

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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13 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

THROUGH: Central Liaison Office, Tokyo

SUBJECT: Transfer of Custody of Floating Equipment Owned as of  
7 December 1941 by Allied Nationals

1. Reference is made to:

a. Memoranda for the Japanese Government from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers:

- (1) File AG 091.112 (13 Sep 45)MG, SCAPIN 26, 13 September 1945, subject, "Protection of Allied and Axis Property"
- (2) File AG 130 (22 Sep 45)ESS, SCAPIN 45, 22 September 1945, subject, "Control of Financial Transactions"
- (3) File AG 600.3 (30 Nov 46)CPC/FP, SCAPIN 1370, 30 November 1946, subject, "Preservation of Property in Japan Owned by United Nations and Their Nationals"

b. Memorandum to the Central Liaison Office, file 560 (3 Sep 46) CPC/FP, 3 September 1946, subject, "Vessels Owned by Nationals of United Nations on 7 December 1941", from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, Civil Property Custodian

c. C.L.O. No. 4926 (CM), 25 September 1946, subject, "Vessels Owned by Nationals of United Nations on 7 December 1941"

d. C.L.O. No. 5412 (CM), 15 October 1946, subject, "Vessels Owned by Nationals of United Nations on 7 December 1941"

e. C.L.O. No. 1059 (RP), 19 February 1947, subject, "Vessels Owned by Nationals of United Nations on 7 December 1941"

2. It has come to the attention of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers that the Japanese Government has failed to seek out as required by reference lb and thereafter to control, preserve and protect in accordance with the provisions of reference memoranda la (1), la (2), and la (3) all floating equipment owned in Japan on 7 December 1941 by the Allied nationals referred to in reference lb.

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3. The Japanese Government is hereby directed in the interests of improved control, preservation and protection, to take all action necessary within thirty (30) days of the date of this memorandum to complete the transfer to the custody of the Mitsubishi Trust Company, Ltd., of all floating equipment referred to in paragraph 1c of reference 1b, and any other floating or accessory equipment located and registered in Japan which was owned on 7 December 1941 by the Rising Sun Petroleum Co., Ltd., or by its subsidiary Company, Teikoku Sempaku Kabushiki Kaisha.

4. The Japanese Government is hereby directed in the interests of improved control, preservation and protection, to take all action necessary within thirty (30) days of the date of this memorandum to complete the transfer to the custody of the Mitsui Trust Co., Ltd., of all floating equipment referred to in paragraphs 1a and b of reference 1b and any other floating or accessory equipment located and registered in Japan which was owned on 7 December 1941 by the Standard Vacuum Oil Company or by its subsidiary company, Standard Sempaku Kabushiki Kaisha.

5. The Japanese Government is hereby directed to restore to an operable condition for immediate employment by the Occupation Forces or agencies approved thereby the below listed vessels referred to in paragraph 1c of reference 1b:

- a. Shell Maru
- b. Kanagawa Maru
- c. No. 2 Oil Barge
- d. No. 4 Oil Barge.

6. The Japanese Government is hereby instructed:

a. That the transfers referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above will be construed to include the release and the transfer to the newly appointed custodians of all pertinent records and documents which are currently in the possession of the Ministry of Transportation, agencies thereof, or any other Japanese Governmental agency;

b. That the above noted transfers of custody will not be construed to affect the status quo of floating equipment currently in use by the Occupation Forces or order thereof, or floating equipment currently in use in the interests of the Japanese economy wherein such use has been approved by General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in accordance with the provisions of reference 1a (2);

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c. That minimum preservation and protection referred to in reference 1a (3) will be construed to include permission for the removal of gun emplacements installed on floating equipment referred to in paragraph 1b subsequent to 7 December 1941.

7. The Japanese Government is further directed to submit to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers within forty-five (45) days of the date of this memorandum:

a. A detailed report of all floating and accessory equipment transferred to the custody of the Mitsui and Mitsubishi Trust Companies to include but not be limited to current location, state of repair, charter or usage status and authority therefor, and degree of conversion with authority therefor;

b. A detailed report of all floating equipment referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above which has not been located and taken into protective custody, the reasons pertinent to the failure to do so and plans currently in force to correct this deficiency.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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