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the U.S. Department of the Navy or the Naval War College.

Signed at Tokyo Bay, Japan at 0904 I on the second day of September, 1945.

[Signatures omitted.]

Accepted at Tokyo Bay, Japan at 0908 I on the second day of September, 1945, for the United States, Republic of China, United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and in the interests of the other United Nations at war with Japan.

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

[Other signatures omitted.]

(7) Proclamation by the Emperor of Japan*

(Executive Agreement Series, No. 493)

Accepting the terms set forth in Declaration issued by the heads of the Governments of the United States, Great Britain and China on July 26th, 1945, at Potsdam and subsequently adhered to by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, We have commanded the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to sign on Our behalf the Instrument of Surrender presented by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and to issue General Orders to the Military and Naval Forces in accordance with the direction of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. We command all Our people forthwith to cease hostilities, to lay down their arms and faithfully to carry out all the provisions of Instrument of Surrender and the General Order's issued by the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters hereunder.

This second day of the ninth month of the twentieth year of Syōwa.

[Seal of the Emperor]

Signed: HIROHITO

[Counter-signatures of fifteen Ministers omitted.]

*Translation.