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From: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet
To: Commander Naval Forces, Marianas

Subj: Micronesia Metal and Equipment Co., Inc., request to salvage the
KANYO MARU

Ref: (a) NAVAD Saipan ltr L8-5/wch ser 322 of 10 March 1954
(b) CINCPACFLT Conf message 022039Z of February 1954

1. Reference (a) transmitted a request of the Micronesia Metal and Equipment Company to acquire as scrap the hulk of a Japanese Vessel, the KANYO MARU, now resting in the harbor of Saipan. This request was made in connection with a contract which the Micronesia Metal and Equipment Company now has for the salvage of land-based scrap on Saipan and Tinian.
2. CINCPACFLT considers that the removal of the hulk has positive advantages in improving navigational factors of the harbor and as additional source of revenue to the Naval Administration Unit, Saipan. In view of the option contract described in reference (b), it, however, is not considered appropriate at this time to enter into negotiations with the Micronesia Metal and Equipment Company prior to 21 August 1954.
3. In the preparation of an agreement with the Micronesia Metal and Equipment Company covering the salvage of the KANYO MARU it is essential that ample safeguards be written therein to assure the complete elimination of any navigational hazards remaining from the improper salvage of this hulk. The agreement should provide for the complete removal of the KANYO MARU. If the Micronesia Metal and Equipment Company is unable to furnish this guarantee, an agreement to salvage this vessel is not in order.

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