

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

AG 413.5 ( 26 Mar 47 ) CC 3  
(SCAPIN 1583)

APO 500  
26 March 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

THROUGH: Central Liaison Office, Tokyo

SUBJECT: Manufacture and Sale of Office Inter-communicating Systems and Parts

1. The Imperial Japanese Government will take necessary steps to prohibit and discontinue immediately the manufacture and sale of Webster Electric type or any similar types of office intercommunicating systems and parts.

2. The subject systems use speakers and microphones in such a manner that a conversation can be carried on without the use of telephone sets or head sets. They usually operate from one location to one or more other locations; from one office to one or more other offices or from one person to one or more other persons.

3. No future sales or manufacture of these systems will be undertaken without the approval of Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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for JOHN B. COOLEY,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

*Rescinded by SCAPIN 2040  
27 Aug 48*

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SUBJECT: Information of General Application Pertaining to Directive No. (SCAPIN - 1583 ), file AG 413.5 ( 26 Mar 47 ) CCS, this Headquarters, dated 26 March 1947, subj: Manufacture and Sale of Office Intercommunicating Systems and Parts.

1. With reference to Memorandum Number (SCAPIN 1583 ) this headquarters to the Imperial Japanese Government, the following is published for the information of all concerned.

2. In November 1945 a unit of the Occupation Forces released a Webster Electric Inter-Com Set, part of their organizational equipment, to a Japanese manufacturer and instructed them to copy this set and manufacture a limited number of sets for their use. Subsequent to the delivery of these sets, the Eighth Army Signal Supply Section instructed the Japanese Company to manufacture additional sets for them. These additional sets were allowed to be completed but further manufacture of inter-com sets were prohibited due to the possibility of patent right infringements. The Japanese Company concerned was instructed to discontinue the manufacture of any inter-com sets on completion of the ordered sets. They were also instructed to destroy all prints and specifications of the Webster Electric Set.

3. Subsequent requests for Japanese manufactured inter-com sets from Occupation Forces installations resulted in an investigation of the patent right situation on this type of equipment. This investigation disclosed that prior to the end of the war no inter-com sets had been manufactured in Japan thus leading to the assumption that technical specifications of any sets subsequently manufactured could be traced to the original Webster Electric Company Set released to the Japanese Company. It was decided that steps should be taken to prohibit the manufacture and sale of these inter-com sets in Japan to avoid any further possibility of patent right infringements.

4. A directive to the Japanese Government prohibiting the manufacture and sale of inter-com sets will prevent any uncontrolled production of these sets by the Japanese until such time as there is no possibility of SCAP liability in regard to patent rights. These sets are not considered essential to the internal economy of Japan.

BASIC: Memo, dtd 26 Mar 47, subj: Information of General Application Pertaining to Directive No. (SCAPIN -1583 ) file AG 413.5 ( 26 Mar 47 ) CCS, this Headquarters, dated 26 March 1947, subject: Manufacture and Sale of Office Intercommunicating Systems and Parts.

5. Surveillance of the Japanese by the Commanding General, Eighth Army, is necessary, so that no manufacture or sale of subject equipment will be undertaken by the various manufacturers in Japan.

6. Command instructions to the Commanding General, Eighth Army to insure compliance with directive are released simultaneously and will follow through Command Channels.

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