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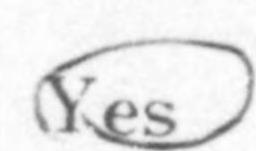
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## GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS Government Section

5 January 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, GOVERNMENT SECTION

SUBJECT: GS Periodical Reading Room

- 1. On or about 1 February, depending upon date of receipt of periodicals from the United States, the Government Section Periodical Reading Room will be opened to make available to Occupation personnel and high Japanese government officials 22 daily newspapers and 15 weekly and monthly magazines. Announcement of the availability of this service will be made by checksheet to all general and special staff sections (Tab A).
- 2. As a service to Japan, the above periodicals will be donated to the National Diet Library after they have been kept in the Government Section Periodical Reading Room for a specified period (daily newspapers, 1 week; weekly magazines, 2 weeks; menthly magazines, 1 menth).
  - 3. The following recommendations are submitted:
    - a. EQUIPMENT:
- (1) In order to make the most recent issue of each of 22 newspapers readily accessible to readers, 5 newspaper racks, each accommodating 5 papers, will be necessary (TAB E). As subsequent editions are received, the preceding day's newspaper will be removed from the rack and placed in its proper bin in the shelves for back-issues (Tab C), where it will be available for one week from the stamped date of receipt by GS. Thus a full week's edition of each newspaper will be on hand in the Reading Room.
- (2) To make the 15 magazines most accessible, a tilted magazine shelf (Tab D) is recommended, with horizontal ledges to prevent magazines from slipping out of their designated spaces. Each issue of weekly magazines will remain on the shelf for two weeks; monthlies will be on display for one month. If this shelf is built with the upper edge against the wall at a height of 5 feet and the lower edge 4 feet from the ground, all magazines will be within easy reach of readers and no additional storage space will be necessary, since a horizontal ladge 1 inch deep will accommodate two issues of any weekly magazine.
- (3) For the convenience of readers, a long conference table and 8
  - (4) A desk and chair for the Reading Room Custodian are necessary.
    b. SPACE MEEDED: One room, or portion thereof, approximately 16 x 20 feet.

o. ROOM LAYOUT: (Tab E).

- d. PERSONNEL: One enlisted man, the Reading Room Custodian, will be on duty during the hours that the room is open (0800 1700, Monday through Quarters will serve in place of the Custodian. The Custodian will be supervised by the GS Librarian (Harry Scolinas).
- e. PROCESSING PERIODICALS: All incoming periodicals will be routed to the Chief, Public Affairs Division (Mr. Hauge), who will distribute an equitable number of them to professional staff members whom he shall designate to scan section. Each staff member so designated will return the periodicals, together with a notation of the titles of pertinent articles, the page reference and the Chief, Public Affairs Division. The latter will consolidate all notations in turn will inform the Chief, Government Section. The Executive Officer, who Division will them turn all periodicals received over to the Reading Room racks. Reading materials will not be withdrawn from the Reading Room, except by consent of the Executive Officer.
- f. UTILIZATION OF MATERIALS BY DIET LIBRARY: Dr. Kanamori, Chief Librarian, National Diet Library, was ecstatic in expressing his appreciation of the generous offer by Government Section to make American periodicals available to the Japanese public through the Diet Library. "What a magnificent New Year's gift to Japan!" he exclaimed. "The utilization of these materials will be our number one project during 1949. In recent months we have received a few American magazines and one weekly newspaper. But the prospect of receiving so varied a collection of magazines and daily newspapers is almost breath-taking!" Dr. Kanamori and his assistant, Mr. Nakai, immediately began planning for their use. For the American periodicals, they suggested using half of the spacious chamber now containing only Japanese periodicals. Magazine racks, display shelves, newspaper racks, reading tables, and chairs are already available. They requested permission to hang a sign on the wall stating that the American materials had been made available through the courtesy of Government Section, GHQ, SCAP, and in addition to stamp each acquisition in the same manner. They have a newspaper storage room where old copies will be preserved. Anyone requesting to use an outdated paper need only ask the staff member on duty in the room to secure it for him. At the end of each year, they plan to have the volumes of magazines bound. "We will guard them carefully," Dr. Kanamori stated, "so that not a single issue will be lost." To facilitate liaison with Government Section, Dr. Kanamori will appoint one of his staff members to act as courier, to pick up all materials from Government Section at whatever intervals the latter suggests. Dr. Kanamori concluded, "by enthusiasm for this project is beyond my power of expression. I regret that our temporary cramped quarters prevent the use of a complete room only for the American periodicals. That will be our goal for the future."

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5 Incl: Tab A to Tab E

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### GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

#### CHECK SHEET

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Subject: Govt Sec Periodical Reading Room

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Note No.:

From: Govt Sec

To:

Date: 14 February 1949

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1. Govt Sec has completed arrangements for receipt of the following 23 American daily newspapers and 15 weekly and monthly magazines:

#### NEWS PAPERS

Albany Globe Atlanta Journal Baltimore Sun Boston Globe \*Christian Science Monitor Chicago Daily News \*Chicago Tribune Cincinnati Inquirer Denver Post Houston Chronicle Lost Angeles Tribune Milwaukee Journal Minneapolis Star-Tribune New York Herald Tribune \*New York Times New York Wall Street Journal New York World Telegram Philadelphia Bulletin Richmond Times-Union San Francisco Chronicle Seattle Post Intelligencer St. Louis Post-Dispatch \*Washington, D. C. Post

#### MAGAZINES

Atlantic Monthly
Colliers
Far Eastern Survey
Foreign Affairs
Fortune
Harpers
Newsweek
Pacific Affairs
Pathfinder
Sturday Evening Post
State Department Publications
Survey Graphic
Time
U. N. Publications
U. S. News and World Report

Several of the above newspapers have already been received via airmail \*; other publications will be arriving via water transportation shortly.

2. The Govt Sec Periodical Reading Room, located in Room 615, Dai Ichi Building, is open to members of the Occupation from 0800 to 1700, Monday through Friday, and from 0830 to 1230 on Saturday. Current issues of newspapers will be retained in the reading room for one week, weekly magazines for two weeks, and monthly publications for one month, after which time they will be donated to the Japanese National Diet Library.

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