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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Mothership-Type Tuna Fishing Operations

1. Authorization is hereby granted for the operation of mothership-type tuna fishing expeditions in the area extending south from the authorized fishing area and bounded by a line extending from 24 degrees north latitude, 180 degrees longitude south to 5 degrees north latitude; thence west to 5 degrees north latitude, 170 degrees east longitude; thence south to the Equator; thence west to 140 degrees east longitude; thence northwesterly to 5 degrees north latitude, 130 degrees east longitude; thence north to 20 degrees north latitude; thence west to 123 degrees east longitude; thence north to 24 degrees north latitude, 123 degrees east longitude.

2. The expeditions authorized in para 1 above will operate under the following conditions:

a. No vessel of the expedition will approach closer than three (3) miles to any land not under the administrative control of the Japanese Government.

b. Each participating vessel will be marked and operated in conformity with directives from the Administrator, US Naval Shipping Control Authority for Japanese Merchant Marine.

c. The master of each participating mothership will forward a daily radiogram to the Fisheries Agency, Tokyo, containing the position of his ship at 1200 hours local time on the day the radiogram is dispatched.

d. The master of each participating catcher boat will, while in the fishing area authorized in para 1 above, report daily to the mothership of his fleet the position of his ship at 1200 hours local time.

e. The master of each participating catcher boat will, during fishing operations, maintain a navigation and fishing log showing daily catch by number of fish and species, location of catch, type and amount of gear used, number of sets, and other data of fishing and navigational nature which may be specified by the High Commissioner for the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands. Within thirty days after

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the return of the expedition to Japan, the Japanese Government will submit copies of these logs in the English language to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

f. The Japanese Government will assign two inspectors to each fleet to insure compliance with the provisions of this Memorandum and other applicable Memoranda from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and applicable laws of the Trust Territories.

3. Representatives of the High Commissioner for the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, who will be agents of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, may periodically board vessels of the expedition to conduct inspections within his area of responsibility. These representatives will be given all possible assistance and accommodation.

4. A representative of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will accompany each fleet to insure compliance with the provisions of this Memorandum and other applicable Memoranda and instructions from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

5. Direct radio communications between the motherships of the expedition and Japanese coastal radio stations is authorized.

6. Direct communication between Natural Resources Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, concerning matters within the scope of this memorandum is authorized.

7. The Japanese Government will submit a report to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, by 1 June 1950 containing the names and gross tonnages of all vessels which will participate in the expedition, and full details of operation and methods of compilation of statistics.

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