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TO: GINERI TOKYO JAPAN

FROM: DEF 62919

27 AUG 50

PERSONAL FOR General MacArthur from Secretary of Defense Johnson.

Urgd C 61325 received. Your message to Clyde A Lewis forwarded verbatim as requested by you.

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E.O. 12065, Sec. 3-02
DOD Directive 5200.30, June 18, 1979

By NMM
Date 10/10/50

ORIGIN: MS LOUIS JOHNSON
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FROM: CINCFE TOKYO JAPAN 30D MACARTHUR

TO: DEPTAR WASH DC FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

NR: C 61325

27 AUG 50

PERSONAL FOR JOHNSON FROM GENERAL MACARTHUR


The Veterans of Foreign Wars, of which I am a long-
time member, requested of me, through its Commander-in-Chief,
a message to be read at its National Encampment since I could
not personally be present. My message was most carefully
prepared to fully support the President's policy decision of
27 June 1950, reading in part as follows:

"--The occupation of Formosa by Communist Forces
would be a direct threat to the security of the Pacific area
and to United States forces performing their lawful and
necessary functions in that area."

My remarks were calculated solely to support this
declaration and I am unable to see wherein they might be
interpreted otherwise. The views were purely personal
ones and the subject had previously been freely discussed
in all circles, governmental and private, both at home and
abroad. The message has undoubtedly been incorporated in
the printed agenda for the Encampment and advance press
released thereof have already reached world-wide centers of
circulation.

Under these circumstances I am sure that it would be
mechanically impossible to suppress the same at this late
date, and I believe to attempt it under such conditions would
be a grave mistake. Please therefore present my most earnest
request to the President for reconsideration of the order
given me in your message as I believe that repercussions
resulting in compliance therewith would be destructive and
most harmful to the National interest.

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(27 Aug 50)

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DOD Directive 5200.50, June 18, 1979

By: MG. THOMAS, Dc:

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If despite the foregoing the decision remains unchanged, please send the following message to the Commander-in-Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr Clyde A Lewis, care of Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

"I regret to inform you that I have been directed to withdraw my message to the National Encomium of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Signed MacArthur."

ACTION: MR JOHNSON

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