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Diplomatic Section

The Diplomatic Section of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, presents its compliments to the Chinese Mission in Japan and has the honor to advise that, in accordance with Article 11 of the Treaty of Peace between Japan and the Allied Powers, the Japanese Government will assume responsibility for the custody, control and maintenance of Japanese war criminals imprisoned in Japan after March 31, 1952, or the effective date of the Treaty of Peace, whichever shall come first. In the event that the effective date of the Treaty is subsequent to March 31, 1952, this Headquarters will supervise the aforementioned responsibility and will continue to exercise the power to grant clemency, to reduce sentences and to grant parole with respect to individual war criminals until the effective date of the Treaty.

Tokyo, December 27, 1951

To the
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Tokyo

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The Diplomatic Section of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, presents its compliments

to the Chinese Mission in Japan and has the honor to refer to the latter's note of January 22, 1952 concerning the assumption by the Japanese Government of responsibility for the custody, control and maintenance of Japanese war criminals imprisoned in Japan after March 31, 1952 or the effective date of the Peace Treaty, whichever shall come first.

The Mission is informed that the Japanese Government will assume responsibility over Japanese war criminals sentenced by Chinese Military Tribunals who are now serving their sentences under Headquarter's supervision in Sugamo Prison as well as over all other war criminals in the prison convicted by member governments of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East. The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will maintain supervision over and exercise clemency in relation to the war criminals until the treaty comes into force, at which time the Japanese Government will assume the responsibility of carrying out the judgments of the various war crimes courts, in compliance with Article 11 of the Peace Treaty.

Tokyo, January 26, 1952

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