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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Operations

1. References. a. Circular 14, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, subject: Control of Entry and Exit of Individuals, Cargo, Aircraft and Surface Vessels Into and From Japan, 22 October 1951.

b. Memorandum for the Japanese Government, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 720.4 (3 Feb 50)GA, SCAPIN 2083, subject: Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Operations, 20 February 1950.

2. Effective 1 November 1951, the Japanese Government will assume full responsibility for the following customs, immigration and quarantine operations pertaining to other than Allied Forces activities:

a. Inspections of all individuals, cargo, aircraft and merchant vessels for compliance with Japanese quarantine and customs laws except for exit of cargo requiring a license validated by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

b. The issuance of landing permits to crew members and passengers of commercial carriers subject to the following conditions and such other regulations the Japanese Government may impose:

- (1) The Captain of the carrier or the representative of the carrier in Japan must make application to the Japanese immigration authorities at the port of entry.
- (2) On arrival in Japan, the individual must possess a ticket or a guarantee in writing by the commercial carrier of onward transportation and a valid travel document permitting individual's entry into some country other than Japan.
- (3) The individual will be required to depart Japan within 72 hours and will be informed that the landing permit will not be the basis for entry into Japan in some other category. For cogent reasons, a landing permit may be extended for an additional maximum period of 72 hours.

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- (4) Prior to departure of the carrier from Japan, the Captain will certify to the immigration authorities that all passengers and crew members granted landing permits are aboard, except for individuals authorized to depart on a different carrier in which case the immigration authorities will determine that the individual boards the new carrier.
 - (5) Individuals granted landing permits are subject to all rules and regulations promulgated by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and Japanese law not in conflict therewith.
 - (6) Individuals failing to depart Japan within 72 hours, or within the additional period of 72 hours, may be subject to prosecution as illegal entrants.
 - (7) In addition to the certificate required by subparagraph 2b(4), the immigration authorities will take positive action to insure that only bonafide crew members and passengers are authorized landing permits and to physically determine that individuals granted landing permits depart Japan. Landing permits will be written in both Japanese and English and will provide for positive identification of the individual.
- c. The entry into Japan of Japanese nationals residing abroad.
- d. The entry into Japan of plants, animals and birds.

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