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TO : WARCS (JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF)

REFERENCE WILLIAM KRAY NINE THREE EIGHT SEVEN ONE PD (CA : 57235)
SINCE RECEIPT OF WILLIAM KRAY EIGHT FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN
CONDUCTED HERE UNDER THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH WITH REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE CRIMINAL
ACTION AGAINST THE EMPEROR PD NO SPECIFIC AND TANGIBLE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN UNCOVERED
WITH REGARD TO HIS EXACT ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT CONNECT HIM IN VARYING DEGREE WITH
THE POLITICAL DECISIONS OF THE JAPANESE EMPIRE DURING THE LAST DECADE PD ITEM HAVE
GAINED THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION FROM AS COMPLETEABLE RESEARCH AS WAS POSSIBLE TO
BE THAT HIS CONNECTION WITH AFFAIRS OF STATE UP TO THE TIME OF THE END OF THE WAR
WAS LARGELY MINISTERIAL AND AUTOMATICALLY RESPONSIVE TO THE ADVICE OF HIS
COUNSELLORS PD THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT EVEN HAD HE HAD POSITIVE IDEAS IT
WOULD HAVE BEEN QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ANY EFFORT ON HIS PART TO THWART THE CURRENT
OF PUBLIC OPINION CONTROLLED AND REPRESENTED BY THE DOMINANT MILITARY CLIQUE WOULD
HAVE PLACED HIM IN ACTUAL JEOPARDY PD PARA IF HE IS TO BE TRIED GREAT CHARGES MUST
BE MADE IN OCCUPATIONAL PLANS AND DUE PREPARATION THEREFORE SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED
IN PREPARATION BEFORE ACTUAL ACTION IS INITIATED PD HIS INDICTMENT WILL
UNQUESTIONABLY CAUSE A TREMENDOUS CONVULSION AMONG THE JAPANESE PEOPLE AND THE
REPERCUSSIONS OF WHICH CANNOT BE OVER ESTIMATED PD HE IS A SYMBOL WHICH UNITES

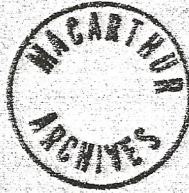
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ALL JAPANESE PD DESTROY HIM AND THE NATION WILL DISINTEGRATE PD PRACTICALLY ALL JAPANESE VENERATE HIM AS THE SOCIAL HEAD OF THE STATE AND BELIEVE RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY THAT THE POTSDAM AGREEMENTS WERE INTENDED TO MAINTAIN HIM AS THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN PD THEY WILL REGARD ALLIED ACTION TO THE CONTRARY AS THE GREATEST BETRAYAL IN THEIR HISTORY AND THE HATREDE AND RESENTMENTS ENGENDERED BY THIS THOUGHT WILL UNQUESTIONABLY LAST FOR ALL MEASURABLE TIME PD ABLE VENDETTA FOR REVENGE WILL THEREBY BE INITIATED WHOSE CYCLE MAY WELL NOT BE COMPLETED FOR CENTURIES IF EVER PD PARA THE WHOLE OF JAPAN CAN BE EXPECTED CMA IN MY OPINION CMA TO RESIST THE ACTION EITHER BY PASSIVE OR SEMI DASH ACTIVE MEANS PD THEY ARE DISARMED AND THEREFORE WILL REPRESENT NO SPECIAL MENACE TO TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TROOPS SEMICOLON BUT IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL BREAK DOWN CMA THAT CIVILIZED PRACTICES WILL LARGELY CEASE CMA AND ABLE CONDITION OF UNDERGROUND CHAOS AND DISORDER AMOUNTING TO GUERRILLA WARFARE IN THE MOUNTAINOUS AND OUTLYING REGIONS RESULT PD ITEM BELIEVE ALL HOPE OF INTRODUCING MODERN DEMOCRATIC METHODS WOULD DISAPPEAR AND THAT WHEN MILITARY CONTROL FINALLY CEASED SOME FORM OF INTENSE REGIMENTATION PROBABLY ALONG COMMUNISTIC LINES WOULD ARISE FROM THE MUTILATED MASSES PD THIS WOULD REPRESENT AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PROBLEM OF OCCUPATION FROM THE ONE NOW PREVALENT PD IT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO GREATLY INCREASE THE OCCUPATIONAL FORCES PD IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ABLE MINIMUM OF ABLE MILLION TROOPS WOULD BE REQUIRED WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED FOR AN INDEFINITE NUMBER OF YEARS PD IN ADDITION ABLE COMPLETE CIVIL SERVICE MIGHT HAVE TO BE RECRUITED AND IMPORTED CMA POSSIBLY RUNNING INTO ABLE SIZE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND PD AN OVERSEAS SUPPLY SERVICE UNDER SUCH

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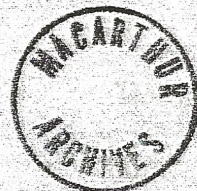
CONDITIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE SET UP ON PRACTICALLY ABLE WAR BASIS EMBRACING AN
INDIGENT CIVIL POPULATION OF MANY MILLIONS PD MANY OTHER MOST DRASTIC RESULTS
WHICH ITEM WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED AND COMPLETE NEW PLANS
SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PREPARED BY THE ALLIED POWERS ALONG ALL LINES TO MEET THE NEW
EVENTUALITIES PD MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AS TO THE NATIONAL FORCES COMPOSING THE
OCCUPATION FORCE IS ESSENTIAL PD CERTAINLY THE UNCLE SUGAR SHOULD NOT BE CALLED
UPON TO BEAR UNILATERALLY THE TERRIFIC BURDEN OF MAN POWER CMA ECONOMICS CMA AND
OTHER RESULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES PD PARA THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER THE EMPEROR
SHOULD BE TRIED AS ABLE WAR CRIMINAL INVOLVES ABLE POLICY DETERMINATION UPON SUCH
ABLE HIGH LEVEL THAT ITEM WOULD NOT FEEL IT APPROPRIATE FOR HE TO MAKE ABLE
RECOMMENDATION SEMICOLON BUT IF THE DECISION BY THE HEADS OF STATES IS IN THE
AFFIRMATIVE CMA ITEM RECOMMEND THE ABOVE MEASURES AS IMPERATIVE PD

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