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19 2113 JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF to MACARTHUR, WEDEMAYER info NIMITZ, WHEELER, SPAATZ
BRITISH JOINT STAFF MISSION.

WARX 51776.

Concerning WARX 51481, MacArthur will arrange for the surrender of HONGKONG to a British Commander as soon as the military coordination with the Generalissimo on operational matters indicated by the President is effected by the British. Wedemeyer will keep MacArthur informed of the progress of these arrangements with the view to expeditious action.

18 2313 WARCOS to CINCPAC Info HQ USAFBI, HQ USAFCT, CINCPAC ADVANCE.

WARX 51397.

State Department requests you be informed that the President has now decided that, in addition to representatives of the U.S., Great Britain, China, and the Soviet Union, representatives of Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand and the Netherlands will be invited to be present at the acceptance of the Japanese surrender. Reference is WARX 50043. Communications have gone to those governments asking them to name representatives and to communicate, if possible, directly with you on details, including arrangements for attendance.

Para. State Department requests appropriate instructions be issued to you to provide for the presence of these representatives. The foregoing is for your information and guidance.

19 0909 SUPREME COMMANDER FOR ALLIED POWERS to CINCPAC ADVANCE, COMGEN CHINA
(GENERALISSIMO), CHQ AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES (GENL BLAMEY), CHIEF, U.S.
MILITARY MISSION, MOSCOW (CINC SOVIET FORCES, FAR EAST, CG 29TH CORPS, CG
8TH ARMY, CG 6TH SACSEA info WARCOS (JCS), CG 10TH ARMY, 24TH CORPS, USASTAF
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Herewith for information are official texts of 3 basic documents governing general surrender of Japanese and Japanese controlled armed forces which are being handed by me to Japanese representatives at my headquarters 20 August 1945 for compliance as indicated. (A) proclamation by the Emperor of JAPAN. "Accepting the terms set forth in declaration by the heads of the Governments of the United States, Great Britain and China on July 26 1945 at POTSDAM and subsequently adhered to by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, I have commanded the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to sign on my behalf the instrument of surrender presented by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and to issue general orders to the military and naval forces in accordance with the direction of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. I command all my people forthwith to cease hostilities, to lay down their arms and faithfully to carry out all the provisions of the instrument of surrender and the general orders issued by the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters hereunder".

B. "Instrument of surrender". We, acting by command of and on behalf of the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters, hereby accept the provisions in the declaration issued by the heads of the Governments of the United States, China and Great Britain 26 July 1945 at POTSDAM, and subsequently adhered to by the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, which 4 powers are hereafter referred to as the Allied Powers.

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Para. We hereby proclaim the unconditional surrender to the Allied Powers of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and of all Japanese Armed Forces and all Armed Forces under Japanese control wherever situated.

Para. We hereby command all Japanese forces wherever situated and the Japanese people to cease hostilities forthwith, to preserve and save from damage all ships, aircrafts, and military and civil property and to comply with all requirements which may be imposed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by agencies of the Japanese Government at his direction.

Para. We hereby command the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to issue at once orders to the Commanders of all Japanese Forces and all forces under Japanese control wherever situated to surrender unconditionally themselves and all forces under their control.

Para. We hereby command all civil, military and naval officials to obey and enforce all proclamations, orders and directives deemed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to be proper and to effectuate this surrender and issued by him or under his authority and we direct all such officials to remain at their posts and to continue to perform their non-combatant duties unless specifically relieved by him or under his authority.

Para 6. We hereby undertake for the Emperor, the Japanese Government and their successors to carry out the provisions of the POTSDAM declaration in good faith, and to issue whatever orders and take whatever action may be required by the Supreme Commanders for the Allied Powers or by any other designated representatives of the Allied Powers for the purpose of giving effect to that declaration.

Para 7. We hereby command the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters at once to liberate all allied prisoners of war and civilian internees now under Japanese control and to provide for their protection, care, maintenance and immediate transportation to places as directed.

Para 8. The authority of the Emperor and the Japanese Government to rule the state shall be subject to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers who will take such steps as he deems proper to effectuate these terms of surrender.

Para. Signed at blank at blank on the blank day of blank, 1945. Blank by command in behalf of the Emperor of Japan and the Japanese Government. Blank by command and in behalf of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters.

Para. Accepted at blank at blank on the blank day of blank 1945, for the United States, Republic of China, United Kingdom, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and in the interest of the other United Nations at war with Japan. Blank Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Blank United States representative. Blank Republic of China representative. Blank United Kingdom representative. Blank Union of Soviet Socialist Republics representative".

C. General order number 1, military and naval. "The Imperial General Headquarters by direction of the Emperor, and pursuant to the surrender of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers of all Japanese Armed Forces by the Emperor, hereby orders all of its commanders in Japan and abroad to cause the Japanese Armed forces and Japanese controlled forces under their command to cease hostilities at once, to lay down their arms, to remain in their present locations and to surrender unconditionally to commanders acting on behalf of the United States, The Republic of China, the United Kingdom and the British Empire, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as indicated hereafter or as may be further directed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Immediate contact will be made with the indicated commanders, or their designated representatives, subject to any changes in

detail prescribed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and their instructions will be completely and immediately carried out (A) the Senior Japanese Commanders and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces within CHINA, (excluding MANCHURIA), FORMOSA and FRENCH INDO-CHINA north of 16-00 north shall surrender to Generalissimo CHIANG KAI-SHEK. (B) The Senior Japanese commanders and all ground, sea, and auxiliary forces within MANCHURIA, KOREA north of 38-00 north and KARAFUTO shall surrender to the Commander in Chief of Soviet Forces in the Far East.

Para. (C) The senior Japanese commanders and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces within the ANDAMANS, NICOBARS, BURMA, THAILAND, FRENCH INDO-CHINA SOUTH of 16-00 north, MALAYA, BORNEO, NETHERLANDS INDIES, NEW GUINEA, BISMARCKS, and the SOLOMONS, shall surrender (to the Supreme Commander South East Asia Command or the commanding general Australian Forces-the exact breakdown between Mountbatten and the Australians to be arranged between them and the details of this paragraph then prepared by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. (D) The senior Japanese Commanders and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces in the Japanese Mandated Islands, RYUKYUS, BONINS, and other Pacific islands shall surrender to the Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet.

Para. (E) To the Imperial General Headquarters, its senior commanders, and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces in the main islands of JAPAN, minor islands adjacent thereto, KOREA south of 38-00 north and the Philippines shall surrender to the Commander in Chief, United States Army Forces in the Pacific.

Para. (F) The above indicated commanders are the only representatives of the Allied Powers empowered to accept surrender, and all surrenders of Japanese forces shall be made only to them or to their representatives.

Para. The Japanese Imperial General Headquarters further orders its commanders in JAPAN and abroad to disarm completely all forces of JAPAN or under Japanese control, wherever they may be situated, and to deliver intact and in safe and good condition all weapons and equipment at such time and at such places as may be prescribed by the Allied commanders indicated above.

Para. Pending further instructions, the Japanese police force in the main islands of Japan will be exempt from this disarmament provision. The police force will remain at their posts and shall be held responsible for the preservation of law and order. The strength and arms of such a police force will be prescribed.

Para 2. The Japanese Imperial General Headquarters shall furnish to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, within (time limit) of receipt of this order, complete information with respect to JAPAN and all areas under Japanese control, as follows:

A. Lists of all land, air and antiaircraft units showing locations and strengths in officers and men.

B. Lists of all aircraft, military, naval and civil, giving complete information as to the number, type, location, and condition of such aircraft.

C. Lists of all Japanese and Japanese-controlled naval vessels, surface and submarine and auxiliary naval craft in or out of commission and under construction giving their position, condition and movement.

D. Lists of all Japanese and Japanese-controlled merchant ships of over 100 tons (Gross), in and out of commission and under construction, including merchant ships formerly belonging to any of the United Nations which are now in Japanese hands, giving their position, condition and movement.

E. Complete and detailed information, accompanied by maps showing locations and layouts of all mines, minefields, and other obstacles to

movement by land, sea or air, and the safety lanes in connection therewith.

F. Locations and descriptions of all military installations and establishments, including airfields, seaplane bases, antiaircraft defenses, ports and naval bases, storage depots, permanent and temporary land and coast fortifications, fortresses and other fortified areas.

G. Locations of all camps and other places of detention of United Nations prisoners of war and civilian internees.

Para 3. Japanese armed forces and civil aviation authorities will insure that all Japanese military, naval and civilian aircraft remain on the ground, on the water, or aboard ship, until further notification of the disposition to be made of them.

Para 4. Japanese or Japanese-controlled naval or merchant vessels of all types will be maintained without damage and will undertake no movement pending instructions from the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Vessels at sea will immediately render harmless and throw overboard explosives of all types. Vessels not at sea will immediately remove explosives of all types to safe storage ashore.

Para 5. Responsible Japanese or Japanese-controlled military and civil authorities will insure that:

A. All Japanese mines, minefields and other obstacles to movement by land, sea and air, wherever located, be removed according to instructions of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

B. All aids to navigation be reestablished at once.

C. All safety lanes be kept open and clearly marked pending accomplishment of above.

Para 6. Responsible Japanese and Japanese-controlled military and civil authorities will hold intact and in good condition pending further instructions from the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers the following:

A. All arms, ammunition, explosives, military equipment, stores and supplies, and other implements of war of all kinds and all other war material (except as specifically prescribed in section 4 of this order).

B. All land, water and air transportation and communication facilities and equipment.

C. All military installations and establishments, including airfields, seaplane bases, antiaircraft defense, ports and naval bases, storage depots, permanent and temporary land and coast fortifications, fortresses and other fortified areas, together with plans and drawings of all such fortifications installations and establishments.

D. All factories, plants, shops, research institutions, laboratories, testing stations, technical data, patents, plans drawings and inventions designed or intended to produce or to facilitate the productions or use of all implements of war and other material and property used by or intended for use by military or part.

Para. Military organization in connection with its operations.

Para 7. The Japanese Imperial Headquarters will furnish to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, within (time limit) of receipt of this order, complete lists of all the items specified in paragraphs A, B, and D of section 6 above, indicating the numbers, types and locations of each.

Para 8. The manufacture and distribution of all arms, ammunition and implements of war will cease forthwith.

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Para 9. With respect to United Nations prisoners of war and civilian internees in the hands of Japanese or Japanese-controlled authorities:

A. The safety and well-being of all United Nations prisoners of war and civilian internees will be scrupulously preserved, to include the administrative and supply service essential to provide adequate food, shelter clothing, and medical care until such responsibility is undertaken by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

B. Each camp or other place of detention of United Nations prisoners of war and civilian internees together with its equipment, stores, records, arms, and ammunition will be delivered immediately to the Command of the senior officer or designated representative of the prisoners of war and civilian internees.

C. As directed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, prisoners of war and civilian internees will be transported to places of safety where they can be accepted by allied authorities.

D. The Japanese imperial General Headquarters will furnish to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, within (time limit) of the receipt of this order, complete lists of all United Nations prisoners of war and civilian internees, indicating their locations LTXIBXEA. All Japanese and Japanese-controlled military and civil authorities shall aid and assist the occupation of Japan and Japanese controlled areas by forces of the Allied Powers.

Para 11. The Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and appropriate Japanese officials shall be prepared, on instructions from Allied occupation commanders, to collect and deliver all arms in the possession of the Japanese civilian population.

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Para 12. This and all subsequent instructions issued by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Forces of other Allied military authorities will be scrupulously and promptly obeyed by Japanese and Japanese-controlled military and civil officials and private persons. Any delay or failure to comply with the provisions of this or subsequent orders, and any action which the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers determines to be detrimental to the Allied Powers, will incur drastic and summary punishment at the hands of Allied Military authorities and the Japanese Government.

19 1047 SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS to SACSEA, GOC AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES (DELIVER GENERAL BLAMEY IN MANILA) info WARCOS(JCS) CINCPAC ADVANCE.

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It is anticipated that the actual surrender in TOKYO will take place 28 August. Instructions received by this headquarters direct that: "The senior Japanese commanders and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces within the ANDAMANS, NICOBARS, BURMA, THAILAND, FRENCH INDO-CHINA south of 16 degrees north latitude, MALAYA, BORNEO, NETHERLANDS INDIES, NEW GUINEA, BISMARCS, and the SOLOMONS, shall surrender to the Supreme Allied Commander, southeast ASIA command or the Commanding General, Australian Forces - the exact breakdown between Mountbatten and the Australians to be arranged between them and the details of this paragraph then prepared by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers".

Para. Action addressess are requested to arrange between them the areas within which they will respectively receive the surrender of Japanese forces and advise at earliest.