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APO 707
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SUBJECT: Transfer of War Materials to Vietnamese.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, GHQ, Far East Command, APO 500.

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2. Captain Lorenzo was informed that this headquarters had no information regarding the matter primarily because the problem is one that pertains to the Philippine Republic and not the US Army and, also, because property that has been declared surplus and turned over to the Foreign Liquidation Commission is no longer of interest or subject to the control of this headquarters. Captain Lorenzo was further informed that, while it was not likely that any information regarding this matter would come to our attention, any that came as a matter incidental to our normal course of work would be transmitted to him.

3. It is requested that any information available regarding the alleged sale of arms to the Vietnamese that could be transmitted to the Philippine Republic be furnished this headquarters.

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BASIC: Ltr PHILRYCOM subj: "Transfer of War Material to Vietnamese", dtd 13 Jan 48.

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G-2, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 30 Jan 1948.

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, APO 707.

1. The information stated above has been checked here and the following data is furnished:

a. Your paragraph 1 refers to an alleged sale of surplus "war materials" and your paragraph 3 refers to an alleged sale of "arms". As interpreted "War materials" can mean any goods used to aid or further an active operation (transport, uniforms, medicines, etc.) as differentiated from "arms" which connotes military devices that have application only in war (rifles, guns, tanks, ammunition, etc.).

b. Using the interpretations in a above, the Foreign Liquidations Commission may sell "war materials" to buyer nations. "Arms" may be sold only if they have been demilitarized (made useless as war weapons). Generally, when demilitarized the affected materials are intended for scrap or similar non-military use.

2. Although not stated specifically, it is highly improbable that any sale of such nature could take place between the United States and the Vietnamese. Therefore, it can be assumed that any alleged sale was by the Philippine Republic or some individual acting as an agent for the Vietnamese in the Philippines.

3. The Philippine Republic had two sources from which to receive materials: (a) under the provisions of the Military Assistance Agreement and, (b) bulk sales through the Foreign Liquidations Commissioner, Manila. In either event as to source or as to seller (Philippine Government or an individual) the problem is a diplomatic one between the Philippine Government as a Sovereign State and the French Government, and not within the province of any United States agency.

4. It is recommended that Capt Lorenzo be advised to contact the Sales Division of the Manila Office of the Foreign Liquidations Commissioner for further information. View here is that G-2 should not become personally involved. However, since subject matter has come to the attention of G-2, Philrycom, it is requested that liaison with the Foreign Liquidations Commission be maintained and in the event further pertinent information is obtained a report be furnished this office.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

R. G. DUFF
Colonel, GSC
Actg Executive Officer.

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MEMO FOR RECORD:

Basic Ltr from G-2 Philrycom requested info re an alleged sale of "war materials" or "arms" to the Vietnamese by the Philippine Republic. Col Johnson, Sales Div, FLC, Tokyo was contacted. He stated that any sales to the Philippines would be a matter of record in the Manila Office, which is independent of the Tokyo Office and responsible to FLC, Washington. He stated that the Manila Office might have some further information as to resale. Par 2 & 3 represent the views of Col Stevens, G-4. This 1st Ind transmits this information and recommendations to G-2, Philrycom.

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BASIC: Ltr Hqs CIC Center, Cp Holabird, Baltimore 19, Md., (18 Nov 47) dtd 18 Nov 47, Subj: Foreign Type Locks

in a prescribed sequence are sometimes encountered on the flimsy Japanese sliding doors.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

2 Incls
1. Diagram of lock
2. Diagram of Japanese sliding doors

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2. Delay was due to the necessary time involved in locating and purchasing the types of locks requested. The locks were obtained by Lt Wallace, CIC.
3. Locks shipped under separate cover thru GHQ Supply.
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3. Informal interviews with agents of this unit have resulted in the following conclusions concerning Japanese locks and recommendations for opening.

a. GENERAL: Japanese locks in general seem to be inferior copies of common American locks (Japanese lock production is suffering from material and power shortage). A pry bar as shown in exhibit "A" will open all but one make of Japanese cylinder padlocks thus far encountered. Issue lock pick sets will do the job on cylinder locks.

b. SPECIFIC:

(1) Lever locks; used on western style doors, cabinets and drawers. Cabinet and drawer locks generally succumb to bent wires. Door locks offer more of a problem.

(2) Pin Tumbler; used in padlocks, night latches, door locks and filing cabinets-easily picked with issue tools.

(3) Double pin tumblers; none found.

(4) Wafer locks; only one manufacturer was found who was making these at present. These were experimental ignition locks. One of the sample locks was obtained. One manufacturer had detailed drawings of a wafer padlock that he expects to produce soon.

(5) Double wafer locks; none found.

(6) Combination locks; used on padlocks, safes, Japanese godowns, (fire proof storerooms), and money boxes. Several makes of combination padlocks are appearing in black market stalls. Better combination locks used on safes are slow in getting into production and are very expensive. A sample safe lock not included in this shipment, will be sent later if requested.

(7) Warded locks; used in cheap door locks. Some seem rather hard to force without breaking.

(8) Special locking devices; probably the most common locking device used in Japan is the winged bolt used to screw into a recess in opposing sliding door. (See exhibit "B"). Wooden bars activated by moving panels or bars

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4. Quantities requested are ten (10) or more of each type, however, a lesser amount is acceptable.

5. It is further requested that each type of lock be identified with a brief description of the following:

a. Common usage of the lock.

b. Whether the standard issue lock pick set is effective and/or suggested special tools for opening this type lock.

6. Shipment should be made to the Supply Officer, CIC Center, Camp Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE:

GEORGE V. KEYSER
Brigadier General, USA
Chief, CIC

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G-2, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500 27 JAN 1948

TO: Director of Training, Counter Intelligence Corps Center, Camp Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland
ATTENTION: Technical and Research Branch

1. In compliance with basic communication, this Headquarters conducted an investigation to determine:

a. Types of locks being made in Japan;
b. Uses being made of these locks;
c. Special tools and/or techniques being used to open Japanese locks.

2. Specimens of Japanese locking devices of the following types have been obtained and were shipped to the Supply Officer, Counter Intelligence Corps Center, Camp Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland, on 21 January 1948:

a. Four (4) lever locks.
b. Twenty-one (21) pin tumbler locks.
c. One (1) sample wafer lock.
d. Five (5) warded locks.
e. Two (2) miscellaneous locking devices.

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HEADQUARTERS
COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS CENTER
Camp Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland

18 November 1947

SUBJECT: Foreign Type Locks

TO : Commander in Chief
Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
ATTN: AC of S, G-2
441st CIC Detachment

1. The Headquarters, Counter Intelligence Corps is desirous of obtaining foreign type locks for study and instructional purposes.

2. It is believed that a variety of locks would permit a study towards improving lock pick sets issued to detachments in your theater and permit student instruction and demonstration at the Counter Intelligence Corps School.

3. The following types and usage of locks are most desirable:

a. Types:

(1) Lever locks

(2) Pin tumbler locks

(3) Double pin tumbler locks

(4) Wafer locks

(5) Double wafer locks

(6) Combination locks

(7) Warded locks

b. Usage:

(1) Desk

(2) Filing cabinet

(3) Door

(4) Pad lock

(5) Safe

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