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1 June 1950

MEMORANDUM THRU: Kanto Liaison and Coordination Office

FOR: The Governor of Chiba Prefecture
Attn: Chief of Welfare Department

SUBJECT: Japanese National's Communication

1. Inclosed herewith is a letter sent by Takejiro Tokuda, c/o Seiko Ishibashi, Uehiham, Shiima, Yasashi-mura, Kaijo-gun, Chiba Prefecture.

2. It is desired that an investigation be made and a report be submitted to this headquarters by 1 July 1950.

FOR THE CHIEF:

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As indicated above

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MEMORANDUM THRU: Kanto Liaison and Coordination Office

FOR:

Takejiro Tokuda
c/o Seiko Ishibashi, Uchihama, Shiina, Yasashi-mura
Kaijo-gun, Chiba Prefecture

Your letter dated 4 May 1950 stating your difficulty in securing a job has been received and has been referred to the Welfare Department in your prefecture, with the request that your situation be investigated.

FOR THE CHIEF:

WILLIAM F. JOHNSON
1st Lt. SS-USAR
Acting Deputy Chief

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c/o Seiko Ishibashi,
Uchiha ma, Shiina, Yasashi-mura
Ka ijiyo-gun, Chiba-ken
May 4 1950

Dear Sir,

As I saw in the May 5 issue of the Asahi that you were kind enough to be consulted about anything, I would take the opportunity without delay.

I am 68 years old, my wife 66 years old and my son died ten years ago leaving three children behind him, I had been engaged in the manufacture and wholesale business of confectionery in Tokyo, till I was forced to close my shop by the strengthening of Government Controls. Since then I had been working in a munition factory till my house was burnt down by bombing and I fled to this place counting on my relative's help.

I have been engaged in the manufacture and wholesale business of confectionery since the end of the war, to support my family consisting of six members.

Lately a rapid increase in number of men of the same trade and the general depression caused a keener competition among the trade, which led a man of small means like me to harder and harder living.

At present I am living with my wife, my son's widow and a 13 year old granddaughter of mine, while a 17 years old granddaughter and 15 years old grandson of mine are living with their masters to learn how to conduct commercial business.

It became impossible for me to support the four members of my family and I applied for employment to a number of my acquaintances and employment agencies in vain. To mention my age has usually been enough for obtaining cold refusal. We are now in great distress.

I am healthy and strong enough to be equal to light labour; I can ride on bicycles.

If we old couple are able to live, we are happy. I don't care if the working place is an isolated island in the sea or a mine in the mountains. Would you respectfully be requested to find for us an employment? I must add that my wife is suffering from light paralysis.

Yours respectfully,

Takejiro Tokuda

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