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YOUR WILLIAM XRAY EIGHT ONE TWO FOUR SEVEN OF TWO TWO MARCH PD **G-59208**)

A MINIMUM STRENGTH OF FOUR AMERICAN DIVISIONS FOR THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN HAS BEEN APPROVED PD A DEMOBILIZATION PROGRAM DOWNWARD TO THAT FIGURE IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN COMPLETE CONFORMITY WITH WAR DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES PD THIS STRENGTH DISCOUNTED FULLY THE PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN ELEMENTS CMA BRITISH AND CHINESE CMA IN THE OCCUPATION PD ANY EFFORT TO INSINUATE A FURTHER DEMOBILIZATION OF AMERICAN FORCES BECAUSE OF THE PROSPECTIVE ARRIVAL OF A CHINESE FORCE OF ONE FIVE NAUGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT MEN WOULD IN MY OPINION BE HARMFUL IN THE EXTREME

OFFICIAL:

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ASIC: WX 81247 fr WASHINGTON to CINCAFPAC (S), dtd 22 Mar 46, subj: "Your Comments requested on Chinese participation in Occupation of Japan."

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

23 March 1946

1. References:

- a. W 93772/20 Jan requested from CINCAFPAC statement concerning reduction of U.S. Forces consequent to arrival of BCOF.
- b. C 57102/21 Jan, DTG 210727, forwarded to WD statement which welcomed BCOF but made no specific commitment concerning release of U.S. units.
- c. c. WX 96331/8 Feb queried CINCAFPAC re plans for Marine Division and advised that further reduction of U.S. forces would be contemplated if and when Chinese and/or Soviet Troops were made available.
- d. C 57813/13 Feb, DTG 130425, advised that release of the 2nd Mar Div is contemplated upon completion of the establishment of BCOF. Radio also reaffirmed principle of maintenance of preponderance of U.S. forces in the occupation.
- e. TFGHI 210/6 March, passed to WARCOS for information on 7 March, advised of information received on Soviet troop movements in Northern Korea and reported definite evidences of a hostile attitude toward the U.S.
- f. C 58100/21 Feb, cited necessity for providing food.
2. On 20 Dec 45, a CINCAFPAC Command decision was made with regard to substitution of British, Russian and Chinese Divisions for U.S. troops that the minimum strength of U.S. Divisions which CINCAFPAC will recommend under any circumstances is three (3) Divisions for Japan and two for Korea, the latter subject to further consideration dependent upon Russian forces maintained in Korea.
3. As of 1 July, 1946, with 2nd Marine Division withdrawn, major units, ground forces, in Japan will be four U.S. Divisions, 2 BCOF Divisions (equivalent), 1 Chinese Division. As of 1 April, 1947, assuming materialization of Philippine Scout Divisions, forces will be 3 U.S. Divisions, 1 Chinese Division, 2 BCOF Divisions (less interim reductions), 1 Philippine Scout Division.
4. Although reference "d" contemplated release of 2nd Mar Div upon establishment of the BCOF, it is considered impracticable in view of intra-Japan and international factors, to make any commitment to release additional U.S. units upon the arrival of the Chinese Forces.

5. Action Recommended: Dispatch of Attached Radio.

6. This completes G-3 Action.

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