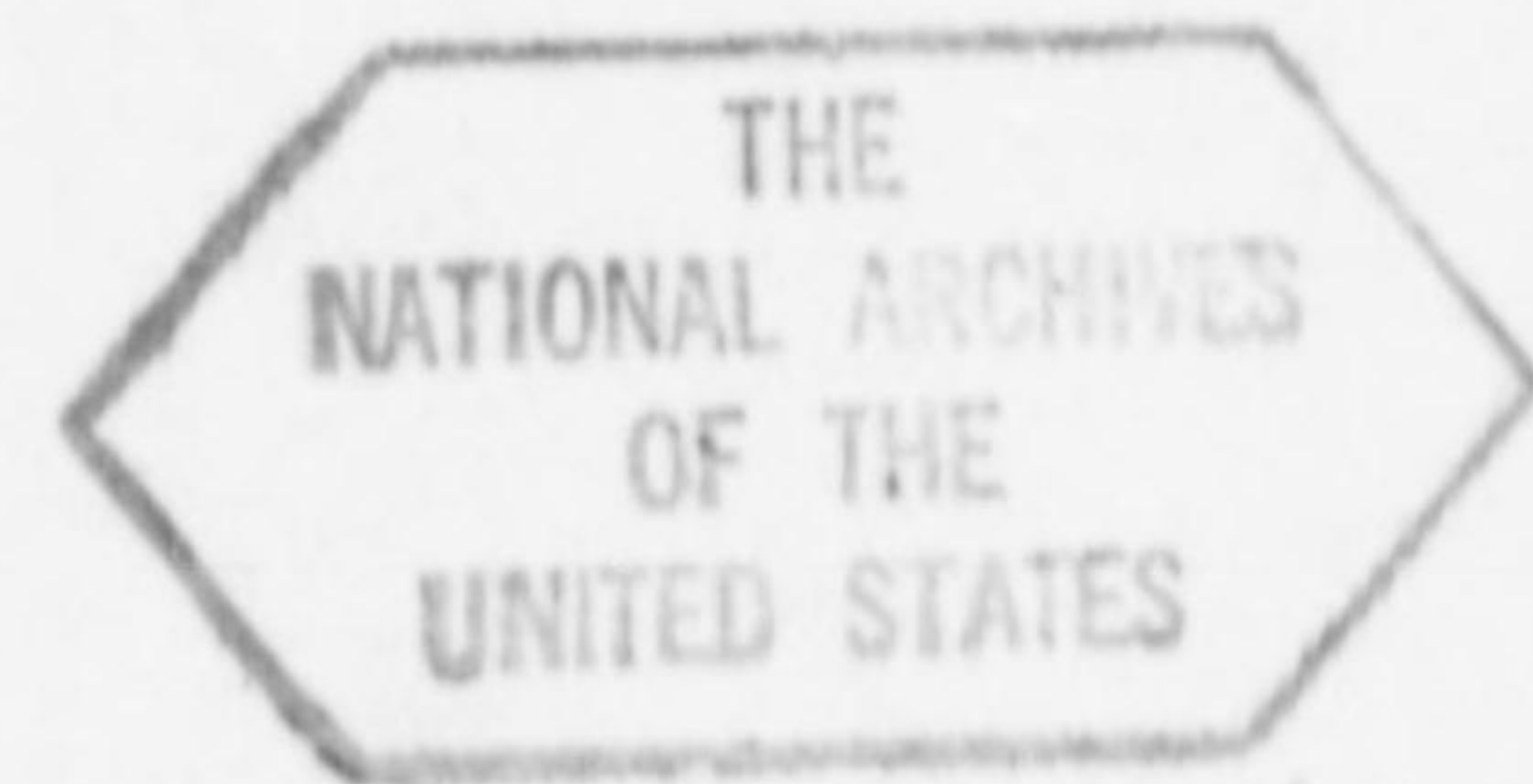


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SUBJECT: Assistance from Japanese Police in
Apprehension of AWOLs

TO: Chief, Hokkaido Civil Affairs Region, APO 309
Chief, Tohoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 547
Chief, Kanto Civil Affairs Region, APO 500
Chief, Tokai-Hokuriku Civil Affairs Region, APO 710
Chief, Kinki Civil Affairs Region, APO 15
Chief, Chugoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 182
Chief, Shikoku Civil Affairs Region, APO 1050
Chief, Kyushu Civil Affairs Region, APO 1105

1. For your information and guidance the following policy will obtain with regard to the assistance of Japanese police in apprehending military personnel who are absent without leave.
2. The Japanese police will inform the nearest Provost Marshal:
 - a. When an individual has remained in indigenous housing area for a period in excess of ten days. This period may be shortened in military congested areas by direct liaison between provost marshals and local police.
 - b. When an individual is believed to be AWOL on the basis of credible information, or suspicious activity, regardless of the length of time spent in indigenous housing areas.
3. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that under 2. a. and b., above, the Japanese police are not authorized to conduct investigations in order to determine, in a particular case, whether or not a certain individual is or is not AWOL, nor should the Japanese police attempt to question personnel in uniform regarding their leave status.
4. This information has been disseminated to all police personnel.

FOR THE CHIEF, CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION:

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From: G-2

To: Civil Affairs

Mr. Mulbar 26-5915
Date: 9 April 1951

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1. Conference of 22 Mar 1951 was followed by Check Sheet from PMS FEC to G-2/PSD, dated 23 Mar 1951, outlining basis for the assistance of Japanese police, as required by PMS, and limiting such assistance to "information only" to be furnished by police to the nearest provost marshal under the following conditions:

a. When the individual has remained in indigenous housing area for a period in excess of ten days. This period may be shortened in military congested areas by direct liaison between provost marshals and local police.

b. When the individual is believed to be AWOL on the basis of credible information, or suspicious activity, regardless of the length of time spent in indigenous housing areas.

2. On 26 Mar 1951 conference was held at PSD with representatives of both National Rural and Municipal Police. The Provost Marshal's request, as stated in a and b above, was given to the police with the request that it be disseminated to all law enforcement personnel throughout Japan. In the ensuing discussion, it was emphasized that this request carried no authority for Japanese police to conduct investigations to determine whether a suspected individual is or is not AWOL, nor should Japanese police attempt to question personnel in uniform regarding their leave status.

3. Both National Rural Police and the National Federation Council of Municipal Chiefs of Police are now disseminating to all police personnel information pertaining to the PMS request.

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