

May 6th, 1947

My dear General MacArthur,-

I enclose a memorandum on several points that appear to require your personal decision, of varying degrees of importance.

I recognize, of course, that decision in regard to practically all of them rests on timing, and on that I can have no adequate judgment. But it seems to me that they are worthy your consideration.

May I add that my several weeks of inquiry and contacts abundantly confirm the faith you have not only in the ability of the Japanese people to grasp the principles and practices of universal democratic institutions but in the capacity of Americans to tackle so unprecedented and difficult a task. You have an amazingly effective staff imbued with your own ideals and practical statesmanship.

My suggestions are only in line with what you have laid down as policy.

With warm regard,

Sincerely yours,

General Douglas MacArthur,
Tokyo

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