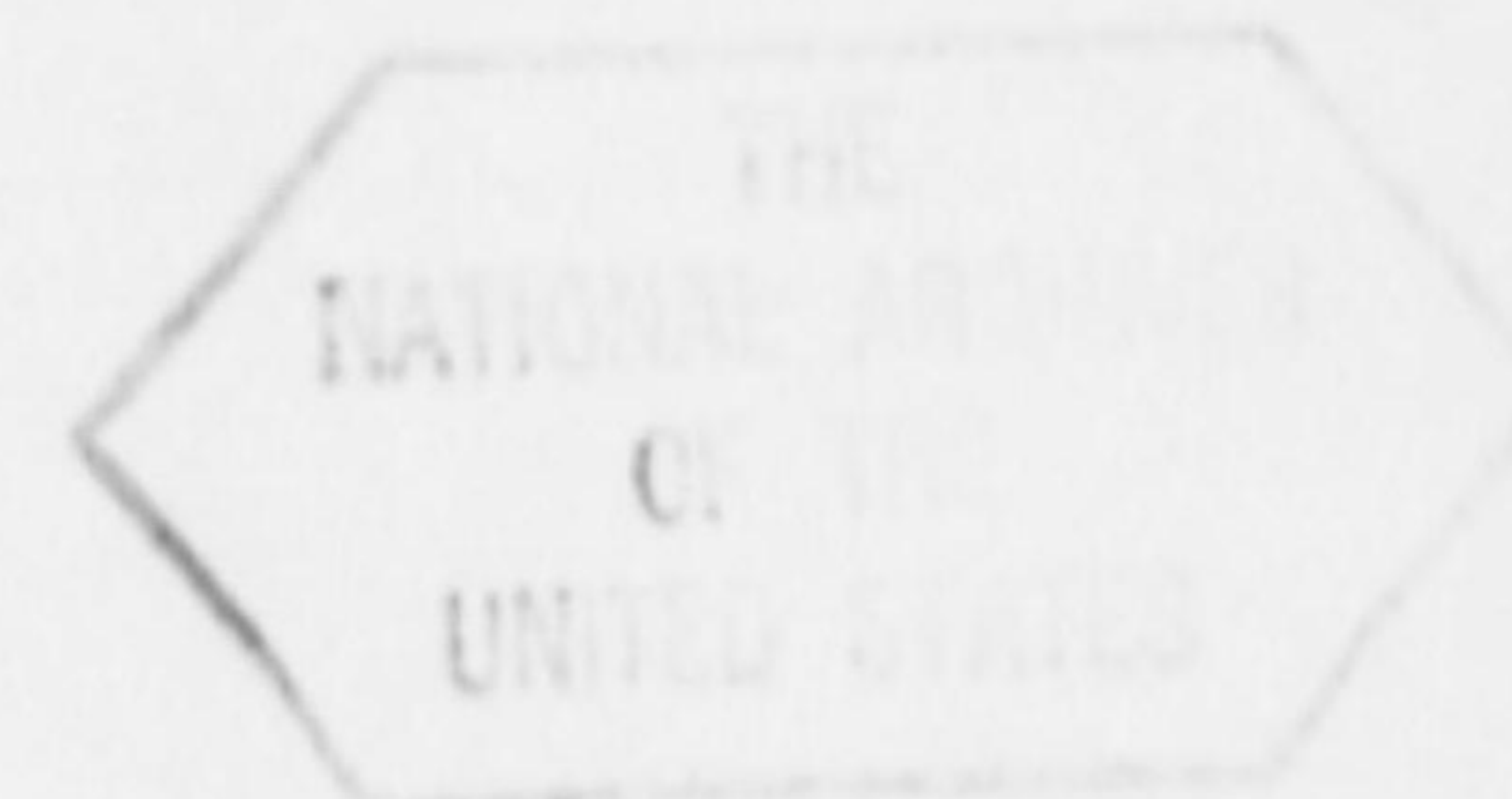


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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 500

15 December 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Glover

SUBJECT: Inspection Trip to Tohoku Region

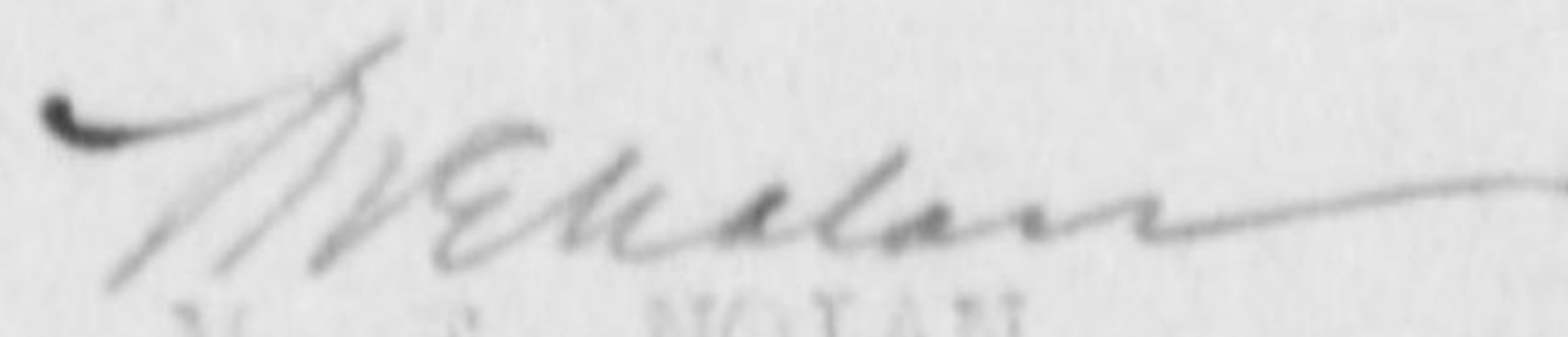
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M. E. NOLAN  
Acting Chief  
Legal & Gov't Div.



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Legal & Gov't Div.



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NOV 24 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 547

CAff, SCAP

Mr. M. E. Nolan, GS-13

Sendai

0605 12 December 13 December

Confer with Civil Affairs Officers  
and local Japanese Government officials.

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*Loyal*

OCT 20 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 547

20 October 1950  
PSD, SCAP

Mr. R. M. Mori, GS-6

Mr. Franklin C. Anderson, GS-11

Fukushima  
Sendai

1300-1400	22 October	25 October
	26 October	27 October

To confer with all Fire Chiefs and  
Municipal and Prefectural officials in the Sendai area regarding  
Public Fire Prevention and Protection.

For information only.



*Legat*

OCT 12 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 547

11 October 1950  
PSD, SCAP

Mr. F. L. Sabel, GS-12

Shiogama  
Misawa AFB

0800	12 October	0800	14 October
1800	14 October	0800	18 October

above mentioned places. Inspection of Navigational Aids in

FOR INFORMATION ONLY.



*Legal*

OCT 9 1950

Chief, Tohoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 547  
Chief, Hokkaido Civil Affairs Region, APO 309

Gov't Sec, SCAP

Mr. Joseph L. Speicher, GS-14

Sendai	0605	17	October	1602	17	October
Hanamaki	1904	17	October	1039	18	October
Morioka	1142	18	October	1108	19	October
Hakodate	2150	19	October	1416	20	October
Sapporo	2040	20	October	2130	22	October

activities. In connection with national personnel

X X  
Facilities requested at Sapporo only.



*Legal*

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 547

OCT 25 1950

Hq CAff, SCAP

Mr. Michael E. Nolan, GS-13

Sendai

0605 7 November 12 November

To confer with Civil Affairs Officers  
and Local Japanese Government Officials.

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OCT 24 1950

Chief, Tohoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 547  
Chief, Hokkaido Civil Affairs Region, APO 309

24 October 1950  
Diplomatic Sec, SCAP

Member, Shipping Advisor

Mr. Raymond E. M. LeGoy, UKLM

Aomori  
Hakodate  
Muroran  
Otaru

1520 27 October

3 November

To visit the Regional Maritime Bureau.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY.



*Legal*

SEP 14 1950

Chief, Tohoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 547  
Chief, Hokkaido Civil Affairs Region, APO 309

13 September 1950  
Diplomatic Sec, SGAP

Mr. K. K. Ghettur, Chief, India

Mission and one (1) secretary.

Aomori	1520	17 September	0950	18 September
Hakodate	1620	18 September	2137	18 September
Sapporo	0720	19 September	2130	20 September

Official visit of the Chief of the Mission.

X X X  
Transportation only at Aomori, nothing requested at Hakodate.



*Legal*

SEP 23 1950

Chief, Tohoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 547  
Chief, Hokkaido Civil Affairs Region, APO 309

23 September 1950  
Legal Sec, SCAP

Mr. Kurt Steiner, GS-13

Sendai	0605	26 September	0635	28 September
Sapporo	0720	29 September	0749	1 October
Hakodate	1714	2 October	0630	3 October

To attend conferences with the legal and government officers at both Tohoku & Hokkaido CAR and deliver a lecture on Civil Liberties at a meeting sponsored by the Civil Liberties Bureau & the Legal Affairs Bureau in Sapporo. X X X

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 500

29 August 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Civil Affairs Section

SUBJECT: Report on Inspection Visit to Tohoku Civil Affairs Region

1. The Chief, Legal and Government Division, this section, made a routine inspection visit to the Legal and Government Section, Tohoku Civil Affairs Region, on 21 - 22 August 1950.

2. The principal topics discussed were as follows:

a. Monthly Activities Report: It was suggested that Annex A Monthly Activities Reports show more of the activities of the Legal and Government Officer. It should disclose important conferences, meetings, field trips, and other significant events in which he participated, setting forth all problems presented by the Japanese and action taken, if any, by him. In Annex A it should be certain that there is an evaluation by the Legal and Government Officer of the events which have taken place within the Region, also it should show the progress made in various programs, together with evaluations. Annex A should disclose, for the purpose of evaluation by this section, the source of the information contained therein.

b. Office Administration: The importance of the Legal and Government Officer receiving messages which are telephoned to his office should be stressed with his office personnel. There have been several instances in which this division had telephoned his office and the Japanese personnel had taken a message and failed to convey it to the Legal and Government Officer. The Legal and Government Officer called a meeting of his staff and told them of the importance of transmitting messages.

c. Promptness of Reports and Information: The promptness in reporting important events and incidents which occurred in the region to this division was again stressed.

d. Provost Courts: The Legal and Government Officer expressed concern over the lack of Occupation Force law enforcement agencies and Provost Courts within the area. At the present time there is no actual Military Police unit in the region and no Provost Court is in existence. In Sendai there is a very small unit called Security Guards which had just been organized and contact had not yet been made with it to determine whether or not it was serving in the capacity of a military police unit and would execute necessary warrants throughout the region. It was explained to the Legal and Government Officer that this situation is not unique for this region because there has been a shifting of troops throughout all Japan and Military Police units and Provost



Courts were now widely scattered and each of them would now have to cover wide territory. It is hoped that the various areas of responsibility would be defined within a few days. In the meantime little action could be taken in the cases which are now pending.

3. The Legal and Government Officer was accompanied on his inspection trip to the Miyagi Prison, Miyagi, and the Tohoku Region Boys' Reformatory, both located in Sendai.

a. The prison is a large institution having approximately 3,000 prisoners although the capacity is supposed to be approximately 1300. The Legal and Government Officer appeared to be well known by the warden, Mr. Ogyu and his staff, demonstrating that he has had previous contact with them. The principle topics of discussion were as follows:

- (1) The arrangements which had been made by the Legal and Government Officer and the prison for the detention of pre-trial Japanese nationals awaiting trial in Provost Courts. They had previously been kept in local detention houses which were more crowded than the prison. The warden raised the point that several times he was at a loss to whom he should release prisoners because Occupation Force personnel had come to the prison with orders of release and he was not certain of the authenticity of the order. It was suggested, and agreed upon, that no one should be released from the prison except either by a direct order from the Civil Affairs Region or by an order countersigned by the Civil Affairs Region. This applies of course, only to prisoners ordered confined by the Occupation Forces and not to prisoners sentenced by Japanese courts.
- (2) A sign at the entrance to the prison still referred to the Miyagi Military Government Team. It was suggested that this sign be removed and another placed there with the name of the Tohoku Civil Affairs Region. This was in process of accomplishment during our visit as the sign had been removed by the time we left.
- (3) The illness of approximately 600 of the prisoners was also discussed. The warden stated that the prisoners had been poisoned by eating squid but that this illness had only lasted approximately three days and that now only 16 of the former 600 ill prisoners were incapacitated.
- (4) The warden did not consider 4 carbines and 16 pistols, distributed among 322 guards, as being sufficient weapons to quell a serious outbreak if one occurred. He stressed the point that this prison held the more dangerous criminals from throughout Japan.



An inspection trip was made through the prison, the prisoners were at work and appeared to be quite industrious. The prison had a general appearance of cleanliness and good discipline although evidence of its over-crowdedness was apparent.

- b. The Reformatory is a new institution having been opened during the last 30 days. It is not fully completed but does contain approximately 200 boys ranging from 17 - 22 years of age. During the visit it was observed that everyone was working industriously, constructing athletic grounds, cleaning the yard or attending school classes. The staff appeared to be quite enthusiastic in their work and the Legal and Government Officer told them that if he could be of any assistance to them they should call upon him.

4. A liaison visit was also made to Mr. Kawai, director of Sendai National Rural Police Regional Headquarters. Mr. Kawai was very busy working on plans for housing the National Police Reserve. The question of police being used as guards upon the request of the Occupation Authorities was discussed. Several police are still being used in a road tunnel. It was suggested by the Legal and Government Officer that Mr. Kawai confer with the headquarters which ordered the police placed on this tunnel with a view to having them removed and if he encountered any difficulty he should contact the Civil Affairs Region. Mr. Kawai stated that he was watching very carefully the electric companies' sources of supply and transformers, and that he did not expect any serious trouble on the 26th of August. Generally speaking he was of the opinion that matters were quiet in his area.

5. A liaison visit was also made to Mr. Sutanabe, Chief of the Sendai Municipal Police Headquarters. Routine matters were discussed with him by the Legal and Government Officer concerning activities of the police department.

6. A visit was made to Shiogama and a conference was held with Mr. Sakurai, the Mayor, and members of his staff. The conference was well handled by the Legal and Government Officer and the following topics were discussed:-

- a. Progress of the Assembly in enacting necessary by-laws to implement the local tax law;
- b. The activities of the Korean population in the area;
- c. Activities of the police department in the enforcement of the law;
- d. Activities of the city administration in teaching democracy to the people.

The mayor said that this was done by means of local lecture courses given by city officials, articles in the newspaper, posters, and by other methods. The city hopes to have a citizens public hall completed in a short time and with the completion of the hall a more extensive program can be promoted,



e. The Local Public Service Law.

The officials were of the opinion that it would hurt the present employees but eventually would be of benefit to the city.

The mayor expressed an opinion that the Land Adjustment law was detrimental to the promotion of democracy due to the fact that the Communists spread the doctrine of division of capital and breaking down of capitalism and the farmers believe that the breaking up of the large landed estates advocates the same principal. They cannot understand why a law which appears to be to them Communistic should be sponsored by the Occupation and therefore many of them believe the principals advocated by the Communists are the same as democracy and should be supported.

7. Colonel Toole, Chief of the Tohoku Civil Affairs Region was conferred with both at the beginning of the visit and at the conclusion. All matters taken up with the Legal and Government Officer were discussed with him.

HOWARD D. PORTER  
Chief  
Legal & Gov't Div.



*Legal*

AUG 10 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 547

9 August 1950  
Diplomatic Sec. SCAP

Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Pearcy

(Mr. Pearcy's rating is GS-15)

Sendai

0605 10 August

0950 12 August

In order to make maps for State Department.

Most of their time will be spend in Tohoku University.

X (if available).

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*Legal*

AUG 17 1950

Chief, Tohoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 547  
Chief, Tokai-Hokuriku Civil Affairs Region, APO 720  
Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 25-1

16 August 1950  
Diplomatic Sec, SCAP

Mr. G. E. Percy, GS-15

Niigata	0610	18 August	AM	19 August
Fuyama	0845	19 August		20 August
Kyoto	1524	20 August		22 August
Osaka		22 August	0734	23 August

To make maps for the State Department.

X (if available). Interpreter at Niigata & Kyoto only. Do not meet at the station at Osaka. X X



*Legal*

AUG 19 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 547

19 August 1950  
Hq CAff, SCAP

Mr. Howard D. Porter, GS-13

Sendai

0605 20 August

2145 21 August

officials.

To confer with Legal and Government

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*Legal*

Chief, Tohoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 547  
Chief, Hokkaido Civil Affairs Region, APO 7-5

AUG 22 1950

Hq CAff, SCAP

Mr. Howard D. Porter, GS-13

Sendai Niitsu, Akita, Aomori	0605 9 September	18 September
Sapporo	0720 11 September	18 September

Confer with Civil Affairs Officers and  
Local Japanese Government Officials.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 500

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SUBJECT: Confirmation of Telephonic Notice of Visit

AUG 8 1950

TO: Chief, Tohoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 547  
Chief, Hokkaido Civil Affairs Region, APO 7-5

1. As advised by telephone conversation 8 August 1950, Mr. Maynard Shirven, GS-15, from Government Section, SCAP, will visit your zone of responsibility as indicated below.

a. To visit:

<u>Names of Cities, Prefectures</u>	<u>Arr - Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Lv - Date &amp; Time</u>
Sendai	0605 15 August	0635 16 August
Hakodate	2235 16 August	0925 18 August
Muroran	1615 18 August	1315 19 August
Tomakomai	1511 19 August	0941 20 August
Otaru	1516 20 August	1300 21 August
Sapporo	1403 21 August	0725 23 August
Obihiro	2016 23 August	24 August
to visit small towns and villages with the Japanese and then return to		
Hakodate	1714 27 August	0730 28 August
Akita	1943 28 August	1504 29 August
Niigata	2124 29 August	1529 1 September

b. Purpose of this trip is in connection with National Personnel Authority in Japanese Government Agency.

c. Facilities requested at Sendai, Sapporo, Akita, and Niigata. Bilets and rations only.

FOR THE CHIEF, CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION:

J. A. O'BRIEN  
CWO, USA  
Adm Off



Legal

AUG 1 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 7

1 August 1950  
Diplomatic Sec, SCAP

Mr. Robert A. Aylward, GS-12

Sendai

0605 3 August

2145 5 August

with birth reports.

To perform consular services in connection

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*Legal*

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 7

JUL 14 1950

8 July 1950  
PSD, SOAP

Lt Alton C. Ekstrom; Lt George Cornelius  
and Mr. George Kinoshita, GS-7

Fukushima	1353	8 July	1147	11 July
Koriyama	1256	11 July	1303	12 July
Wakamatsu	1520	12 July	0941	14 July
Taira	1808	14 July	1229	15 July
Shirakawa	1733	15 July	1401	16 July

To supervise, advise, observe, coordinate  
administration and operation of Japanese correction and rehabilitation institu-  
tions in accordance with Democratic reforms.

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*Legal*

JUN 17 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 7

16 June 1950  
CAff, SCAP

Miss Alice R. Burke, GS-12

Niigata

0610 21 June

2110 23 June

To confer with local government officials.

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*Legal*

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 7

MAY 18 1950

Gov't Sec. SCAP

Mr. Joseph L. Speicher, GS-13

Dantai

0605 27 May

2145 28 May

To assist national personnel authority in  
administration of government examination.

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*Legal*

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 7

MAY 27 1950

2 May 1950  
Gov't Sec, SCAP

Mr. Walter P. Domanowski, GS-13

Sendai  
Fukushima

0605 9 May  
1815 10 May

1542 10 May  
1544 12 May

In connection with Government activities.  
(Pertaining to confiscation procedures)

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*Legal*

Chief, Tohoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 7      MAY 4 1950  
Chief, Hokkaido Civil Affairs Region, APO 7-5

4 May 1950  
Gov't Sec, SCAP

Mr. W. P. MacCoy, GS-15

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Sendai  
Sapporo

1542 7 May  
0720 12 May

0635 11 May  
2145 14 May

Authority.

In connection with National Personnel

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*Legal*

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 7

APR 10 1950

7 April 1950  
PSD, SCAP

Major Charles O. Reed; Mr. Ernie L.  
Maxwell, GS-12; Mr. Shingo G. Kinoshita, GS-6;

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Sendai	0635	11 April	0635	13 April
Morioka	1038	13 April	1038	15 April
Aomori	1620	15 April	1240	18 April
Sendai	2145	18 April	0940	19 April
Yamagata	1244	19 April	1503	19 April
Shinjo	1655	19 April	1044	20 April
Yamagata	1236	20 April	0900	21 April
Sendai	1150	21 April	2145	22 April

To supervise, advise, observe, and coordinate administration and operation of Japanese Correction and Rehabilitation Institutions & agencies in accordance with democratic reforms.

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Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 7

APR 6 1950

PSD, SCAP

Mr. Philip F. Cheles, GS-9, and

Mr. Masao Fukunaga, GS-6

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Sendai

0605 21 April

2145 28 April

In connection with Public Safety activities.

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*Legal*

JAN 14 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 309

11 January 1950  
Govt Section, SCAP

Miss Ruth Fiser, GS-5

Akita

2129 18 January

0552 23 January

In connection with National Personnel

Authority

X X X  
and added assistance due to the carrying of special papers.



*Legal*

JAN 14 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 309

12 January 1950  
Govt Section, SCAP

Miss Pierson, GS-12

Sendai

0605 20 January

2145 22 January

In connection with National Personnel

Authority

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and added assistance due to the carrying of special papers.



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*Legal*

JAN 17 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 309

PSD, SCAP

Mr. Harry Shupak, GS-9

Aomori	1630 24 January	27 January
Akita	27 January	29 January
Yamagata	29 January	1 February
Fukushima	2 February	3 February

To supervise, inspect, observe and  
coordinate operations of Japanese Police.

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*Legal*

JAN 17 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 309

PSD, SCAP

Mr. Virgil D. Kilgore, GS-9

Sendai  
Moroka  
Fukushima

0630 24 January  
26 January  
30 January

26 January  
29 January  
2 February

To supervise, inspect, observe and  
coordinate operation of Japanese Police.

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*Legal*

JAN 14 1950

Chief  
Tohoku Civil Affairs Region  
APO 309

12 January 1950  
Govt Section, SCAP

Mr. T. Eliot, GS-13

Niigata

1725 18 January

0945 23 January

Authority.

In connection with National Personnel

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and added assistance due to the carrying of special papers.