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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
Military Intelligence Section, General Staff

Public Safety Division

APO 500  
21 April 1951

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation and Commendation

TO: Mr. Franklin C. Ankrom  
Fire Administrator  
Public Safety Division

1. It is with pleasure and regret that I write this letter of appreciation and commendation to you, Mr. Franklin C. Ankrom, Fire Administrator, Department of Army Civilian, GS-11, Public Safety Division, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, Far East Command, who has served this headquarters so faithfully from 18 November 1947 through 21 April 1951.

2. As Fire Administrator, you have carried the responsibilities of (a) assisting in the supervision of all phases of fire training, (b) design, procurement and testing of new and modern equipment for the Japanese fire department, and (c) consultation on over-all re-organization of fire department system. Your capabilities as an administrator have been instrumental in the welding of an effective organization in fire prevention and protection methods, and techniques.

3. I sincerely regret that circumstances beyond your control make it imperative that you must now leave this field of activity. However, a loss in one place is a gain at some other. You may look with pride, and justly so, upon the fact that your service has been completely satisfactory and a difficult task well done. Upon your departure, please accept my sincere appreciation for your devotion to duty, loyalty, efficiency and demonstrated qualities of personal leadership which has contributed so much to this unprecedented experiment.

HAROLD MULBAR  
Chief, Public Safety Division

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16 Mar 51

Request for Release

Mr. F.C. Ankrom  
GS-12

G-2 Personnel  
Coordinator  
THRU: Chief, PSD

26-8940  
Mr. F.C. Ankrom

I hereby request immediate release from Public Safety Division  
to seek other employment in the Far East Command.

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-----F. C. A.-----

FROM: PSD

TO: G-2 Admin  
ATTN: Civ Pers  
Coordinator

PHONE: 26-5916  
NAME: Lt Col Spiegel

G-2/PSD/GFS/HEP/sm  
DATE: 16 Mar 51

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1. Forwarded, approval recommended.

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2. Since Mr. Ankrom is a Fire Prevention Engineer, due for  
release by PSD in the near future by reason of reduction in force,  
it is believed this request should be favorably considered at this  
time. Retention of this specialized knowledge in the Far East  
Command is also worthy of consideration.

3. Request position No. OS-272, Fire Administrator, GS-11,  
be cancelled upon departure of Mr. Ankrom from this organization.

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-----H.E.P.-----

# G-2, GHQ INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

(For use within G-2 only)

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**File No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Subject:** Request Leave to ZI **Date:** 7 December 1950

**FROM:** Franklin C Ankrom **TO:** G-2 Admin **PHONE:** 26-8940  
**THRU:** PSD **NAME:** Franklin C Ankrom

**Comment  
Number**

1. The undersign requests 45-day Re-employment Leave to the ZI, to be accompanied by my wife, Della J. Ankrom.

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2. Date of arrival on present overseas tour: 18 November 1947.

3. Desire to leave on or about 1 January 1951.

4. Address while on leave in the ZI will be:

425 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia

-F.C.A.-

**FROM:** PSD

**TO:** G-2 Admin

**PHONE:** 26-5915  
**NAME:** Col Pulliam

**CIS/PSD/HEP/sm**  
**DATE:** 8 Dec 50

Recommend approval.

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-H. E. P.-

Ankrom's 201 File CIS/PSD/HEP/sm

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION  
ROUTING SLIP

*Best*

FROM: <i>Mulvan</i>	DATE: <i>18 Aug 50</i>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Col. Spiegel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Capt. Graves
<input type="checkbox"/>	Capt. Russell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chief Clerk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Branch
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FOR: Information  Comment   
 Action   
 Approval  File

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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File No.:

Subject: Request for "Off Limits" Pass

Note No. 1 From: G-2 To: PM, Hq & Sv Gp Attn: Dir, Admin Div Date: CIS/PSD/GFS/HEP/sm 29 August 1950

- 1. Reference telephone conversation between Capt W. A. Hayward, Admin Div, PM, Hq & Sv Gp and Fire Administrator, Public Safety Division, G-2.
- 2. Request issuance of "Off Limits" pass for period of sixty (60) days to Mr. Franklin C. Ankrom, GS-11, Fire Administrator, PSD/G-2.
- 3. PSD/G-2 advises and guides Japanese fire service agencies in elimination of potential hazards and safety to life and property. Japanese night clubs, cabarets and related occupancies are in this category. It is necessary, in the implementation of this portion of PSD mission, that inspection of these establishments during peak business hours be made to determine conditions of overcrowding, adequacy of safety, fire protective equipment and fire hazards.

*[Signature]*

FROM: OPM MTA  
Capt., Reid

TO: G-2

Date: 1st September 1950

Request complied with.

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1 Off Limits pass #633

*[Signature]*

A.P.R.

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Request for "Off Limits" Pass

G-2

PM, Hq & Sv Gp  
Attn: Dir, Admin Div

CIS/PSD/GFS/HEP/sm  
29 August 1950

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-----C.A.W.-----

MEMO FOR RECORD:

This c/n, subj, "Request for 'Off Limits' Pass," dtd 29 Aug 50, from G-2 to PM, Hq & Sv Gp, requests issuance of "Off Limits" pass to Mr. Ankrom, Fire Admin, PSD. C/N states PSD advises and guides Jap fire service agencies; it is necessary in implementation of PSD mission that Mr. Ankrom conduct inspection of night clubs, cabarets, etc to determine conditions of overcrowding, adequacy of safety, fire protective equipment and fire hazards.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
APO-500

Military Intelligence Section, General Staff

~~21 August~~ 19 ~~50~~

C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that the following-named individual has been cleared  
\* (under the provisions of SR 330-160-1) (under Department of the Army Policy)  
for access to classified material and information as indicated below:

Franklin G. Johnson  
(Full Name)

GS-11  
(Military rank or civilian grade)

Fire Administrator  
(Civilian job title)

(Army serial number or social security number)

Roaders, West Virginia  
(Birthplace)

February 20, 1908  
(Date of birth)

29 July 1948  
(Date of completion of investigation)

FBI  
(Type of investigation conducted)

(Agency or command which conducted investigation)

Hqs. 2nd Army  
(Location of investigative file)

(Date clearance granted)

Confidential  
(Highest classification to which access is authorized)

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

H. E. Fullian  
(Signature of certifying officer)

H. E. FULLIAN  
Colonel, GSG 0-11660  
(Rank) (ASN)  
Director, PSD

Distribution:  
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\* Strike out inapplicable phrase. The latter phrase is to be used in the case of clearances granted under D policy in effect prior to 12 September 1950.

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Mr. Ankrom 26-7541  
Ext. 201

Reclassification of Position

20 May 1949

Ankrom, Franklin C. CPS  
Fire Administrator THRU: Chief, Public Safety  
DAC, CAF-12 Division

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1. This is to acknowledge receipt of correspondence, subject: Reclassification of Position, dated 12 May 1949 and received at 1600 hours 17 May 1949.

2. I wish to express disagreement with the proposed action to down grade my position and to appeal such action in accordance with provisions of Department of Army Civilian Personnel Circular 13, dated 9 June 1948. I request a re-audit and a re-evaluation of the duties and responsibilities of my position.

3. I am of the firm opinion that my position of Fire Administrator commands the grade of CAF-12 or higher. A partial list of my duties and responsibilities are as follows:

a. City Planning: I am actively engaged in rendering technical advice, assistance, and supervision to Japanese agencies such as the Ministry of Construction, National Fire Defense Board and the various officials of cities and towns upon the value of planned city lay-out and construction to reduce fire hazards, minimize the conflagration hazard, improve fire protection facilities, improve water distribution facilities and provide refuge areas for use in event of major catastrophe. Upon my suggestion both the Fire Research Institute, which is a division of the National Fire Defense Board, and the Ministry of Construction have prepared models of planned cities which are now being exhibited to interested public agencies. I render technical guidance to the Japanese in preparing laws and ordinances governing construction in the various cities. I aid the various cities to establish fire zones as a means to regulate construction, control location of fire hazardous installations, and to control response of fire department personnel and equipment in accordance with the human life hazard and financial values involved.

b. Fire Prevention Activities: I am actively engaged in aiding the various municipalities to establish Fire Prevention Bureaus to promote a "consciousness" in the public to recognize fire hazards and methods for their correction. I prepare lectures for delivery to school children calling attention to the huge losses of material and natural resources through destructive fires and the relation of such losses to the future economic life of Japan, urging their cooperation in fire prevention activities. I make technical reviews of motion-picture and lantern slide scripts dealing with fire prevention and make any corrections which may be necessary. I deliver lectures to assigned Inspectors of the various Fire Prevention Bureaus telling them how to inspect the various types of buildings, how to recognize fire hazards, and how to secure correction of such hazards. I advise the

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## Reclassification of Position

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Fire Administrator   THRU: Chief, Public Safety  
DAG, CAF-12                         Division

20 May 1949

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Chiefs of Fire Prevention Bureaus now to establish various sections of those Bureaus to assure maximum operating efficiency. I render guidance to the Chiefs of Fire Prevention Bureaus in using the media of press, radio, sound cars, billboards, poster and essay contests among school children, compilation of pamphlets for issuance to homes, to propagate the fire prevention activities of such Bureaus. I render technical guidance to Chiefs of Fire Prevention Bureaus for preparation and use of various demonstration sets by which fire hazards may be brought to the attention of public groups by visual means. I review and submit comments upon activity reports of the various Fire Prevention Bureaus.

c. Textbooks: I am the author of two (2) textbooks which are in use by all fire department personnel throughout Japan, one titled, "Firemen's Training Manual" and the other "Building Inspection Manual". These textbooks are the first of their kind ever published for use of the Japanese fire departments. I am now authoring a third book to be titled, "Officers Training Manual" and which will be used by fire department officers and those who may desire to become officers in the fire department. These manuals cover all subjects pertinent to fire departments, ranging from elementary responsibility to courses in Hydraulics.

d. Technical Bulletins: I have prepared approximately 100, as of this date and will continue to prepare, technical bulletins for use and dissemination by the National Fire Defense Board to the various fire departments throughout Japan. These bulletins deal with fire hazards encountered in homes, all types of factories, public institutions, theaters, hotels and restaurants, lodging and apartment houses, etc.

e. Records System: I have designed and submitted to the National Fire Defense Board, for dissemination to all fire departments throughout Japan, a model records system for use in the fire department. This record system concerns personnel, equipment, activities, and general reporting on all phases of fire department work.

f. Lectures: I prepare and deliver lectures on technical subjects to any or all of the various groups of which a fire department is comprised.

## Reclassification of Position

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**g. Budget Problems:** The various laws enacted which gave the cities, towns, and villages of Japan complete autonomy and those which separated the fire from the police departments, brought forth many budgetary problems for fire department officials. I render technical aid and guidance in solution of these problems and make contact with the various Occupation agencies concerned in behalf of the Japanese.

**h. Training Schools:** I encourage and give technical advice and guidance to prefectural authorities in setting up prefectural schools for training of fire department personnel within any one prefecture or, in some instances, a group of prefectures.

**i. Public Speaking to Civic Groups:** I speak before assemblies of various civic groups throughout Japan citing losses which may be caused through destructive fire and calling upon them to support their fire department and the National Fire Defense Board in their efforts to curb such losses.

**j. Projection of Activities in the Fire Branch:** I render technical advice to the Chief Fire Administrator upon activities which the Fire Branch should project in order to render the maximum of service to the Japanese. Among specific recommendations that I have made are the establishment of fire department mechanical schools both at the Fire Research Institute and in the various prefectural schools, and the division of Japan into six (6) districts in order that direct responsibility for activities pertinent to fire prevention and protection could be placed with members of the National Fire Defense Board and upon Administrators of the Fire Branch. I am charged with the responsibility for two of these districts - Kyushu and Shikoku.

4. Fire Prevention Engineers with the War Department in the Continental United States command a rating of P-5 or higher. In Japan the Fire Administrator not only carries out the duties of the Fire Prevention Engineer but is constantly confronted with problems or activities which are entirely foreign to those encountered by any Fire Prevention Engineer within the Continental United States.

5. The qualifications required of an applicant for the position of Fire Administrator with the PSD, CIS, GHQ, was that he had been Chief of a fire department in the United States in a city of 250,000 population or over, or the equivalent.

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Ankrom, Franklin C. CPS 20 May 1949  
Fire Administrator THRU: Chief, Public Safety  
DAC, CAF-12 Division

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6. I have been employed in fire department work since 1932, advancing from the position of Private to Chief of Department. During World War II I established and was Chief of the Fire Prevention and Protection Branch, Air Transport Command, advancing from the grade of Captain to Lt. Colonel.

-----FRANKLIN C. ANKROM-----

*201-Ankrom*

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500  
8 April 1948

OFFICE BULLETIN  
NUMBER.....22

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE WARDEN

1. Mr. Franklin C. Ankrom is appointed Fire Warden, Public Safety Division, vice Mr. Carlyle McKibbin relieved.
2. In the absence of the appointed Fire Marshal, the functions of the Fire Marshal will be performed by Mr. Rudolph P. Brooks.

For the Chief of Division:

*R. F. Holton*  
 R. F. HOLTON  
 Captain, FA  
 Administrative Officer

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CIS/PSD/RTB/gw  
5 April 1948

Section Fire Warden, PSD

26-6116  
Capt Holton

CO, TIS

Public Safety  
Division, CIS

In compliance with TIS Staff Memorandum No. 40-5, dated 23 March 48, 1  
Mr. Franklin C. Ankrom, CAF-12, Fire Administrator, Fire Branch, Public  
Safety Division, is appointed Section Fire Warden for the Public Safety  
Division.

-----R.T.B.-----

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

APO 500  
13 December 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. At about 1040 hours, 12 Dec 47, Lt. Col. J. A. Benton, Executive Officer, PSD, CIS, G-2, telephoned and asked me to come to his office.

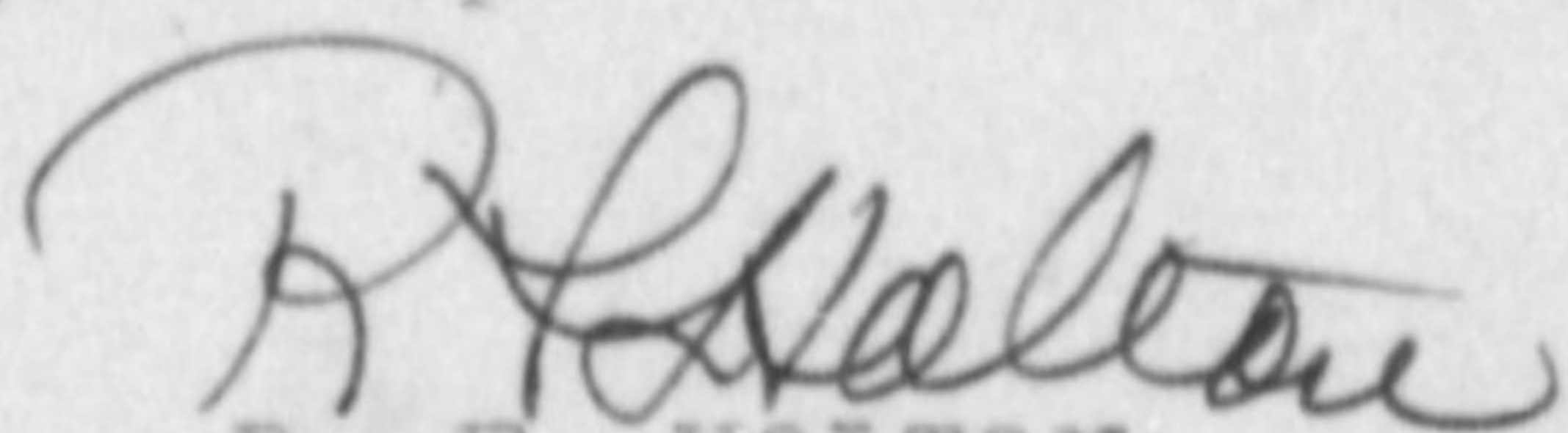
2. When I arrived in Col. Benton's office he had the daily attendance report for 12 Dec 47 on his desk before him. He said that as Mr. Ankrom was shown on the report as absent, sick in quarters, he wanted me to go to Mr. Ankrom's Billet, Room A-1, Peer's Club Annex and see how sick he was and if there was anything that we could do to comfort him.

3. I arrived at the Peer's Club Annex at about 1100 hours, 12 Dec 47, and saw Minie Takagi, Japanese National room girl, coming out of Mr. Ankrom's room, A-1. She did not close the door behind her. I asked her if Mr. Ankrom was in the room and she answered that he was asleep in his bed behind a screen on the left side of the room.

4. Entering the room, I proceeded to the bed in which Mr. Ankrom was sleeping. I tried to awaken him but did not succeed. The room girl remained in the open doorway, and said "too much drink".

5. Upon failing to arouse Mr. Ankrom I started to leave the room. In the hall just outside room A-1, Hisao Hattori, Japanese National, at present in charge of the Peer's Club Annex, under the supervision of the American manager at the Peer's Club, asked me if I had a message for Mr. Ankrom. I told him that I did not. I then asked him if Mr. Ankrom had been up and he answered that Mr. Ankrom had been up and drinking all morning, up until about 1030 hours. He did not know whether Mr. Ankrom had eaten breakfast. Hattori stated that Mr. Ankrom had been drinking the previous night.

6. Upon receipt of the above mentioned information from Hisao Hattori and Minie Takagi I departed from the Peer's Club Annex.

  
B. F. HOLTON  
Captain, FA



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
Civil Intelligence Section, G-2  
Public Safety Division

APO 500  
13 December 1947

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Mr. Franklin C. Ankrom

1. You were absent from duty on 12 December 47, apparently because of excessive use of intoxicating liquor. Such action on your part is not in keeping with your position as an administrator and will not be tolerated.

2. It is expected that your conduct in this respect will be corrected.

H. E. PULLIAM  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief, Public Safety Division

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