

Period III (1)-i. Designation of Japan's administrative areas by the GHQ

Directive from the General Headquarters on the temporary suspension of administrative rights in certain areas

No.31 Governmental and Administrative Separation of Certain Outlying Areas from Japan (SCAPIN-677) January 29, 1946

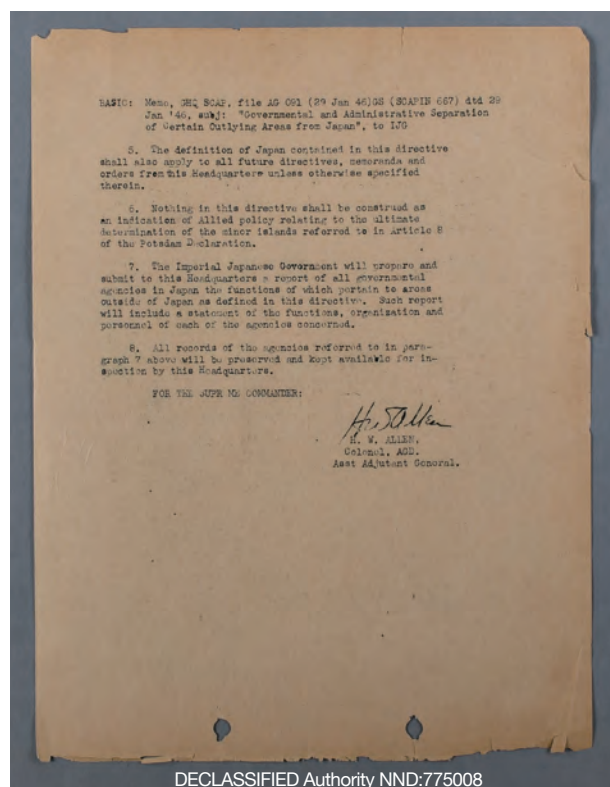
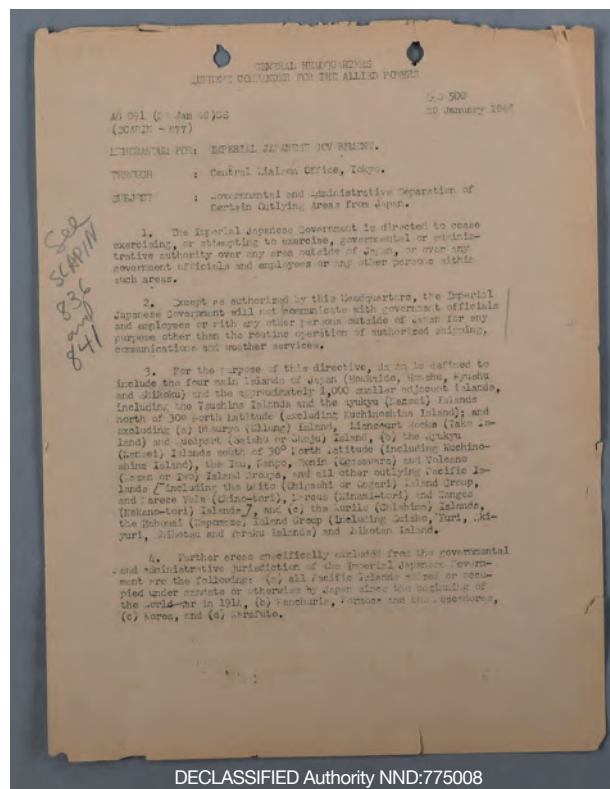
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Overview

The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP) ordered the Government of Japan to cease exerting political or administrative authority over certain areas, and including Takeshima (SCAPIN- 677). However, it clearly states in paragraph 6 of the Note that: “Nothing in this directive shall be construed as an indication of Allied policy relating to the ultimate determination of the minor islands referred to in Article 8 of the Potsdam Declaration.”

Excerpt

- 1. The Imperial Japanese Government is directed to cease exercising, or attempting to exercise, governmental or administrative authority over any area outside of Japan, (text omitted).
- 3. For the purpose of this directive, Japan is defined to include the four main islands of Japan (Hokkaido, Honshu, Kyushu and Shikoku) and the approximately 1,000 smaller adjacent islands, including the Tsushima Islands and the Ryukyu (Nansei) Islands north of 30° North Latitude (excluding Kuchinoshima Island); and excluding (a) Utsuryo (Ullung) Island, Liancourt Rocks (Take Island) and Quelpart (Saishu or Cheju) Island, (text omitted)
- 6. Nothing in this directive shall be construed as an indication of Allied policy relating to the ultimate determination of the minor islands referred to in Article 8 of the Potsdam Declaration.



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