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INTER-DIVISIONAL AREA COMMITTEE ON THE FAR EAST MEETING NO. 51
March 27, 1944
Room 374 (S)

SUBJECTS: Korea: "What policy will be followed with respect to technically-qualified Japanese nationals who may remain" -- a question submitted by officers of the Army and Navy in connection with their planning for military government in Korea.

PRESENT: FE:AHiss — LA:ALMoffat

TS:GHBlakeslee — ME:MBHall
HBorton
RAFearey — FMA:CFRemer

JA:ERDickover — LRD:JRFriedman
BRJohansen
FDWilliams — PSO:EHDooman

CA:JCVincent
CECLubb

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ACTION TAKEN:

"Korea: Occupation and Military Government: Japanese Technical Personnel" (OAC-138 Preliminary). To be redrafted.

COMMENT ON THE DISCUSSION:

A long discussion took place regarding the advisability of permitting or even requiring technically qualified Japanese to remain in Korea during Allied military government. The committee concluded that this problem is but one of several larger ones, including the repatriation of Japanese generally from Korea; the confiscation of all Japanese property in Korea, both public and private; and the types of Korean industry which should be retained.

The committee was in favor of permitting the necessary number of technically qualified Japanese to remain in Korea during the period of military occupation, under such supervision as might be deemed necessary for security purposes.

TS:GHBlakeslee:hmh
March 28, 1944