

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

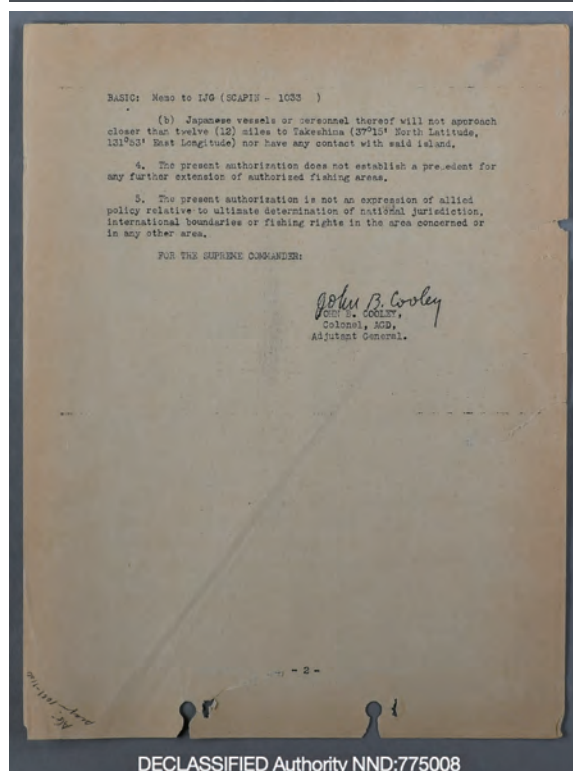
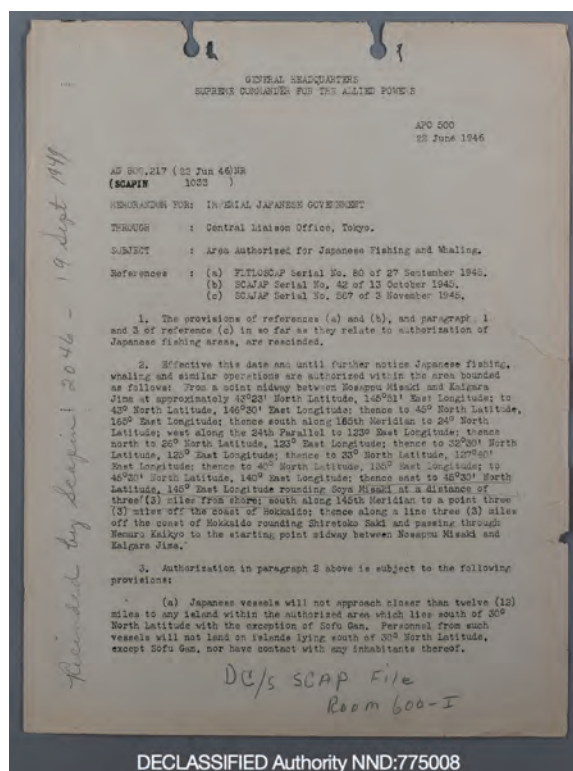
Directive from the General Headquarters (GHQ) to prohibit Japanese fishing vessels from approaching closer than 12 nautical miles from Takeshima and from having any contact with Takeshima
No.32 On the Matter of the Area Authorized for Japanese Fishing and Whaling (SCAPIN-1033) June 22, 1946

Overview

The directive issued to the Government of Japan by the General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (GHQ/SCAP), which revised the boundary lines for the operation of Japanese fishing ships (the so-called MacArthur Line stipulated on September 27, 1945). This directive placed Takeshima outside the MacArthur Line and prohibited Japanese ships and their crews from approaching closer than 12 nautical miles to Takeshima and from having any contact with Takeshima. However, Paragraph 5 of the directive clearly states that it is not an expression of the ultimate determination of international boundaries and fishery rights of Japan.

Excerpt

3. Authorization in paragraph 2 above is subject to the following provisions:
(text omitted)
- b. Japanese vessels or personnel thereof will not approach closer than twelve (12) miles to Takeshima (37°15' North Latitude, 131°53' East Longitude) nor have any contact with said island.
(text omitted)
5. The present authorization is not an expression of allied policy relative to ultimate determination of national jurisdiction, international boundaries or fishing rights in the area concerned or in any other area.



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