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### FAR EAST COMMAND

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APO 500  
20 June 1947

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SUBJECT: Classification of Aerial Photography

TO : MID, Director of Intelligence, War Department General Staff,  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. The following recommendations for classification of aerial photography are furnished as per your request, reference letter MID 062 CL dtd 10 Apr 47, subject, "Classification of Aerial Photography".

a. It is recommended that individual photographs of post hostilities mapping photography and unclassified wartime photography of the Marianas-Bonins Area will not be classified. Transmittal of film or photographs when photographs are plotted and identified will be classified as "confidential".

b. This policy is based on the necessity to facilitate the use of individual photographs by ground control survey parties in the field which may consist of military, civilians and natives of the area being mapped. Additionally, a large majority of the mapping photography of the Marianas-Bonins Area has been accomplished and forwarded to the ZI.

2. Standard military maps are not classified unless additional information is overprinted or added to the original compilation which would require classification under AR 380-5.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

P. H. Bethune  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Executive Officer

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. By ltr MID 062. CL dtd 10 Apr 47 subj: "Classification of Aerial Photography" MID requested recommendations for classification of aerial photography in MARBO area.
2. Information was requested and received from MARBO.
3. Gen. Loper, OCE, added present policies to MARBO recommendations.
4. This letter answers MID 10 original request.

Concurrences: OCE (Gen Loper)

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BASIC: 1st Ind, dtd 24 Apr 47 to ltr fm Intelligence Division WDGS  
dtd 10 Apr 47, subj: "Classification of Aerial Photography"

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Basic letter requests information concerning  
recommendation for classification of aerial photography in the Marianas-  
Bonins Command. 1st Ind states that the information will be forwarded  
to Washington when received from Marianas-Bonins Command.

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BASIC: Ltr, WDCS, MID 062 R, Subject: "Classification of Aerial Photography of Philippine Islands, dated 13 Jan 47.

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G-2, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 13 March 1947.

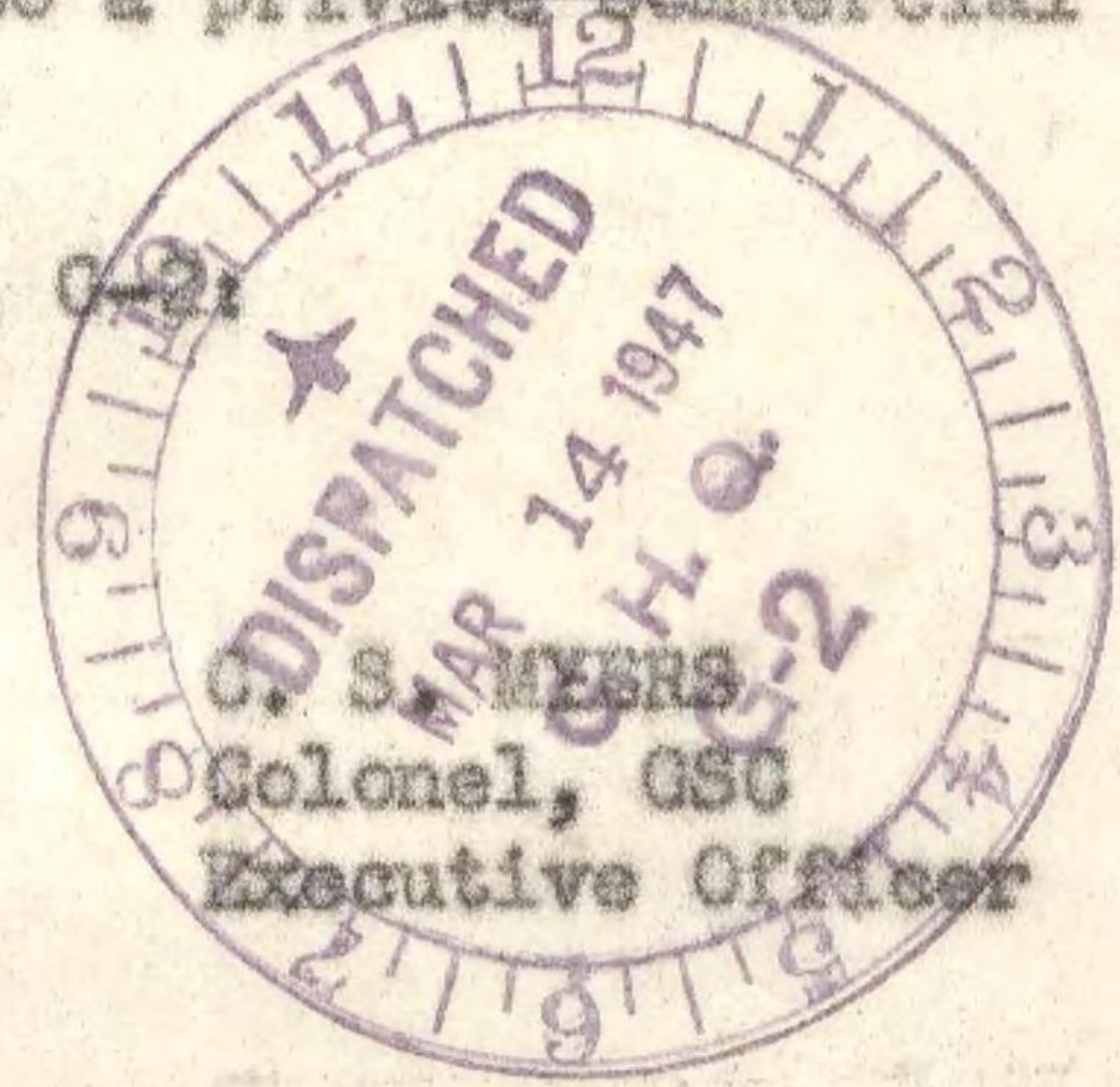
TO: Director of Intelligence, War Department General Staff, Washington 25, D. C. (Attn: Chief, Intelligence Group).

1. Reference 2d Ind from G-2, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, dated 14 February 1947.

2. G-2, Far East Command has no objection to releasing the desired photographs to the Kennecott Copper Corporation. It is recommended that aerial photographs of the area indicated be classified RESTRICTED.

3. Provided the War Department has no objection, it is recommended that it approach the Philippine Government through the Department of State to ascertain whether the Philippine Government has any objection to releasing the photographs in question to a private commercial company.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:



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MEMO FOR RECORD: Basic ltr and 2d Ind fm PHILRYCOM was forwarded to the Diplomatic Section for Comments and Recommendations. Diplomatic Section recommends that the Philippine Government be approached by the State Department in order to ascertain the Philippine Government's attitude toward releasing the subject aerial photos.

Previously, Gen. Loper agreed with the PHILRYCOM that the photos should be classified as restricted. The Chief Eng. GHQ, FEC has no

Para 63b of 380-5 states, 'all top secret, confidential, or restricted models, exhibits, dies, machines, and other similar items which are to be loaned, leased, or given to a commercial organization will be properly marked to indicate classification when practicable. If such markings are impracticable, the commercial organization will be specifically notified in writing of the classification of such items and of the pertinent provisions of the Espionage Act.'

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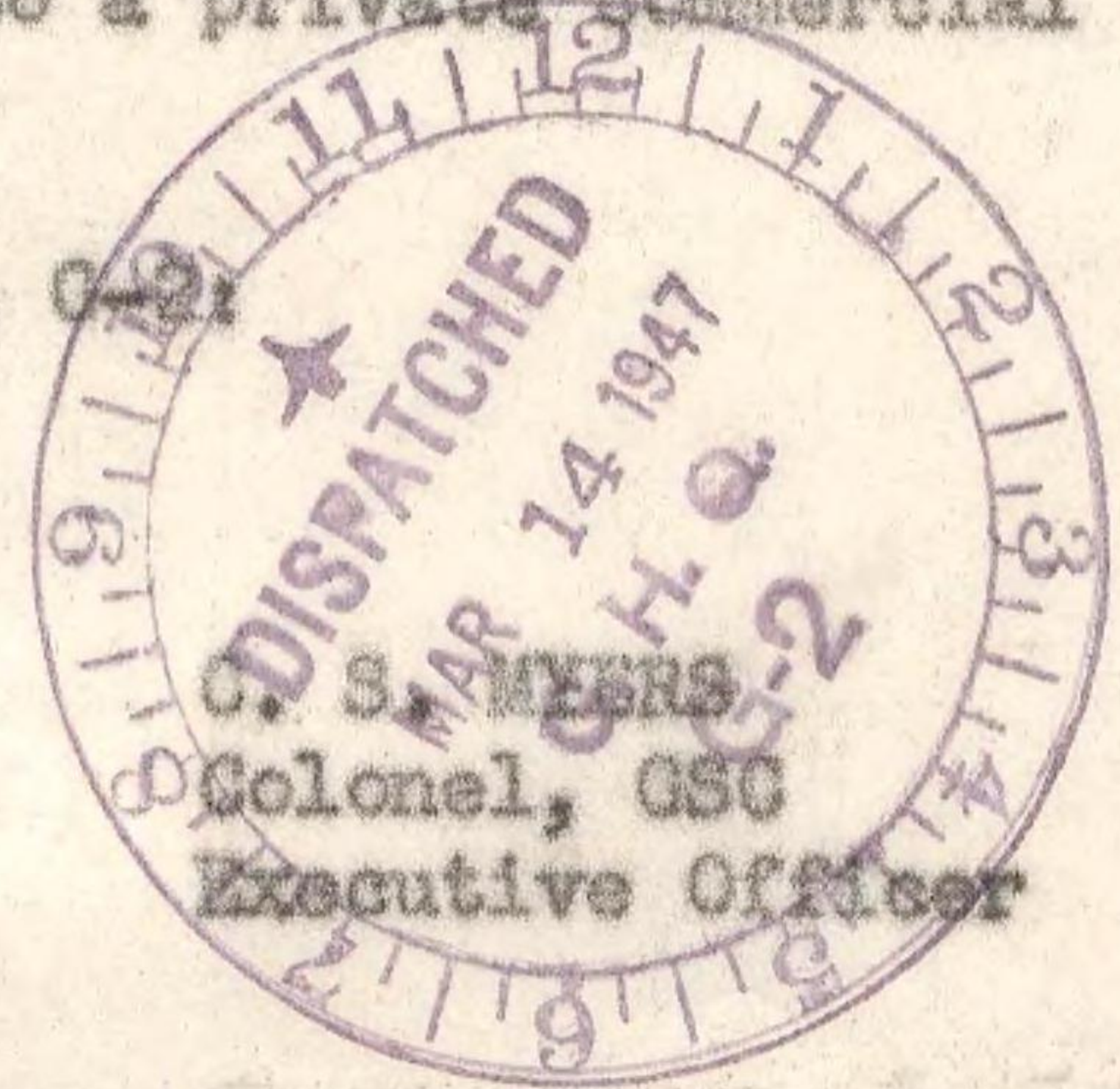
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should be classified as restricted. The Chief Eng. GHQ, FEC has no  
objection to releasing the desired photographs provided it is agreeable  
to the Philippine Government.

The WD Memo 380-5-2, referred to in basic letter, states that  
'information normally will be considered of primary interest to the  
command in which, or by the efforts of which, it originated'.

Recommend signature and dispatch of prepared 3d Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND, Office of the A. C. of S. for  
Int., G-2, APO 707, 14 February 1947.

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, GHQ, Far East Command, APO 500.

1. It is recommended that aerial photographs of the area indicated in basic letter be classified RESTRICTED.
2. In view of the classification of the basic letter, the fact that the photographs are solely the property of the War Department, and that inquiries made for a private concern might lead to undue speculation about U. S. Army interests in Negros on the part of government officials, this matter was not referred to the Philippine Government. The question of propriety of release of the photographs cannot be judged locally.

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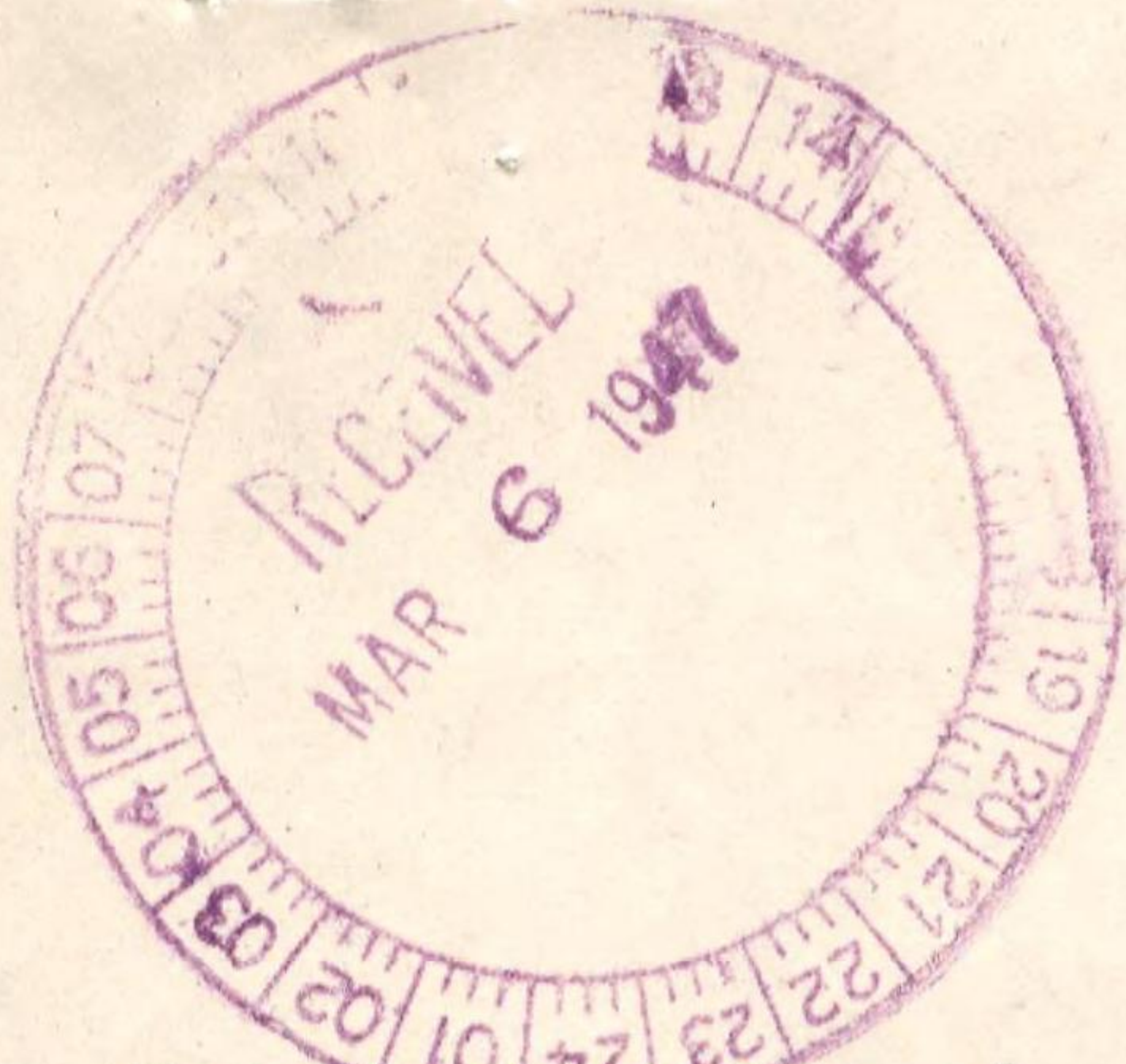
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Colonel, GSC  
AC of S for Int, G-2

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)GB Subject: Classification of Aerial Photography of Philippine Islands.

Note No.

From: G-2

To: Diplomatic Section

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Date: 5 March 1947

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For your comments and recommendations.

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Ltr, WDGS, MID 062 R dtd 13 Jan 47  
with 1st and 2nd Ind.

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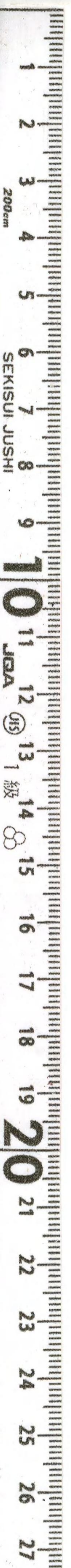
2. It is recommended that the attitude of the War Department concerning the release of the aerial photographs be determined with a view to approaching the Philippine Government through the Department of State to ascertain whether the Philippine Government has any objection to releasing the photographs to a private commercial company.

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(Subject: Classification of aerial photographs of Philippines Islands)

DATE: 5 March 1947

To: Diplomatic Section

From: DS

For your comments and recommendations.

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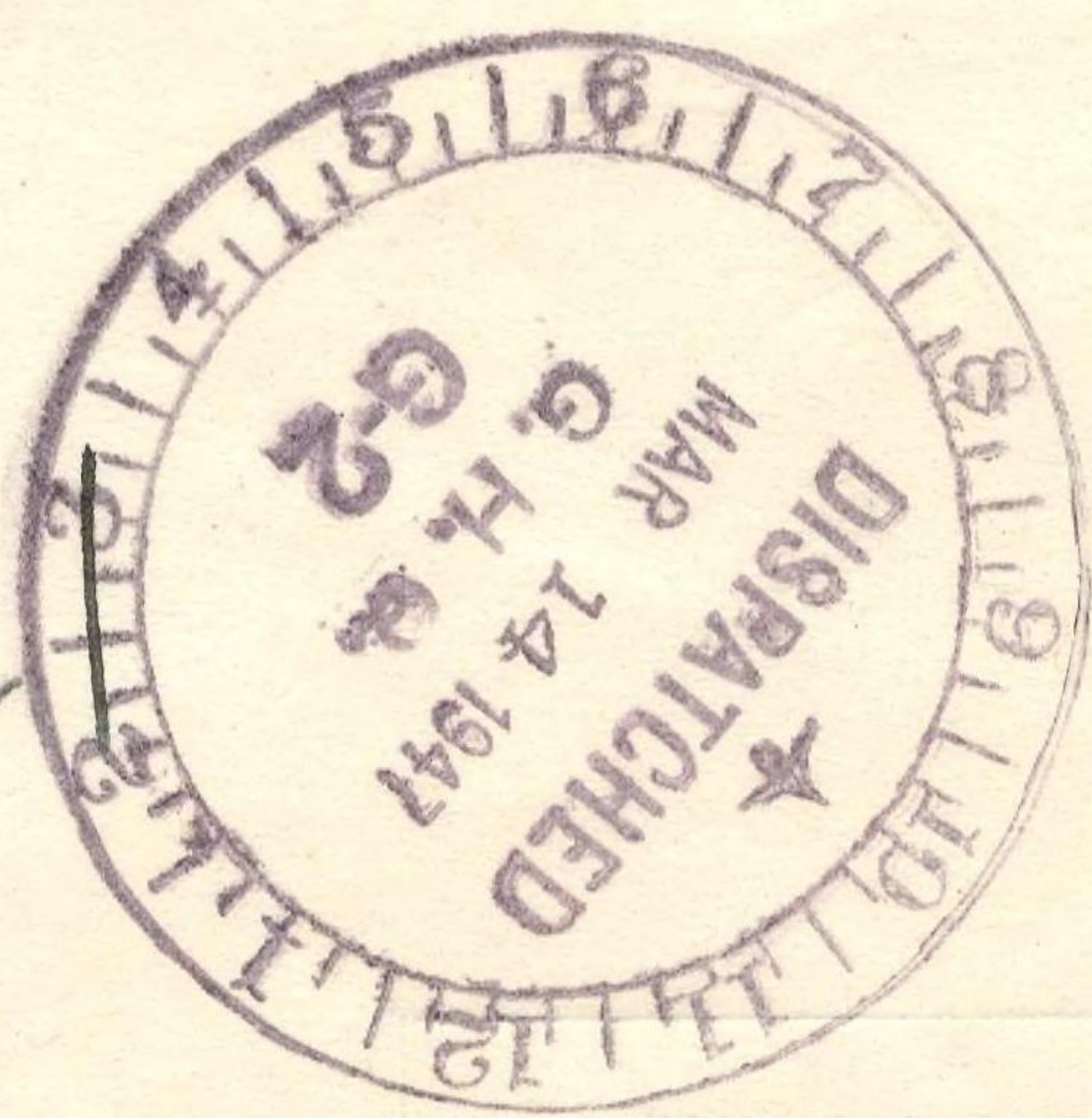
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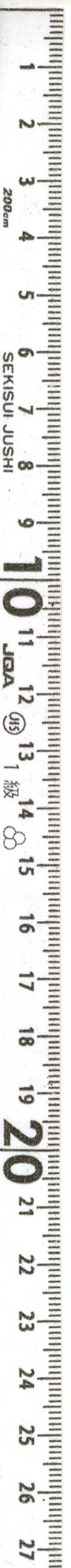
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Photography of Philippine Islands, dated 13 Jan 47.

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G-2, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 3 February 1947.

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, APO 707.

1. Attention is invited to the provisions of basic letter received from the Director of Intelligence, War Department General Staff, relative to the propriety of release to the Kennecott Copper Corporation of aerial photography of the southwestern part of the Province of Negros Occidental, Philippine Islands.

2. Your comments and recommendations for current classification of aerial photography in the indicated area due to the actual presence or absence of vital United States installations, and the desires of the Philippine Government with regard to release of subject photography, are requested.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

C. S. MYERS  
Colonel, GSC  
Executive Officer

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# G-2, GHQ INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Classification of Aerial  
Photography in the  
Subject: Philippines  
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Date: 1/30/47

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**FROM:** G-2 Opns      **TO:** G-2      **PHONE:** 22736  
**NAME:** Maj Seely

**Comment Number**  
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1. Attached letter from Director of Intelligence, WDGS pertains to release of aerial photography of the southwestern part of the Province of Negros, Philippine Islands, in accordance with request from Kennecott Copper Corporation.

2. Recommend:

1. That this letter be endorsed to AC of S, G-2, PHILRYCOM, for comment. Draft indorsement is attached for your approval.

2. That upon receipt of reply from PHILRYCOM, the Office of the Engineer, GHQ be contacted as to the propriety of release of such aerial photography, prior to preparation of reply to the War Department.

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**FROM:** P & E      **TO:** G-2      **Phone:** 2-5164  
**Name:** Maj. Auton

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1. Attached letter was informally referred to FEAF, A-2 and OCE. Their comments are as follows:

a. The aerial photography of the area in question is classified restricted.

b. There are no vital installations (U.S.) in the area.

c. Recommend the release of the requested photography provided the Philippine Government has no objection.

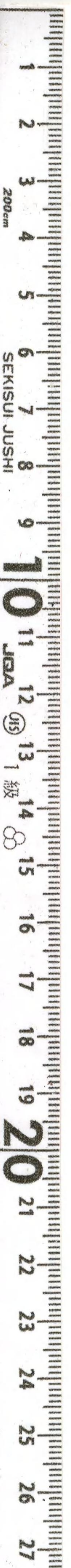
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**G-2, GHQ**  
**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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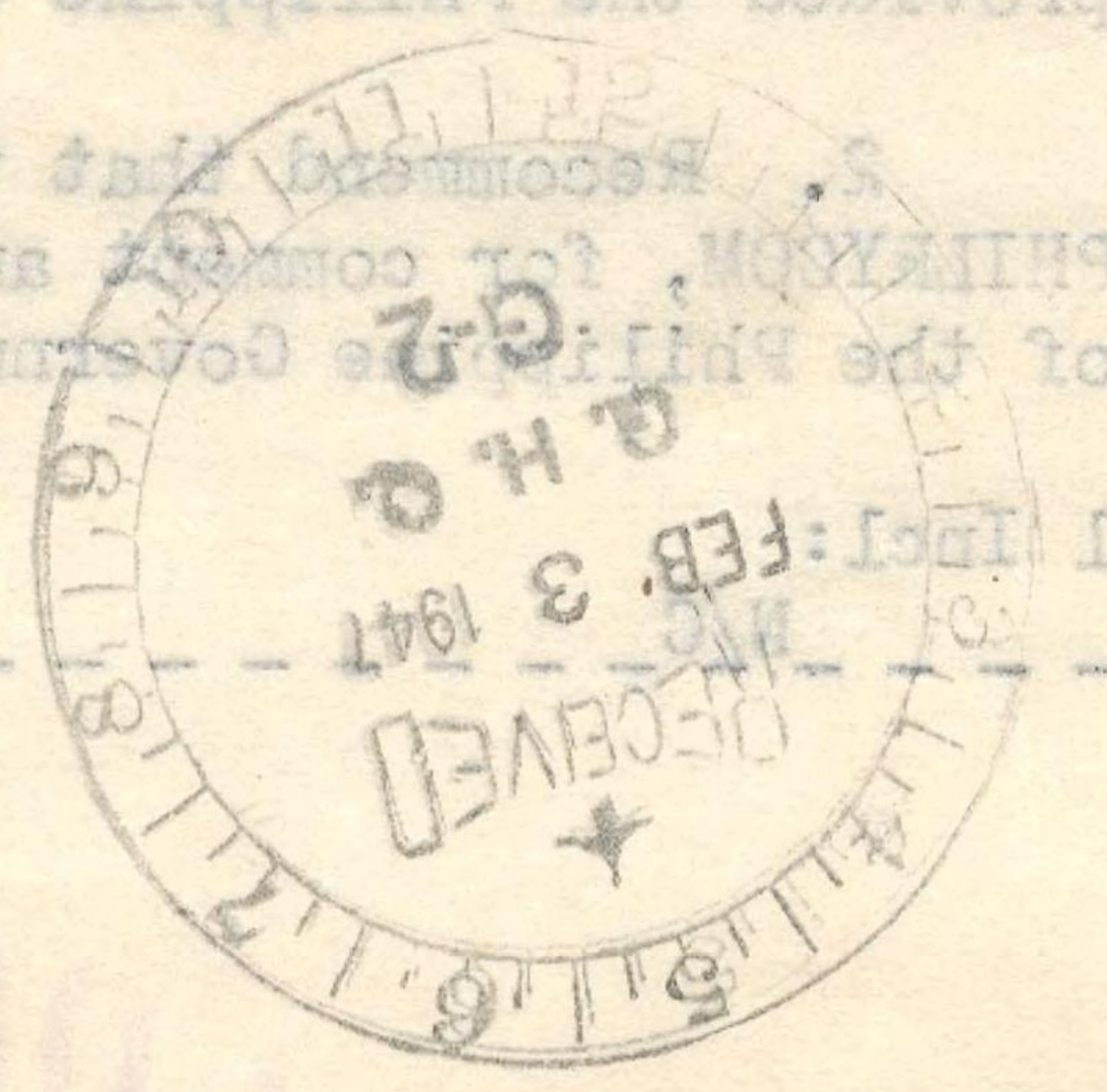
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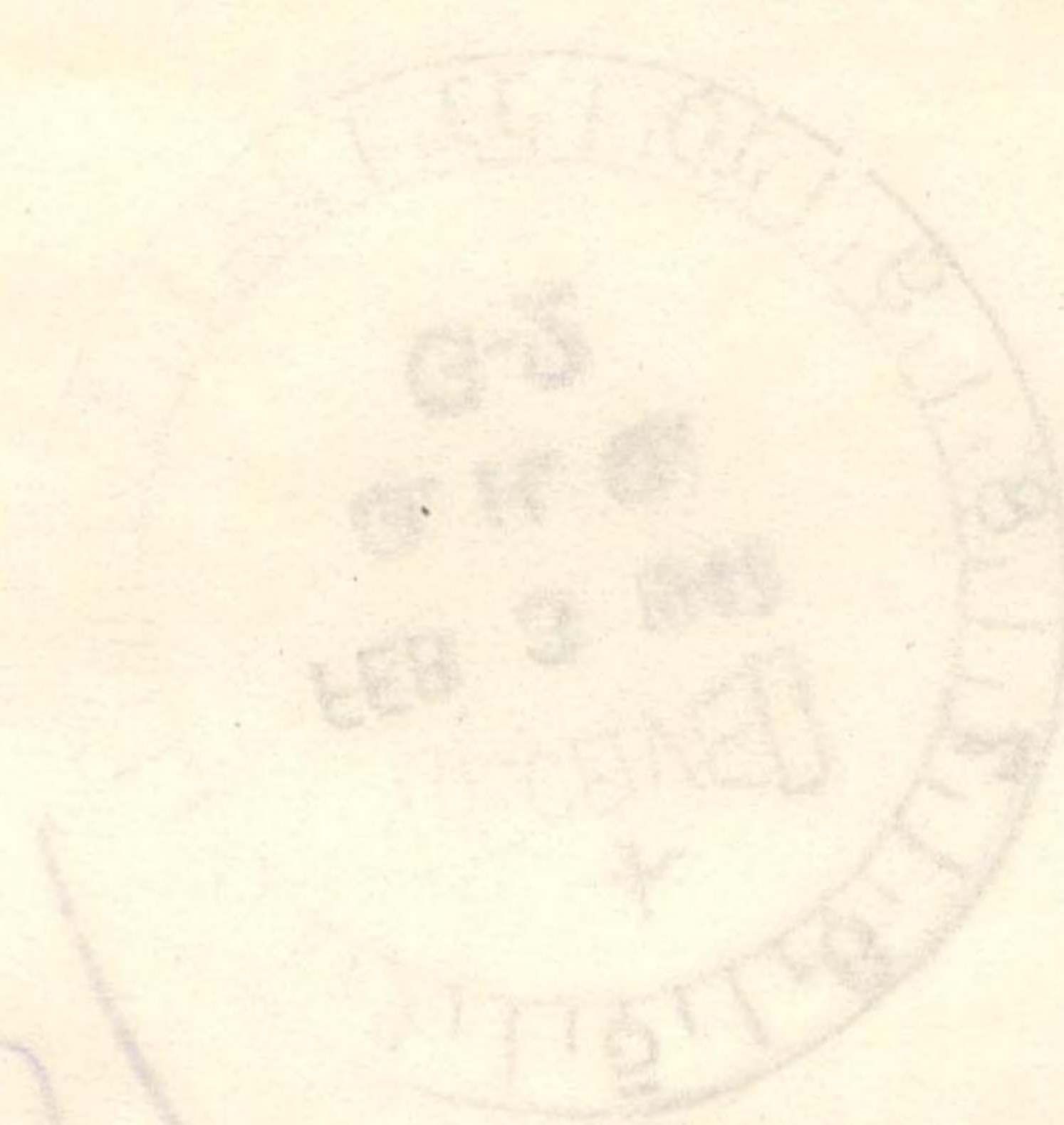




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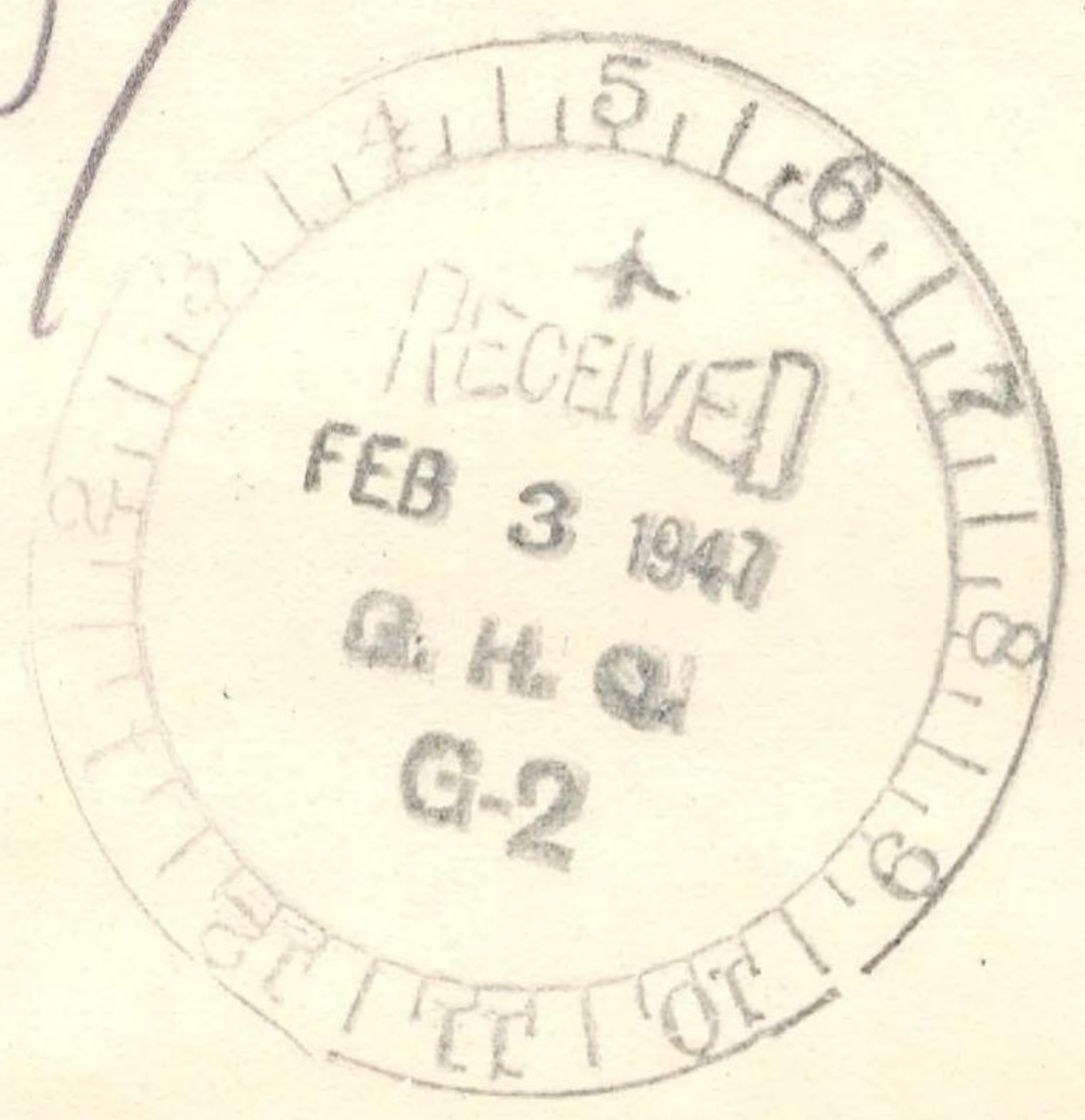


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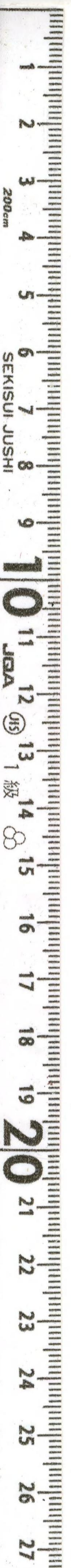
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