INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER

We, acting by command of and on behalf of the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters, hereby accept the terms set forth in the declaration issued by the heads of the governments of the United States, China and Great Britain on 26 July 1945 at Potsdam, and subsequently adhered to by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which four powers are hereafter referred to as the Allied Powers.

We hereby proclaim the unconditional surrender of the Allied Powers of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and of all Japanese armed forces and all armed forces under Japanese control whenever located.

We hereby command all Japanese forces wherever situated and the Japanese people to cease hostilities forthwith to preserve and save from damage all ships, aircraft, and military and civil property and to prevent the injury to Allied military personnel.

We hereby name General of the Army Douglas MacArthur as Commander for the Allied Powers or by agencies of the Japanese Government at his direction.

We hereby command the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to issue at once orders to the Commanders of all Japanese forces and all forces under Japanese control wherever situated to surrender unconditionally themselves and all forces under their control.

We hereby command all civil, military and naval officials to obey and enforce all proclamations, orders and directives herein contained by the Allied Powers or by agencies of the Japanese Government at his direction affixing this surrender and issued by him or under his authority and we direct all such officials to return at their posts and to continue to perform their non-combatant duties unless specifically relieved by him or under his authority.

We hereby undertake for the Emperor, the Japanese Government and their successors to carry out the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration in good faith, and to issue whatever orders and take whatever action may be required by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by any other designated representative of the Allied Powers for the purpose of giving effect to that Declaration.

We hereby command the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters at once to liberate all Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees in their hands and control and to provide for their protection, care, maintenance and immediate transportation to ports as directed.

The authority of the Emperor and the Japanese Government to rule the state shall be subject to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers who will take such steps as he deems proper to effectively those terms of surrender.

Instrument of surrender signed at Tokyo Bay 
(Each page of original document 18½ by 22½ inches)
Signed at TOKIO BAY, JAPAN, on the 2nd day of SEPTEMBER, 1945.

重光 篤

By Command and on behalf of the Emperor of Japan and the Japanese Government.

接收者

By Command and on behalf of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters.

Accompanied at TOKIO BAY, JAPAN, on the 2nd day of SEPTEMBER, 1945

by 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.

Harwood Strozier

Superintendent for the Allied Powers.

WILLIAM J. C. DORE
United States Representative

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Republic of China Representative

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United Kingdom Representative

Robert H. Jackson
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Representative

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