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**EXPLANATION OF INDEX
F E C D O C U M E N T S**

The Far Eastern Commission is composed of representatives of 11 nations. A Steering Committee of the Commission has been established and is responsible for organizing Commission business and co-ordinating the functions of the various "WORKING COMMITTEES". This index is based on these "WORKING COMMITTEES", And documents considered only in Steering Committee and full Commission. There are 7 of these "WORKING COMMITTEES" numbered from COMMITTEE # 1 to COMMITTEE # 7. Principle fields of business of these COMMITTEES are listed as follows:

COMMITTEE # 1: REPARATIONS

Subjects for Consideration: Japanese Reparations; Restitution of Looted Property.

COMMITTEE # 2: ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Subjects for Consideration: Extent and Character of Japanese Industry, commerce, and agriculture necessary for a viable economy in Japan; measures necessary to establish such an economy, such as regulation of Japanese foreign commerce, control of agriculture, control of fishing and aquatic industries, control of transportation and communication, and control of industries; democratic agrarian reform; liquidation of monopolistic financial and industrial concerns (zaibatsu); complete elimination of Japanese war industry; reduction, control, and reconversion to peacetime production of industry, commerce, shipping, shipbuilding, and other industries which were used for war purposes during wartime; control of scientific and industrial research; stocks of strategic raw materials, relief problems, such as mass unemployment, public health, food, housing, and financial problems.

COMMITTEE # 3: CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM

Subjects for Consideration: The emperor institution, Diet, Cabinet, local government, political parties; a bill of rights, Japanese Constitution and machinery for drafting a new constitution; judiciary; electoral system; reform of the police system.

COMMITTEE # 4: STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES

Subjects for Consideration: Positive policy for democratization of the Japanese; removal from the government and governmental institutions, as well as from organs of local administration and self-government, of all militarist and totalitarian elements who actively supported the aggressive policy of Japan; dissolution of former military, fascist, nationalistic, and secret organizations; trade unions and peasants' organizations; supervisions of elections; activities of Diet; educational system; public information; status of women; working of the Constitution; state Shinto. INTERCHANGE OF PERSONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES. (FEC 240)(FEC 293)(FEC 300)

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COMMITTEE # 5: WAR CRIMINALS

Subjects for Consideration: Identification, apprehension, and trial of persons suspected of war crimes; punishment of convicted war criminals.

COMMITTEE # 6: ALIENS IN JAPAN:

Subjects for Consideration: Status and property of persons other than Japanese nationals.

COMMITTEE # 7: DISARMAMENT OF JAPAN

Subjects for Consideration: Disarmament and dissolution of Japanese armed forces; disposition of Japanese armaments; long range control of armaments necessary for internal police security in Japan.

On the right hand side of this index folder are numeral-ed tabs running from 1 to 8. The tabs bearing the numerals from 1 to 7 correspond to the Committees of the same number. The tab bearing the numeral 8 contains only those documents considered in full Commission or in Steering Committee. In order to work the index one must first determine which Committee deals with the subject he is interested in. When this is determined turn to the tab with the corresponding number as the Committee. There a sub-index will be found which lists titles of all subjects dealt with by that Committee. If after perusing this sub-index, and the title or near title of your document cannot be located, then you are looking under the wrong Committee. Of paramount importance is that you first determine what committee the document you are looking for falls under. If you cannot then locate your document, it is under another Committee, or, probably under tab 8 (documents considered in full Commission or in Steering Committee)

Following tab 8 there are ² minor Indexes of the following:

1. DIRECTIVES TO SCAP
 2. MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION PAPERS
- MINUTES OF FEC MEETINGS (before Tab 1)
- MINUTES OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS (before Tab 1)
- INTER - ALLIED TRADE BOARD DOCUMENTS
- POLICY DECISIONS