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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
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SCAPIN 1603/8

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Reactivation of the Coastal Radio Service of the Japanese Ministry of Communications to Handle Ship-Shore Traffic for Allied Merchant Shipping

1. Reference is made to Memorandum for the Japanese Government, file AG 676.3 (5 Apr 47)CCS SCAPIN 1603 dated 5 April 1947, subject as above, as amended.

2. Effective upon receipt of this Memorandum, the Japanese Government will extend the services of the coastal radio stations of the Ministry of Communications to provide for the reception of weather observation messages from ships of any country or administration authorized under the provisions of referenced memorandum.

3. All weather observation messages received from authorized ships will be handled in so far as ship tolls are concerned as a government service free of charge.

4. Choshi Radio will be designated as the normal working station for the reception of all weather observation messages. Special internal handling will be accorded such messages at the Choshi Radio Station to insure prompt delivery to the Central Meteorological Office in Tokyo. Weather observation messages received at other radio stations of the Japanese coastal system will be delivered by the most expeditious means available to the nearest weather collection point designated by the Central Meteorological Observatory.

5. Direct communications among Civil Communications Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers; Headquarters 2143d Air Weather Wing, Far East Air Forces; the Ministry of Communications, and the Central Meteorological Observatory, within the scope of this memorandum, are authorized.

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