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PREFACE

This report contains three independent papers on U.S. occupation of the Ryukyus, an outcome of two research tours in the U.S. on grants from the Ministry of Education in 1984 and 1985. The purpose of the tours was to collect government documents and other data related to U.S. administration of the islands, and the trips actually yielded a large amount of material, part of which was used in these papers.

Each writer chose to write on a different theme, mainly because it was considered more relevant, as an initial step toward the compilation of a comprehensive history of occupation, to pick up a theme that represented the most important issue of the period he was assigned to cover, rather than write a mere chronological history of each period in a limited number of pages given and in a short period of time allotted for the work.

The first chapter by Masahide Ota, roughly covering a period from 1943 through 1952, is an examination of early U.S. occupation policy toward the Ryukyus, with particular attention focussed on factors that led to the administrative separation of the islands from Japan. The second chapter by Etsujiro Miyagi follows the development of the military used land problem, the single most important issue of the 1950s that caused serious friction and confrontation between the U.S. military and the residents of the island. In the third chapter, which covers the 1960s, Hiroshi Hosaka deals mainly with the issue of administrative reversion of the Ryukyus to Japan. Since most of the government documents from the late 50s and on are still not open to the public and the huge amount of the U.S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyus (USCAR) material transferred to the Records Center at Suitland after reversion is still closed, the third chapter by comparison suffers from lack of documentation by primary sources.

The papers in the present report will be further expanded, with new material collected during the U.S. tours added to them, and will be eventually incorporated into one volume that will be published as a comprehensive study on the U.S. occupation of the Ryukyu Islands.

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