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Notification procedures in case of unusual occurrences related to the U.S. Forces in Japan

1. Purpose:

- (1) The representatives of Japan and of the U.S. to the Joint Committee share the view that it is important to provide Japanese authorities concerned as well as local communities with accurate and expeditious information on unusual occurrences related to the U.S. Forces in Japan (hereinafter referred to as "information in case of unusual occurrences") in order to ensure swift response by the Japanese authorities concerned, thereby minimizing the impact of these occurrences on local communities. Based on the above recognition, these procedures provide for the standards, channels and format with regard to notification procedures in case of unusual occurrences related to the U.S. Forces in Japan.
- (2) These procedures are intended to supplement existing communications channels between U. S. Forces and Japanese authorities, and do not supersede, cancel, or replace any other communications procedures.

2. Notification standards of information in case of unusual occurrences

- (1) As to the notification to the Japanese Government in case of unusual occurrences which may have an impact on public safety or the environment, the U.S. side at the central level will expeditiously notify the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs as soon as information on such occurrences become available. At the same time, the U.S. side at the local level will notify the Defense Facilities Administration Bureau or Office concerned

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expeditiously. The examples of unusual occurrences subject to such notification are listed below, but note that the list is not exhaustive. These occurrences must meet the criteria outlined in paragraph 3.d of the Terms of Reference of the "Ad Hoc Working Group on Procedures for Unusual Occurrence Notification" (AWGON).

- (a) aircraft-related incidents such as crash, jettisoning, accidental dropping of hazardous object.
 - (b) vessel-related incidents such as collision, sinking or grounding.
 - (c) ammunition-related incidents, in which explosion or the significant probability of explosion is involved.
 - (d) incidents occurring during training, such as bullets landing outside the U.S. facilities and areas or hitting Japanese people or property.
 - (e) significant probability of substantial pollution/contamination resulting from misuse, abandonment, outflow, or leakage of hazardous, toxic, or radioactive substance.
 - (f) landing of U.S. military aircraft in areas other than airport facilities outside the U.S. facilities and areas.
 - (g) impending or already occurred hazards or disasters within the U. S. facilities and areas which may cause substantial injury or damage to Japanese people or property.
 - (h) accidents or incidents which may cause substantial injury or damage to Japanese people or property.
 - (i) occurrences of terrorist acts within or against the U. S. facilities and areas affecting or endangering the safety of the U. S. forces personnel or facilities and areas, and surrounding local communities.
- (2) When unusual occurrences referred to in 2(1) above pose imminent danger to local communities, the U.S. side will expeditiously notify the local authorities

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concerned (such as police, fire department, and Maritime Safety Branch office), as has been done in the past.

3. Notification channels for information in case of unusual occurrences

The notification channels for information in case of unusual occurrences related to the U.S. Forces in Japan will be as specified in Attachment 1.

4. Notification format for information in case of unusual occurrences

The notification format for unusual occurrences will include the following.

- (1) date and time of unusual occurrences
- (2) location of unusual occurrences
- (3) summary of unusual occurrences
 - (a) particulars
 - (b) damage
 - (c) measures taken so far
 - (d) possibility of remaining danger
 - (e) environmental destruction
- (4) need for Japanese assistance
- (5) incident number
- (6) person sending report
- (7) person receiving report
- (8) local notification completed and authorities notified

5. Points to be noted

- (1) The Japanese and the U.S. sides will make unusual occurrences notification expeditiously without regard to the hour, day, or date.

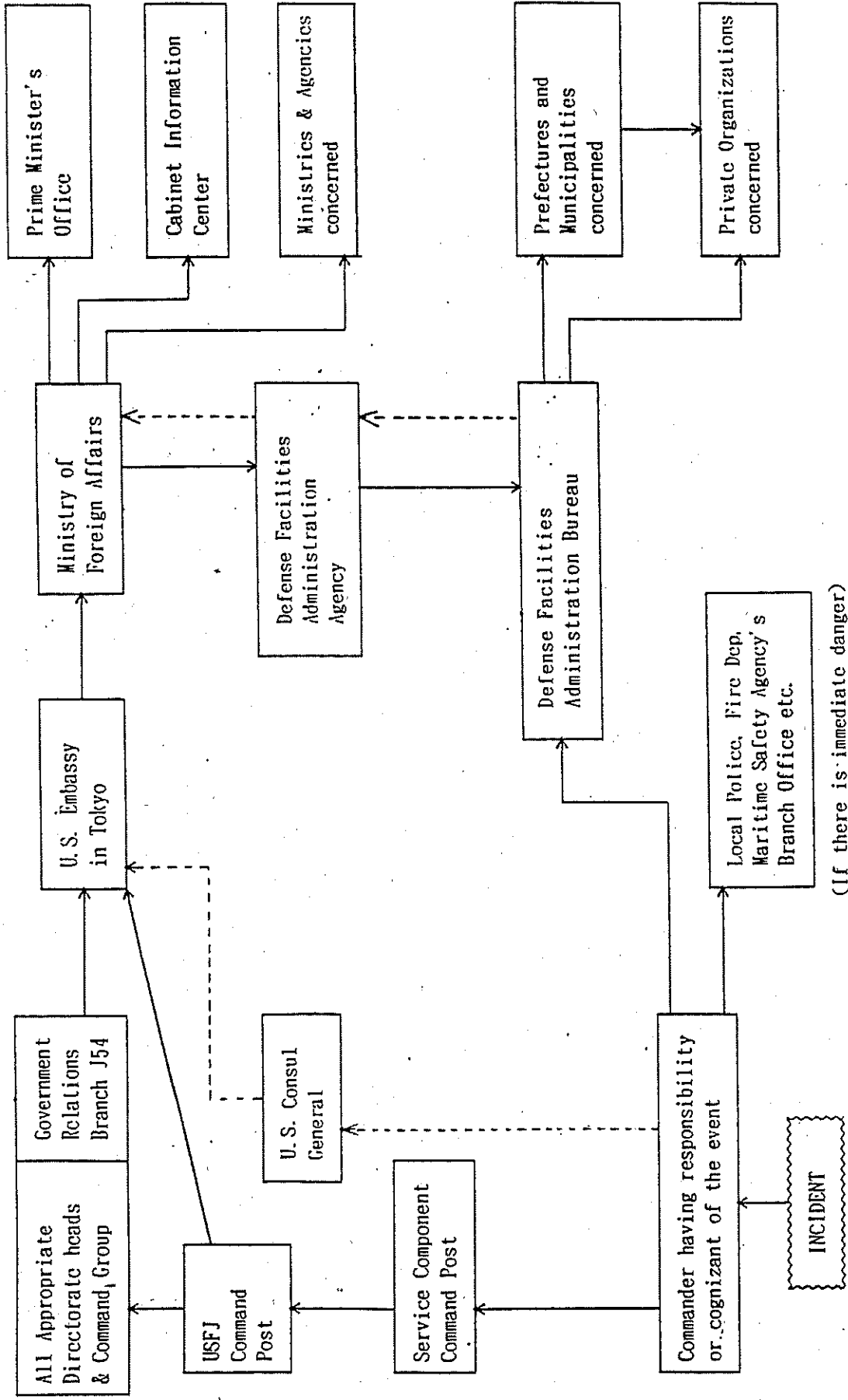
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- (2) The Joint Committee Secretariat of both sides will make efforts to ensure the effectiveness of the notification channels specified in Attachment 1. by compiling and periodically updating a chart indicating the routes by which the notification is to be made, with the telephone numbers of the personnel concerned.
- (3) The Joint Committee Secretariat of both sides will make efforts in improving communication hardware by securing direct faxing device, mobile phones for the use of personnel in charge of notification, voice mail, and other devices.
- (4) The notification procedures will be reviewed as necessary at AWGON, as stipulated in AWGON Terms of Reference.

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Detailed Notification channels

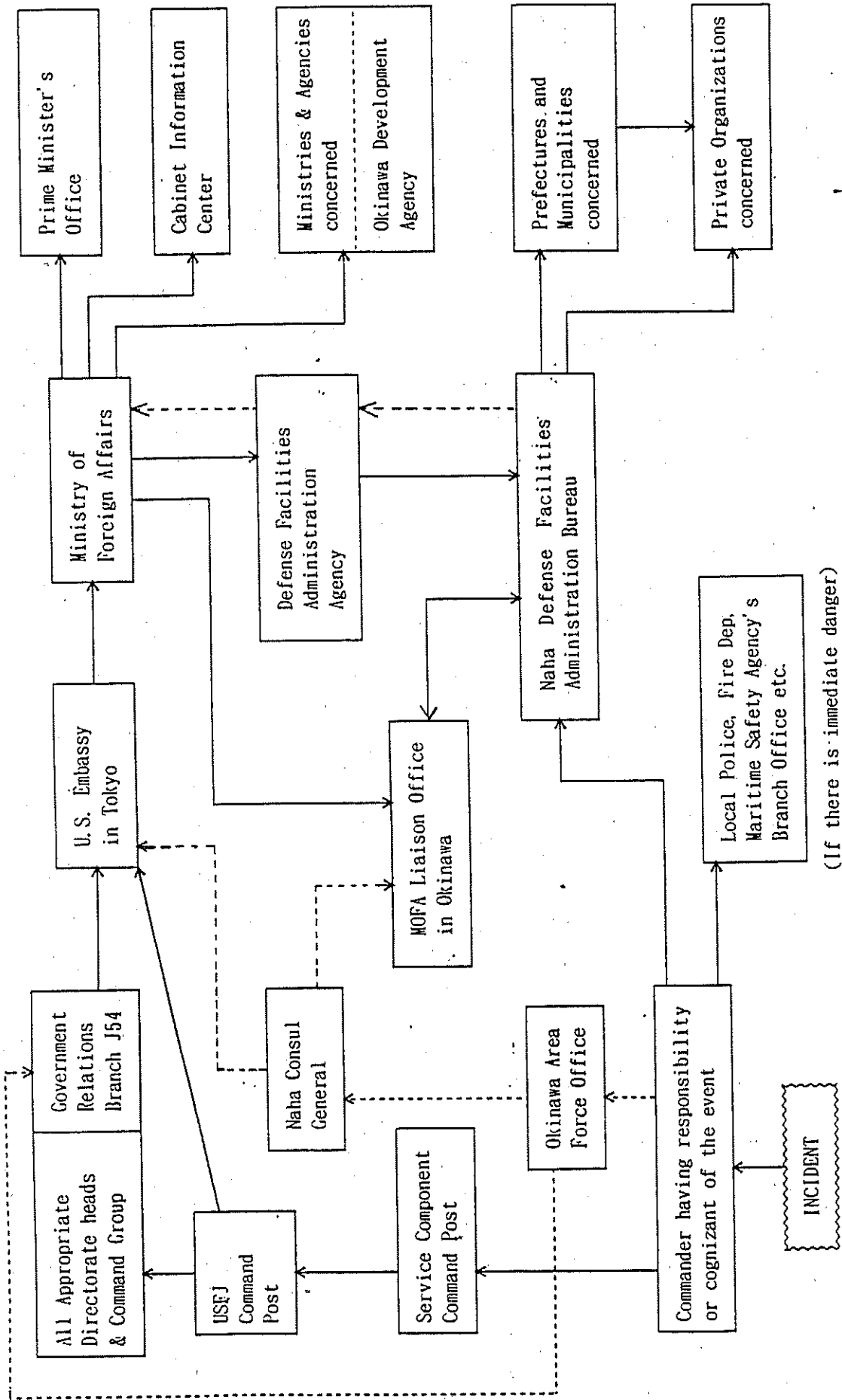
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* Solid lines indicate official notification channels; dotted lines indicate supplementary channels.
 ** Immediately after receiving information from the US side, MOFA, DFAA and DFAB will check each other's information.
 *** This chart does not preclude Japanese agencies other than MOFA to pass information, as necessary, to the Prime Minister's Office.

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Detailed Notification Channels related to Okinawa



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