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Sugamo Prison Laundry  
 Maj J. W. McAlhany 57-8217  
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- (1) 1. To note and return.
2. The Quartermaster Section proposes to follow-up on 1 July 1950 as to how Eighth Army is utilizing the prisoners in Sugamo.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY, APO 343

Dec 19, 1949

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500

1. A staff study was initiated by this headquarters on 12 November 1949, with reference to the employment of convicted war criminals sentenced to confinement at hard labor in Sugamo Prison, a copy of which is attached (Inclosure 1). Pending the results of this study, the due date as required by basic letter was extended to 20 December 1949 pursuant to conversation between Lieutenant Colonel Ranck, Quartermaster Section, General Headquarters, and Major Goodsell, G-4 Section, this headquarters.

2. The results of this staff study were incorporated into a letter directive to the Commanding Officer, Sugamo Prison (Inclosure 2).

3. The utilization of prisoners to replace indigenous requisitioned labor personnel in the laundry, as well as in other facilities at Sugamo Prison has been considered. The program - to replace indigenous employees with prisoners - however, will require time and certain supervisory and training personnel in order to accomplish the desired results. An institutional classification board established by inclosure 1 to letter (Inclosure 2) must be inaugurated prior to the utilization of prison labor to determine the job classification most suited to each individual prisoner. The employment of prisoners on contemplated projects, such as, construction of warehouse pallets, with an estimated number of 10,000 pallets required for Eighth Army units during Japanese Fiscal Year 1949, construction of boxes for use at the Hydroponic Farm, repair of dependent housing furniture, etc., may be more desirable at present than the replacement of laundry personnel.

4. The quarterly report of laundry and dry cleaning operation, RCS QMG-2, submitted by the Sugamo Prison laundry for the first quarter, Fiscal Year 1950 (July, August and September 1949) reveals that the laundry operated with a net profit of \$9,052.01 for that period, in spite of the fact that the prisoners' laundry was accomplished at no cost (Inclosure 3).

5. It is recommended that the operation of the Sugamo Prison laundry continue to function with indigenous requisitioned labor personnel until the institutional classification board has had an opportunity to determine the proper custody and the type of work most suited each prisoner and that those work projects in the order of their priority, be accomplished with the prison labor available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1. Staff Study
2. Ltr Directive to  
CO, Sugamo Prison  
1 Dec 49
3. Quarterly Rpt  
RCS QMG-2

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