

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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6 September 1946

AG 121.7 (6 Sep 46) ESS/FI
(SCAPIN - 1186)

MEMORANDUM FOR: IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
THROUGH : Central Liaison Office, Tokyo
SUBJECT : Disposition of Government Property

1. References are the following memoranda:
 - a. Memorandum of the Imperial Japanese Government, CLO 952 (2.1), 1 March 1946, subject: "Disposition of Government Property (LO 285)."
 - b. Memorandum of the Finance Ministry, LO 354, 12 March 1946, subject: "Disposition of Government Property."
2. Authorization is hereby given for the disposition of the Miscellaneous State Properties as indicated in paragraph 2 (1), (2), and (3), page 3 of inclosure to reference 1 b above, subject to the following limitations:
 - a. Potential agricultural land will be sold to qualified individuals who can be expected to be successful farmers. Priority is to be given to tenants, part owners now operating farms, and persons with farming experience. Such government property shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Rural Land Reform Program, developed in compliance with memorandum to the Imperial Japanese Government, from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 502.6 (9 Dec 45) CIE, 9 December 1945, SCAPIN-411, subject: "Rural Land Reform."
 - b. Only those portions of governmental lands now supporting forests, or suitable for afforestation, which can be converted to crop production without danger of creating an erosion hazard will be sold.
 - c. In the event that the land is unsuitable for agriculture production, no objection is raised to its being utilized for other urgent purposes. All sales of land valued at ¥50,000 or more (June 1946 valuation) to any one individual or family will be reported to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, giving purchaser's name, property description, and purpose for which such property is to be utilized.

Re: Para 2c } See Scapin 2022
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BASIC: Memo, GHQ, SCAP, file AG 121.7 (6 Sep 46)ESS/PI, dtd 6 Sep 46
subject: "Disposition of Government Property" to Imperial Japanese
Government.

d. No properties valued in excess of ¥200,000 may be disposed of without prior approval of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

3. Approval is withheld at this time for the disposal of the Miscellaneous State Properties as indicated in paragraph 2 (4), page 3, and paragraph 2 (5) and (6), page 4 of inclosure to reference 1 b. Separate applications for the disposal of these properties may be made to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

4. This memorandum authorizes only the disposition of government miscellaneous properties, modified by the provisions contained herein, in accordance with the program as outlined in reference 1 a and b above. Special precautions shall be taken to prohibit:

a. Sales of government property to Zaibatsu interests, restricted concerns, or any organizations which have been dissolved or suspended by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers memoranda, except as specifically approved by General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

b. Payment of purchase price from restricted accounts, except in accordance with the Emergency Financial Measures.

c. Payment of purchase price from accounts blocked in accordance with memo to Imperial Japanese Government, from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, AG 121 (24 Nov 45) ESS/PI, 24 November 1945, SCAPIN-337, subject: "Elimination of War Profits and Reorganization of National Finances."

5. In order that full publicity be given to all sales of government property, monthly statements showing all transactions by property, selling price, and purchaser shall be furnished to accredited news agencies.

6. Direct communication is hereby authorized between the Finance Ministry and interested staff sections to implement the provisions of this memorandum.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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