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WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington 25, D. C., 6 August 1946

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PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING AND DISPOSITION OF
RECOVERED U. S. MILITARY PERSONNEL (POW)

1. The purpose of this memorandum to provide a guide for the processing and disposition of recovered United States military personnel, and to define the responsibilities of all concerned in connection therewith. WD letter (AG 383.6 (17 Aug 45)), Short Title: POW, which this memorandum supersedes, contained the basic authority for processing recovered American personnel. However, since additional copies of POW are not available and there is still a small number of personnel entitled to this processing, pertinent parts of POW and its amendments are extracted and published for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. All known recovered personnel have now been returned to the United States and most of those returned have been either separated from the service or returned to active duty. The remainder are in hospitals, on leave, or furlough, or on temporary duty for recuperation, rehabilitation, and recovery. In addition there are some who, through no fault of their own, have not received all of the privileges which they may be given. Application of the provisions of this memorandum will insure that all recovered personnel entitled to additional privileges will receive them. Army commanders will insure that only those properly entitled thereto will be processed as prescribed herein.
3. Recovered personnel who have been processed previously, either through an Army Ground and Service Forces redistribution station or by the Army Air Forces Personnel Distribution Command, or who have received complete processing under any previous directive, are not entitled to any additional privileges under this memorandum.
4. Definitions of terms:
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5. For ease of identification of recovered personnel and to facilitate their disposition, there were established three distinct groups as follows:
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c. Project "R". This group includes all Recovered Personnel other than Project "J" and Project "P".

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Travel by rail is authorized. The Transportation Corps will furnish necessary government transportation upon request.

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In order to secure reimbursement for transportation and Pullman accommodations procured at your own expense, receipts must be obtained and attached to reimbursement voucher.

The travel involved is necessary in the public service and chargeable to 701 - #: P432-02 A 2170425 S ** -999,

Sincerely yours,

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