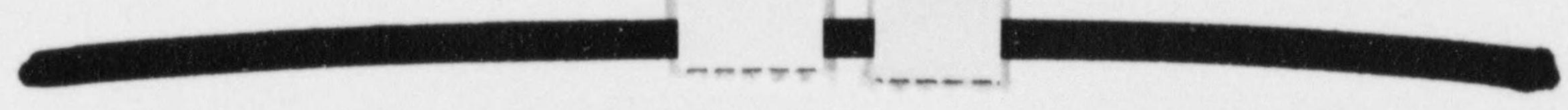


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The Honorable  
The Secretary of State  
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I refer to your letter of 1 November 1945 and the reply by the Secretary of War of 13 November 1945 regarding the requisition of church property in Japan and the possible repatriation of members of the clergy having German nationality.

General MacArthur, in a letter to the War Department, dated 12 December 1945, furnishes the following information:

"Regarding the requisitioning of church property in Japan, paragraph 2a of a letter directive of 26 September 1945 from this headquarters to all Occupation Force Commanders is quoted for your information:

'2a. Religious institutions, national shrines, temples, and buildings and areas of worship will under no circumstances be occupied except with the express approval of this headquarters. Under exceptional circumstances only will this headquarters approve requisition for such occupation. Complete information substantiating military necessity for use of such installations will be submitted with requests for approval.'

"This headquarters has not approved the use of any church property and it is not considered that any eventuality will arise in which such approval is indicated.

"Repatriation of German nationals has not yet been undertaken by this headquarters. When circumstances permit such a program to be initiated, the cases must necessarily be handled individually and on their merits.

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While full consideration will be given to the status of missionaries, it is considered impracticable to authorize any blanket exemptions."

I hope that I have given you the information you desired.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) KENNETH C. ROYALL

Kenneth C. Royall  
Acting Secretary of War