GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS APO 500

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUPJECT:

Repatriation of Ryukyuans

- 1. It has come to the attention of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, that Ryukyuans are using Shipping Control Authority Japanese Merchant Marine shipping to make repeated trips from Japan to the Ryukyus and return.
- 2. Ryukyuans will not be permitted to travel to the Ryukyus unless they can prove bona fide residence in the Ryukyus prior to 2 September 1945.
- 3. It is desired that necessary action be taken to notify Ryukyuans who qualify for repatriation under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, that they will not be permitted to return to Japan except upon individual authorization by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

Adjutant General.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER: