GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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MIMORANDUM FOR:

IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

THROUGH:

Central Liaison Office, Tokyo

SUBJECT:

Surplus United States Government Property to be Purchased by the Imperial Japanese Government

- 1. Reference is made to the contract on sale of surplus property signed 22 November 1946 between the Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commission and the Imperial Japanese Government. The Imperial Japanese Government will take steps to see that the following regulations concerning marking, registration and utilization of the surplus property purchased by it are complied with.
- 2. Tents, clothing, soap and other similar supplies will be rationed at official prices according to plans which will be submitted to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (Attn: Price Control and Rationing Division, Economic and Scientific Section) for approval. All such items other than soap will be clearly marked or dyed so as to be distinguishable from U.S. military supplies before distribution is made by the Imperial Japanese Government.
- 3. Medical, dental, veterinary and sanitary supplies and equipment will be distributed in such a manner as to insure equitable allocation and efficient utilization in the medical care and treatment of the civilian population. A plan covering distribution of these supplies will be submitted to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (Attn: Public Health and Welfare Section) for approval prior to such distribution. The plan will make provisions for:
- Adequate facilities for transportation, warehousing and safeguarding until delivered to the jurisdiction of designated distributing agencies.
 - b. Expeditious delivery to distribution agencies.
- c. Control of distribution agencies to obviate the possibility of release through unauthorized channels.

Maintenance of sufficient records to provide:

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- (1) Accurate information on national and regional levels of stock on hand available for distribution.
- .(2) A check on the integrity of distribution channels.
- e. Adequate price control.
- 4. Engineering equipment will be used for essential purposes only, according to plans hich will be submitted to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (Attn: Industry Division, Iconomic and Scientific Section) for approval. All insignia and unit markings appearing on the equipment ill be completely obliterated. The Imperial Japanese Government will submit to the Office of the Provost Marshal, Fighth Army, in duplicate, an original listing of the makers names, serial numbers, as well as descriptions of this equipment as given on Vendor's Shipping Documents. All wheeled vehicles included in this engineering equipment will be provided with license plates and vehicle registration certificates by the Imperial Japanese Government, and two copies of each vehicle registration certificate will be forwarded to the Frovost Marshal, Fighth Army.
- Trucks and trailers will be operated by established agencies, governmental, prefectural and municipal, charged tith the responsibility of promoting public health, sefety and welfare, reconstruction and rehabilitation. of devastated areas, and distribution of food, clothing, fuel and such other essential commodities as are required for the prevention of disease and unrest among the civilian population. Title to all vehicles will be retained by the Imperial Japanese Government. These vehicles will not be used by the government for the purpose of competing with private enterprises. In cases there suitable public agencies do not exist for the accomplishment of the objectives mentioned above, the government may lease equipment to private operators, such arrangements to be subject to prior approval of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Towers. Plans covering the distribution and use of these trucks and trailers will be submitted to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (Attn: Transportation Section) for approval prior to such distribution.
- 6. Marking and registration of trucks and trailers will conform to the following:
- a. The U.S. vehicle registration numbers, insignis (symbols), bumper markings and any other painted markings will be obliterated. A straight white line four (4) inches wide will be painted over the hood and front mudguards of each truck and horizontally around the body of each trailer, as an easy visual means of identifying these vehicles. The white line will be centrally placed. License plates, 16½ x 6-3/4, with light green background, will be affixed in front and in back of each vehicle. At the upper left hand conner of the plate will appear the Japanese prefectural symbol, and in the lower right hand corner the name

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of the prefecture in English lettering. The license plate number will be four (4) inches high and in accordance with the Japanese registration system (see inclosure no. 1). The number and the markings will be embossed on the plate in black.

- b. The Imperial Japanese Government will submit to the Provost Marshal, Highth Army, an original listing in duplicate of the engine serial numbers and body scrial numbers of the vehicles, and one numerical list of the serial numbers of all times (those that come with the vehicles and those purchased separately). A vehicle registration certificate will be issued by the Imperial Japanese Government for each vehicle, after necessary overhauling and repairs have been effected and the vehicle is ready to be put into service. The certificate will mention type, cargo capacity, wheel base, number of engine cylinders, motor scrial number and body scrial number. The original of the certificate will be handed to the vehicle operating entity and carried by the driver at all times during operation of the vehicle; two copies will be forwarded to the Provost Marshal, Fighth Army.
- c. The vehicles will be deadlined by the Imperial Japanese Government until the necessary marking and registration described in paragraphs 6a and 6b have been carried out.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

JOIN B. COOLEY,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

1 Incl List of License Plate Numbers for Surplus Vehicles

I BE PLATE NUMBERS FOR SURFLUS VICIES PURCHASED BY JAPANESE GOVERNMEN.

	TYFE	QUANTITY	LICENSE PLATE NUMBER
Fon 3/4 Ton	4x4 Jeep Ambulance 4x4 Bomb Service Amphilian Tracton Tread 4x4 Carryall 4x4 Command 4x4 Ambulance 4x4 W/c)1)2)2)3)3)3)3)3)3)3)3)3)3	91001 92001 92021 92031 92101 92301 921001
1½ Ton 2 Ton	4x4 Bomb Service 4x4 Cargo 6x6 p/m 6x6 Cargo Fork Crawler Mtd) 10 13 36 904 2	93011 93021 93051 93101 93001
2½ Ton	(6x6 Enclosed Body W/Trolley hoist 6x6 Cargo L.W.B. Cargo)ii 1120 3097	94001 94101 943001
3 Ton	Fork Crawler Mtd Fork Pneumatic Tiro Fork Lift Solid Tire) 2 4	95001 95011 95021
4 Ton	6x6 Cargo 6x6 Wrecker 4x4 Tractor) 14)5 15 125	95041 95061 95501
5 Ton 6 Ton	Cargo-non Military Tractor 5th Wheel Type 6x6 P/M) 22	95081 95101 95501
7½ Ton Miscellan 10 Ton	Fork Pneumetic Tire cous Trucks 6x6 Wrecker ML) 16) 30	95091 95201 95301
Motorcycl	e and Schoters) 8	95401.
2½ Ton 4 Ton	6x6 Dump)6 235	96001
Ton Tra	iler)7 2741	97.101
1 Ton 6 Ton 8 Ton 10 Ton 13 Ton 20 Ton 25 Ton)8 5058 110 2 3 5 1 2 (98501 98101 98001 98021 98031 98041 98051
Miscellane	ous ,) 36	98061

Note 1. Numbers to run consecutively, commencing with those mentioned in the last column above.

Note 2. The first figure in the number, i.e., "9" will denote that the vehicles are surplus U.S. Government property.

Note 3. The second figure in the number will denote the types and sizes of the vehicles. (Inclosure 1 to SCAPIN 1384)

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SUBJECT: Information of General Application Pertaining to Directive Number (SCAPIN-1384), file AG 400.703 (9 Dec 46) ESS/FT, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, 9 December 1946, subject: Surplus United States Government Property to be Purchased by the Imperial Japanese Government

With reference to Memorandum Number (SCAPIN-1384) General Headquarters, Sopreme Commander for the Allied Powers, to the Imperial Japanese Government, the following is published for the information of all concerned:

- a. The directive gives the Imperial Japanese Government instructions on the marking and registration and on the utilization of the surplus U. S. Government property to be purchased by the Imperial Japanese Government.
- b. The directive is hereby referred to the Commanding General, lighth Army, for any surveillance it deems necessary to preclude black rarket operations and insure the proper execution of the instructions regarding marking, registration and utilization.

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