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1. The Chiefs of Staff, as requested in your memorandum of July 12th, have considered the military aspects of the peace settlement with Japan and have expressed the following views on the points raised:

(a) The minimum Demilitarization Requirements of the Peace Treaty

The complete demilitarization of Japan, which it is understood has already been largely accomplished in accordance with the Potsdam Declaration, should be maintained.

(b) Machinery for enforcing Demilitarization

Machinery to enforce demilitarization and other provisions of the Treaty will probably consist of an inspecting system backed up by military and/or economic arrangements, to give proper power and authority to the inspectorate. In the event of such a system being adopted, the Canadian government should be prepared to participate.

(c) Military aspects of economic controls in Japan

They are in agreement with the views expressed by the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff that disarmament and demilitarization should be subject to the following exceptions:

- (1) the importation of the necessary equipment with such types and quantities of small arms and the appropriate ammunition as may be essential to the Civil Police and Coastguards for the maintenance of public security;
- (2) The importation of such aircraft as are necessary for the development of such internal civil airlines or undertakings as are allowed and the provision of such ground organizations, including signals organizations, as may be necessary in Japan for the purpose of civil aircraft operating in, to or across Japan;