

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

AG 311.23 (10 Oct 47) CCS
(SCAPIN 1797)

APO 500
10 October 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

THROUGH: Central Liaison Office, Tokyo

SUBJECT: Guarding of International Distress Frequencies for Allied
Occupation Forces

1. Effective 10 October 1947 the Japanese Ministry of Communications will, through the medium of the Japanese coastal radio station system, furnish immediately by the most expeditious means to the Commander Naval Forces, Far East, Tokyo, the Commanding General, Eighth Army, Yokohama and the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, Tokyo, any information received from ships or aircraft at sea concerning:

- a. Vessels or aircraft in distress.
- b. Vessels in need of medical aid.
- c. Menaces to navigation.

2. To secure this information the Ministry of Communications will cause the Japanese coastal radio station system to maintain at all times an alert, continuous watch on the international distress frequencies 500/8280 kcs in accordance with the International General Radio Regulation (Cairo Revision 1938).

3. All distress information received by the coastal radio system will be transmitted by radio to the Choshi coastal radio station which will serve as a collecting point. That station will then dispatch the information by wire (telegraph or teletype) to the Central Telegraph Office in Tokyo. That office will notify by telephone the Naval Communications Center, Headquarters, Commander Naval Forces, Far East, in the Yokohama Specie Bank Building in Tokyo, telephone 26-7976, and the Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, A-3, Duty Officer in the Meiji building in Tokyo (dial 2635, wait for Meiji dial tone, then dial 553). A confirmation copy will be immediately dispatched by special messenger both to Naval Communications Center and to the Far East Air Forces, Signal Center at the same respective addresses. Simultaneously, the Central Telegraph Office, Tokyo, will transmit the same information by telegraph over the direct wire to the Yokohama Central Telegraph Office, which office will without delay, forward the information by the special teletype circuit to the Signal Center, Headquarters, Eighth Army, Customs Building, Yokohama. The above distress information will be forwarded by all concerned immediately upon receipt. It will receive urgent classification over all other traffic.

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4. In the event of a breakdown of the channels prescribed in paragraph 3, all communication facilities at the disposal of the Ministry of Communications will be used to the extent necessary to insure immediate delivery of the above distress information to the Naval Forces, Far East, to the Signal Center, Far East Air Forces and to the Signal Center, Headquarters, Eighth Army.

5. Direct communication between the Civil Communications Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and the Ministry of Communications, regarding matters within the scope of this memorandum, is authorized.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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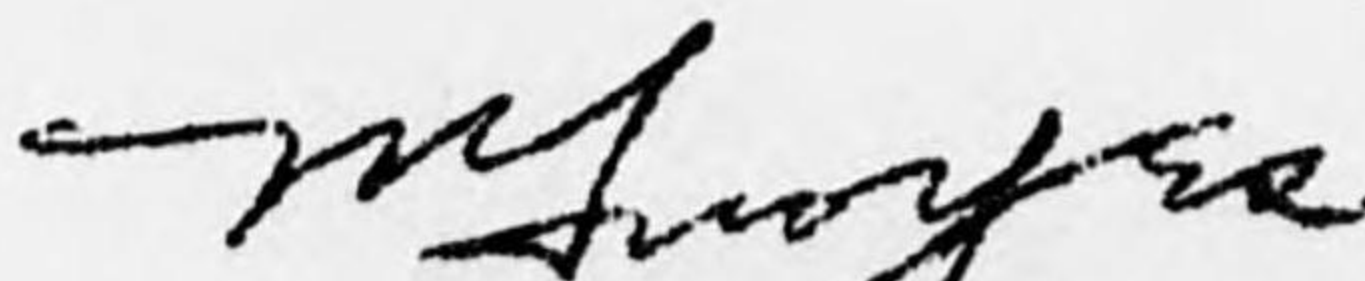
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SUBJECT: Information of General Application Pertaining to Directive Number (SCAPIN 1797), file AG 311.23 (10 Oct 47) CCS, this Headquarters, dated 10 October 1947, subject: Guarding of International Distress Frequencies for Allied Occupation Forces

1. With reference to subject memorandum, the following is published for the information of all concerned.
2. Coincidentally with the effective date, 10 October 1947, of the subject directive, Commander Naval Forces, Far East, will discontinue guarding the international distress frequencies 500/8280 kcs. All information relative to ships or aircraft in distress, ships in need of medical aid, or menaces to navigation will, from that date on, be furnished by the Ministry of Communications' coastal radio system to the Commander Naval Forces, Far East, Tokyo for information and/or action to the Commanding General, Eighth Army, Yokohama to back up the Eighth Army's distress frequency watch at station WVVV and to Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as an additional source of information to its air-sea rescue service.
3. Coordination of all distress frequency information received by the Ministry of Communications will be effected by the organizations involved.
4. Strict and efficient surveillance will be exercised by the Eighth Army to insure that a constant, alert watch is maintained by the Japanese coastal radio system on the international distress frequencies.
5. Inclosure 4 to SCAPIN 1603/1, dated 15 July 1947, contains a list of the Japanese coastal radio stations concerned.



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