

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
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2 December 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Centralization of Looted Machinery

1. Reference is made to the following memoranda to the Japanese Government from General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers:

a. File AG 386.3 (19 Apr 46)CPC; SCAPIN 885, 19 April 1946, subject, "Impounding and Reporting of Looted Property"

b. File AG 386.6 (25 Jul 46)CPC/FP, SCAPIN 1083, 25 July 1946, subject, "Custody, Shipment and Storage of Looted Property"

c. File AG 387.6 (22 Jul 47)REP, SCAPIN 1751, 22 July 1947, subject, "Responsibilities of the Japanese Government for the Packaging, Transfer and Delivery of Equipment and Records Allocated to Claimant Nations under the Reparations Program"

d. File AG 386.6 (26 Sep 47)CPC/FP, SCAPIN 1783, 26 September 1947, subject, "Safeguarding Property Stored in Looted Property Warehouses in Japan"

e. File AG 386.6 (13 Feb 48)CPC/FP, SCAPIN 1858, 13 February 1948, subject, "Responsibilities of the Japanese Government for the Packaging, Transfer, and Delivery of Property Being Restored to Claimant Nations under the Restitution Program"

f. File AG 633 (19 Apr 48)CPC/CD, SCAPIN 1919, 6 July 1948, subject, "Preparation of Warehouses for Storage of Looted Property"

g. File AG 140 (3 Aug 48)CPC/CD, SCAPIN 5888-A, 3 August 1948, subject, "Establishment of a Uniform System of Records for Warehoused Property"

h. File AG 140 (3 Aug 48)CPC/CD, SCAPIN 5888-A/1, 14 August 1948, same subject.

2. Inclosed are lists of looted machines under custody of the Japanese Government and control of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, which are "unknown" as to area from which looted. The Japanese Government is

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directed to concentrate all of the machinery listed in inclosure 1 in the Kurihama Looted Property Warehouse. All machinery listed in inclosure 2 will be concentrated in the Osaka Arsenal Looted Property Warehouse.

3. All machine tools and other large and heavy pieces in the inclosed lists will be fastened to skid units for convenience and safety in loading and shipping. The machinery need not be boxed or crated. However, if part of an item on the skid unit needs protection during shipment, a box or nailed wood housing will be placed over that part. Skid units will be constructed in accordance with instructions contained in Annex 6 of reference 1c above.

4. The decision as to the impracticability of moving certain machinery because of size, weight, fixed installation, etc. will rest with General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Request for permission to exempt such machinery from the provisions of this memorandum will be made to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, listing complete information on which to base a decision.

5. The machinery will be arranged in the designated warehouses in sections, with machinery of the same type in its proper section. For example, all lathes will be stored in one section, all milling machines in another, all electric motors in another, etc. The machinery in each section will be arranged in neat rows, with sufficient space around each machine to make inspection possible. CPC numbers, as indicated in the inclosed list, will be painted on each machine. In addition, tags will also be placed on each machine indicating the CPC number, former reparations code number, if any, correct nomenclature, and former location of the machine.

6. After the property mentioned above has been concentrated in the designated warehouses, proper preservation and maintenance will be given in accordance with instructions contained in Annex 5 of reference 1c above.

7. In order to eliminate the tying-up of railway cars awaiting unloading at concentration points, or held in various switching yards, the Japanese Government is instructed to carefully schedule shipments so that the number of cars arriving at any unloading point will not exceed the daily capacity for handling.

8. Procedures for the security of the above mentioned property, while in looted property warehouses, are outlined in reference 1d above. The responsibilities of the Japanese Government for the packaging, transfer, and storage of the subject property are defined in reference 1e above. Records will be maintained as directed in references 1g and 1h above.

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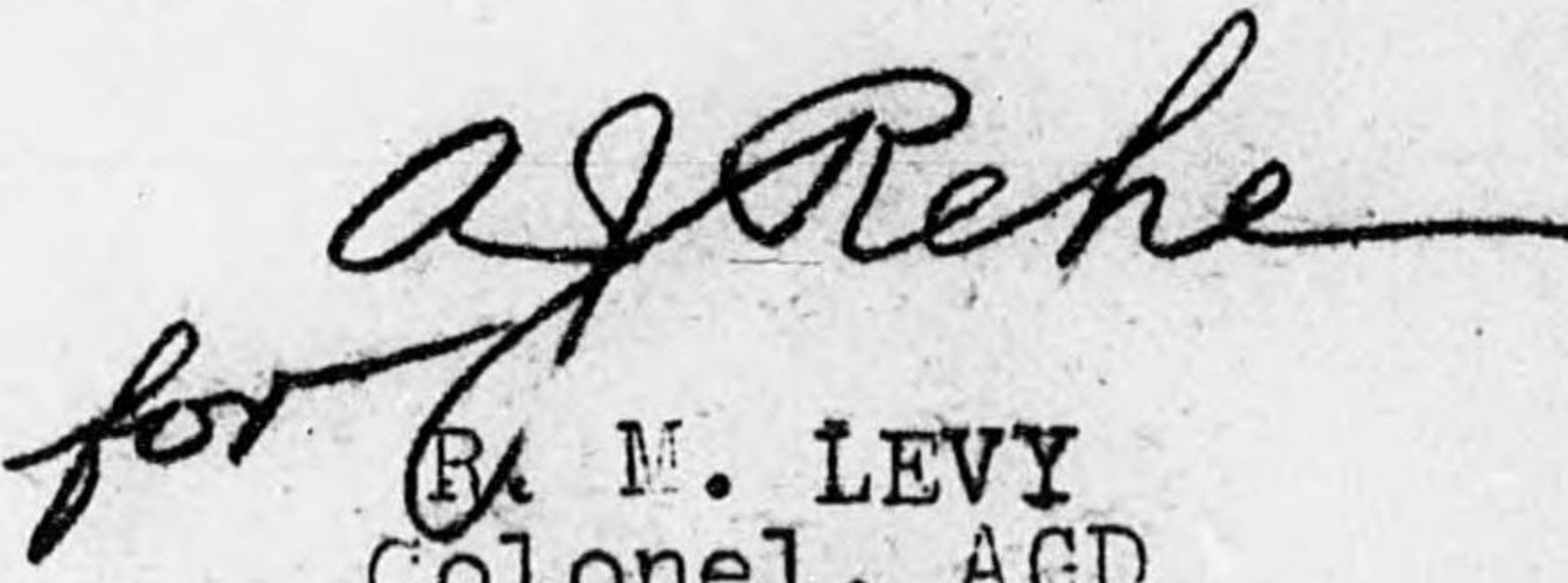
9. Instructions regarding other looted machinery under custody of the Japanese Government and control of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers which is "known" as to area from which looted, will be forwarded at a later date.

10. A report that the actions directed have been completed, together with twenty (20) copies of the inventory of the machinery in each warehouse will be submitted to General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers by 15 January 1949.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

4 Incls (For addressee only)

1. List of Machinery to be Centralized in the Kurihama L/P Whse (in dup)
2. List of Machinery to be Centralized in Osaka Arsenal L/P Whse (in dup)
3. Inter-Whse Transfer Forms for Machinery to be Centralized in Kurihama L/P Whse (in quad) Nos 00039 thru 00053
4. Inter-Whse Transfer Forms for Machinery to be Centralized in Osaka Arsenal L/P Whse (in quad) Nos 00054 thru 00114

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Inclosures 1 - 4

Record copies of inclosures not located. December 1964.