentioned port business have been handled by seven persons, two 4 ton trucks and one borrowed portable typewriter. The Customs and Immigration Officer expects to depart for the Z/I before July 1949. The number of enlisted personnel presently assigned will likewise be reduced in the next few months. If present trends (reduction in occupation forces personnel and increased traffic) continue, the port procedure at Kobe will become a bottleneck in the flow of commerce.

4. This headquarters concurs in the recommendations of basic letter so long as current directives to Military Government (reference par 1, 1st Ind) remain in force. However, it is further recommended that the provisions of SCAPINS 1927 and 1966 be placed in effect and that Military Government assume the role of surveillance only.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:
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Captain CB
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