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FROM: SACSEA INTERSERVICE MISSION T.O.O. 031400H Mar.
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TO: S.A.C.S.E.A.

SECRET. COMD 32.

FOR GEN. BROWNING FROM MAUNSELL.

Your NGS 732 DTC 020437. Gen. D'ARGENLIEU and LECLERC in complete agreement with action and draft statement suggested in following paras.

1. Hand out to press and broadcast to be made simultaneously and as soon as possible from SACSEA and SAIGON in following terms.

A. English version. As from midnight 4/5 Mar. and in accordance with the agreement arrived at with the Allied Powers INDO CHINA south of 16 parallel will cease to form part of SOUTH EAST ASIA Command. From that date control of that part of INDO CHINA will be exercised solely by the FRENCH. However the SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER SOUTH EAST ASIA will continue to act as the representative of the SUPREME COMMANDER and the Allied Powers in the Pacific in the limited role of co-ordinator of the policy of disarmament and repatriation of all Japanese as far as Southern INDO CHINA is concerned.

B. French version. A PARTIR DE 0100 LE 5 MARS. et CONFORMEMENT A D'ACCORD REALISE AVEC LES PUISSANCES ALLIEES. L'INDO CHINE AU DUS 16 PARALLELE CESSERA DE FAIRE PARTIE DU THEATRE DE COMMANDANT DE L'ASIE DUS EST. A CETTE DATE L'AUTORITE FRANCAISE S'EXERCERA SEULE DANS CETTE PARTIE DE L'INDOCHINE. CEPENDANT LE COMMANDANT SUPREME ALLIE PUR L'ASIE SUD EST CONTINUERA A AGIR COMME REPRESENTANT DU COMMANDANT SUPERIEUR PUISSANCES ALLIEES POUR LE PACIFIQUE DANS LE BUT RESTREINT DE CORDONNER LA POLITIQUE DU DESARMEMENT ET DU REPATRIEMENT DES JAPONAISIENS CE QUI CONCERNE L'INDOCHINE DU SUD.

2. Draft of detailed agreement which I have prepared will be examined tomorrow morning by the HC and taken at a joint meeting in the afternoon or evening. It should reach you by Tuesday morning. It is however probable that HC will insist that draft is approved by PORIST.

3. Please send instructions reference para. one.

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