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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Amendments to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, signed at Washington, D. C., 2 December 1946

1. Reference is made to Memorandum for the Japanese Government from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 800.217(23 Nov 48)NR/F1, SCAPIN 1942, subject: Whaling industry, 23 November 1948.

2. The attention of the Japanese Government is directed to the following amendments to the Schedule of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling of 1946, proposed by the International Whaling Commission at its second meeting at Oslo, Norway, July 1950:

"a. Paragraph 6 of the Schedule shall read as follows:-

'6. It is forbidden to use a factory ship or a whale catcher attached thereto for the purpose of taking or treating humpback whales in any waters south of 40° South Latitude; provided that, in the pelagic whaling season 1950-51 a maximum of 1,250 humpback whales may be taken in these waters commencing on February 1.'

"b. Paragraph 8(c) of the Schedule shall read as follows:-

'8(c). Notification shall be given in accordance with Article VII of the Convention, within two days after the end of each calendar week, of data on the number of blue-whale units taken in any waters south of 40° South Latitude by all whale catchers attached to factory ships under the jurisdiction of each Contracting Government; and in addition notification of data on the number of humpback whales taken in pursuance of paragraph 6 shall be given at the end of each day.'

"c. Paragraph 8(d) shall read as follows:-

'8(d). If it should appear that the maximum catch of whales permitted by sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph may be reached before 7th April, of any year, the Commission, or such other body as the Commission may designate, shall determine on the basis of the data

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provided, the date on which the maximum catch of whales shall be deemed to have been reached and shall notify each Contracting Government of that date not less than two weeks in advance thereof. The taking of baleen whales by whale catchers attached to factory ships shall be illegal in any waters south of 40° South Latitude after midnight of the date so determined.'

"d. Existing paragraph 8(e) shall be redesignated as paragraph 8(f) and a new subparagraph (e) shall be inserted as follows:-

'8(e). On the basis of data on number of humpback whales taken in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 and reported in accordance with subparagraph 8(c), the Commission, or such other body as the Commission may designate, shall determine the date on which the maximum catch of humpback whales shall be deemed to have been reached and shall notify each factory ship and each Contracting Government four days in advance thereof. The taking of humpback whales in all waters south of 40° South Latitude shall be illegal after midnight of the date so determined.'

3. The Japanese Government is hereby notified that, the provisions of Article V of the Convention of 1946 having been met on 31 October 1950 in regard to the amendments listed above, those amendments have come into effect as of 1 November 1950. The Japanese Government is directed to take appropriate action to insure compliance with the Convention of 1946 as so amended.

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