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**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS**

AG 000.3 (9 Sep 49) CIE
SCAPIN

MEMORANDUM FOR : The Japanese Government

SUBJECT : Relation of Religion to Public Education

1. Reference is made to Memorandum for the Japanese Government file AG 000.3 (15 Dec 45) CIE, SCAPIN 448, 15 December 1949, subject: Abolition of Governmental Sponsorship, Support, Perpetuation, Control and Dissemination of State Shinto (Kokka Shinto. Jinja Shinto).

2. The prohibitions imposed by reference memorandum upon the dissemination of Shinto doctrine shall not be interpreted as precluding :

a. Objective and non-discriminatory treatment of facts relating to the founders, practices and institutions of the various religions, including Shinto, so that religion as part of man's cultural development may be understood.

b. Voluntary student extra-curricular activities which are concerned with the religious interests and practices of the individuals involved as private citizens, with the use of school facilities usually accorded other student activities.

3. Paragraph 1, h, (2) of reference memorandum is hereby revoked subject to provision that school sponsored visits to shrines, temples and churches may not be made for the purpose of participating in religious ceremonies and that the visits will be entirely voluntary.

4. The provisions of this memorandum do not apply to private schools, which are free to determine their own policy and practice regarding religious education and voluntary religious activities, save for the requirement that none may teach militaristic or ultranationalistic doctrine under the guise of religion.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER :

For A. G. Sig.