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Dept favors storage Jap official property ~~unless~~

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quantities, disproportionate expense. If storage
impracticable property/identified as Jap Govt owned may
be sold. URTEL 487, Dec 12, 1945

Private property Jap officials should not repeat not
be sold at present.

All Jap funds, including public funds of mission,
private funds belonging members of mission and funds
derived from sale property should be deposited in trust
account jointly controlled by diplomatic representatives
Allied powers concerned (UK-US-USSR-China) for later
disposition.

Withdrawals from trust account for moving, storage
and custodial expenses connection Jap property and if
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Dated February 12, 1946

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Secretary of State

Washington

88, February 12

Message from Department of 10 January, number 202 refers. The Government of Japan has been informed by the Swiss representative at Tokyo that the Government of Canada has appointed a custodian from Canada's Secretary of State's Department to control and assume custody for property and archives belonging to Japan. The Jap Government was also informed that there might be another transfer to the American Ambassador from the Canadian Custodian and that previous transfer is expected in Montreal and that property located in Vancouver was turned over on 8 January to the Custodian's representative.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 13,509.

Santiago, February 14, 1946.

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SUBJECT: Transmitting Swedish Legation's statement of disbursements for routine protection of Japanese interests in Chile for period November 6, 1945, to December 31, 1945.

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THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to my secret despatch No. 13,397 of January 25, 1946, regarding the allocation to the Swedish Legation of \$304,544.18 (Chilean pesos) from the cash and liquid resources of the former Japanese Legation for the routine protection of Japanese interests in Chile, and to transmit a copy of the Swedish Legation's note of February 6, 1946, enclosing a statement of expenditures made from this account for the period November 6, 1945, to December 31, 1945.

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Hugh Millard, Counselor of Embassy.

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Enclosures: No. 1: Copy of letter of Swedish Chargé d'Affaires dated February 6, 1946.

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Enclosure No. 1 to Despatch
No. 13,509 of Feb. 14, 1946,
American Embassy, Santiago.

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Santiago, February 6, 1946.

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Referring to your letter of January 26 concerning the funds left to this Legation for expenditures in connection with the routine protection of Japanese interests in Chile, I beg to inform you, that, according to the estimations of this Legation, the original sum of \$ 304,544:18 (Chilean pesos) will be sufficient until about December 31, 1946. This Legation has come to this conclusion by calculating with quarterly expenditures of about \$ 60.000 (Chilean pesos).

Concerning the request for a report on the expenditure of funds for the period November 6, 1945, to December 31, 1945, I am pleased enclosing such a report, which I hope will prove sufficient. If there are any details that you find unclear, I shall be glad to give you all explanations required. When the time has elapsed your Embassy will be furnished with a similar report for the period January 1 to March 31, 1946.

Finally I beg to inform you that I have taken due note of your statement that, according to information by the Department of State, in connection with the routine protection of Japanese interests by the Protecting Powers concerned, there is at present no authorization for extraordinary expenditures such as repatriation, which will be subject to further study and advice, and also that the Department of State considers that the following types of expenses are properly allowable: 1) Relief to indigent Japanese nationals; 2) fixed expenses of the Protecting Power incidental to routine operations; and 3) charges for moving and storage of Japanese diplomatic and consular property and archives.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) Tore Högstedt

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Attachment to Enclosure No. 1,
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R e p o r ton the expenditure of funds for the routine protection of Japanese in-
terests for the period November 6, 1945, to December 31, 1945.

November 6 1945	Balance in hand	304.544:-	
10 "	Payment by the Swedish Legation for the rent of the chancery, Barros Errá- zuriz 1975	3,000:-	
December 31 "	Salaries		28.220:-
	Expenditure for premises		17.076:-
	" " office sup- plies		44:-
	Telegrams		1.770:-
	Expenditure for taxis		40:-
	Journeys		5.531:-
	Miscellaneous items		336:-
		307.544:-	53.017:-
	Balance to carry over		254.527:-
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Santiago, February 6, 1946.

(Sgd.) (Curt Hartzell
Attaché of Legation.(Sgd.) Tore Högstedt
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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
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I have the honor to refer to the Department's Circular Airgram of January 31, 1946, 12:30 PM, concerning the taking over of Japanese archives and property.

As reported in my telegram no. 761 of December 18, 11 PM, the Czechoslovak Government has stated that no Japanese archives were found in Czechoslovakia, nor was any other Japanese property of any consequence found in this country.

Respectfully yours,

Laurence A. Steinhardt

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SUBJECT: Report on Japanese Archives.

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THE HONORABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
WASHINGTON.

I have the honor to refer to the Department's circular airgram no. 3610, January 31, 12:30 p.m., indicating the procedure which the Department felt essential in examining and reporting on the contents of Japanese diplomatic and consular records whose custody had been assumed by the United States.

The Legation has already sent two despatches on this subject, the first, no. 1022 of November 20, 1945, containing an inventory of Japanese consular property and a summary of records in the French and English languages, and the second, no. 1085 of January 16, 1946, reporting the conclusions of a Japanese language scholar who examined the Japanese portions of the records.

It is believed that these two despatches conveyed all the information now required and that no further action need be taken at the present time.

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Respectfully yours,

Gordon H. Mattison
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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883, February 19, 4 p.m.

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Premises of former Jap Embassy Rome were visited Saturday morning by representatives of US and UK Embassies for cursory preliminary examination of building and grounds. Property is under control of military guard provided by Rome area Allied Command and two American officers of this command accompanied the British and American representatives (reference Department's 8 of February 8 to AMVAT and circular airgram January 31).

Former Jap Ambassador to Holy See did not make available keys to various rooms in Chancery quarters prior to his repatriation last month. (see Department's 151 of January 23) but doors were easily opened by local locksmiths without having to break any locks.

Chancery quarters are located on top (third) floor of Villa Berlingieri and consist of approximately 12 rooms filled with office and household furniture, personal luggage and approximately 30 wooden cases. Several of cases which were opened contained only printed Jap and Italian publications. Among furniture were many file cabinets, most of which appeared to be empty, as well as several locked safes. Some rooms on second floor contained additional personal luggage and furniture while in basement were stored approximately 75 trunks and wooden cases reportedly containing personal effects. There were another 5 safes in basement, 1 of which was open and empty, as well as moderately well stocked wine cellar.

This Embassy and I believe same situation prevails in (*) British Embassy has no personnel which could be spared for undertaking of large task of going through the papers

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and effects which Japanese left behind. Consequently I suggest Joint Diplomatic Research Agency (SAFEHAVEN) be authorized at least on behalf of US Government to undertake examination. This will, of course, require Jap speaking investigators and it is suggested War Department may be able to detail several soldiers of Jap descent now in Italy to JDRA for this purpose. In view of great difficulty of finding storage space in Rome it is suggested that General MacArthur authorize continued rental on expiration of current lease March 31 this year of top floor of villa where investigation team of Four Powers could work. Owner of property (Italian) is anxious to return to it at expiration of lease and has expressed willingness to permit storage of Jap effects in part of villa. If Department considers this suggestion feasible we shall approach owner in concert with British, Chinese and Soviet colleagues to ascertain rental he would require for one floor of villa.

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Re funds required for contd occupation top floor Villa
Berlingieri (URTEL 883 Feb 19). Ascertain rental. Explore
possibility raising needed funds through sale office and household
furniture and contents wine cellar. If all costs not coverable
this manner report estimated additional amount required by telegraph.

As to requirement JAP speaking investigators exploiting
JAP archives War DEPT advises no objection utilizing qualified
military personnel obtained locally provided arrangement mutually
acceptable Theater Commander. War DEPT advising Theater Commander
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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-84, February 23.

Reference Department's circular airgram 3610, January 31
regarding Japanese archives.

In view of considerations set forth in Embassy's telegram
4030, December 3, 10 a.m., we assume that Embassy need take
no action on basis of circular airgram under reference.

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Department concurs with view that Embassy need take no action on basis circular airgram under reference expressed in your secret airgram A-84 February 23. The interest of Department thereby, however, is not foreclosed should access to Japanese archives become practicable. Suggest if suitable opportunity arises it would be desirable to participate in examination of documents.

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Property former Jap officials should be stored
in public warehouse, storage charges to be met from
proceeds sale official property or from rent paid by
Brazilians (URTEL 378 Feb 27 and despatch 1279 Jan 17).
Dept approves proposed action re archives, property
sale and rental Jap Leg premises. Funds accruing from
sale and rental payments should be placed in joint
trust account, withdrawals to be made to defray storage
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EMBASSY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
San Salvador, El Salvador, February 27, 1946

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's circular airgram of January 31, 1946 and to previous correspondence concerning the taking over of Japanese records, archives and property and requesting a further report in regard to this matter.

In reply, I have the honor to inform the Department, confirming the Embassy's despatches nos. 474 of September 28, 1945 and 553 of November 19, 1945, that the only archives found in the Spanish Legation, and delivered to this Embassy on August 27, 1945, were the items listed in the enclosure to my despatch no. 474, referred to above.

These archives contained nothing of particular interest and, with particular reference to the Department's specific inquiries, they are completely devoid of any communications or other correspondence and of any cryptographic material.

An investigation recently conducted by the Embassy in regard to Japanese funds has revealed, however, that there is a blocked account in the Central Reserve Bank of El Salvador in the name of the Legación de el Japon, amounting to 9,020 colones. As far as the Embassy can ascertain, this sum probably represents Japanese relief money formerly handled by the Spanish Legation and also the proceeds of the sale of the former Japanese Legation car.

As the Foreign Office has informed me that there are no Japanese now residing in El Salvador and as consequently there would seem to be no possible use for the funds in question in connection with relief to indigent Japanese nationals, fixed expenses of protecting powers incidental to routine operations, or charges for moving and storage, it would seem that these funds should properly be delivered to this Embassy, acting on behalf of the four protecting powers.

The Embassy has therefore brought this matter to the attention of the Foreign Minister in its note of February 19. The Embassy's understanding was pointed out in this

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note that this money would not be required for normal expenses such as relief of individual Japanese citizens. It was consequently requested that the Foreign Minister give to the Embassy an expression of the opinion of the Foreign Office as to the proper disposition which should be made of these funds. The note also said that, should it be convenient to have the funds in question delivered to the Embassy, we should be glad to make appropriate disposition of them.

In as much as there will apparently be no current disbursements chargeable to these funds, it is the Embassy's understanding that the Department would not wish to have from it the usual quarterly reports along the lines indicated in the last paragraph of the Department's circular airgram of January 8, 1946.

I shall report further developments in this matter as they may occur.

Respectfully yours,

John F. Simmons
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To the
Officer in Charge of the American Mission,
San Salvador.

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The Secretary of State refers to the Embassy's despatch of February 27, 1945 concerning Japanese records, archives and property and advising that Japanese funds to the amount of 9.020 colones are blocked in the Central Reserve Bank of El Salvador.

The Department is of the opinion that in as much as the amount is of no particular significance as far as reparations are concerned and in view of the position taken by the Department in its circular instruction of November 11, 1942, and circular airgram of February 2, 1943 that if the Salvadoran Government is not willing to transfer these funds to the custody of the representatives of the Four Allied Powers it may not be desirable to press the Salvadoran Government for such transfer.

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The Department assumes that the Salvadoran Government will take no action as to the final disposition of these funds until the whole question of the ultimate disposition of Japanese external assets is decided.

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226, February 28, 6 p.m.

Receipt Department's airgram A-44, February 11
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URTEL 226, Feb. 28.

(CODE ROOM: - Please quote the Department's circular telegram of November 16, 9 a.m., 1945 re: the submission of reports on Japanese archives property).

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224, March 1, 10 a.m.

Embassy has received no instructions from Dept on recommendation of local Allied Committee for Jap Affairs contained in memo forwarded my despatch 615 December 21, 1945.

Instructions are urgently requested concerning disposition of Jap property since British and Chinese authorized to sell at public sale and in meantime warehouse charge mounting.

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224, March 1, 10 a.m.

Embassy has received no instructions from Dept on re-commendation of local Allied Committee for Jap Affairs contained in memo forwarded my despatch 615 December 21, 1945.

Instructions are urgently requested concerning disposition of Jap property since British and Chinese authorized to sell at public sale and in meantime warehouse charge mounting.

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Instructions answering questions raised URDES 615

Dec 21 are being sent airmail (URTEL 224 Mar 1). Jap property should if possible be stored but where storage impracticable official property may be sold and proceeds deposited in joint trust account. However this provision does not (repeat not) apply to personal property former Jap officials or to official archives.

~~Since the Dept is replying by telegraph to the Embassy's telegram no. 295 of Mar 4, 1946 on this question, separate instructions are not included here.~~

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS,

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For Acting Political Adviser

DEPT would appreciate receiving by mail copies of all instructions issued by Jap GOVT implementing General MacArthur's directive of October 25, 1945 on Jap diplomatic consular records property. Copies of reports of action taken by recipients of instructions also desired if available. It is assumed Jap GOVT has furnished such information accordance para two directive.

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DEPT now advised that Jap archives in Canada taken over
by Canadian GOVT from Swiss. DEPTEL 202, Dec. 11. Therefore no
action need be taken reference telegram.

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MEXICAN AFFAIRS
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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Mexico, D. F.
March 2, 1946.

SECRET

Dear Johnny:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of despatch No. 28, 703 of today's date, which contains the complete and detailed memorandum with regard to the meeting held by the four Ambassadors who are to take over the Japanese funds, archives and property. If you have time you might be interested in glancing over the report of the meeting, as it indicates again how difficult it is to carry on transactions with our Russian colleague. Confidentially, the Swedish Minister has intimated that the one filing case of archives which is stored in his Legation, he believes contains correspondence between the Japanese and Germans which might be of interest to us. Therefore we think that we should insist upon having these archives brought over to the premises of our Embassy and not yield to the Russian request that they be sent to the Russian Embassy.

The new instructions which the Swedish Minister has just received are to the effect that he is to retain a sufficient amount of the funds on hand to enable him to continue to pay sums to Japanese nationals who, the Swedish Minister claims, are not allowed to work in Mexico. This matter, of course, will be brought up in discussion between the Swedish Minister and the four Ambassadors. The Russians seem bent upon stopping these payments to Japanese nationals and are desirous of securing control over the funds at the earliest possible moment. It appears that the instructions received by the Swedish Minister are not in accord with those originally sent out by the Swedish Government at the instigation of General MacArthur, whereby the funds, archives and property (excluding private possessions) were to be turned over to the four Ambassadors.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Raymond H. Geist

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John W. Carrigan, Esquire,
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Counselor of Embassy

Enclosure:
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In quintuplicate to the Department.

(Enclosure to Despatch No. 28,703 of March 2, 1946)

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With regard to the payments that were being made to the Japanese Committee on behalf of Japanese nationals, the Ambassador stated that his Government was in favor of going into this question to see if these payments should be continued. The British Ambassador pointed out that a lot of money was being paid out; therefore, he thought the lease should be cancelled at once. The American Ambassador said that he thought so too but he considered it might be wise to exercise some caution in this respect, as he found that the Mexican Government had been keeping the German Legation because there was no place to store the effects; and before the lease could be cancelled an arrangement would have to be made to sell the articles now stored in the Japanese premises. The British Ambassador inquired about the expediency of continuing the employment of caretakers, gardeners, etc.

At this point the American Ambassador took up the question of archives, and stated that in his opinion they could either be held here for examination or sent to Washington.

The Russian Ambassador interposed by saying that the Russian Embassy desires to inspect the archives here.

The American Ambassador said that we have nobody in the American Embassy knowing Japanese, but pointed out that in his instructions it was suggested that a group of experts could come from the several Embassies to examine the archives.

The discussion was resumed with regard to funds; and the American Ambassador repeated that the funds should be deposited and withdrawn only by an agreement in each case by the four Ambassadors. The British Ambassador said that the only question which arises is what funds are to be paid out. At this point in the discussion the American Ambassador thought it would be advisable to get some decision with regard to the disposition of property. The Russian Ambassador said he

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was in agreement that all official property should be sold and the money divided. The British Ambassador inquired of the Russian Ambassador if he meant by this that a distinction should be made between the funds taken over which should be deposited and the proceeds of the sale which he understood the Russian Ambassador suggested be divided.

The American Ambassador said the proceeds of the sale should, of course, be put in the same fund, with which the Russian Ambassador agreed saying "that was all right". The American Ambassador wanted to know if all agreed that the property should be sold, to which the other three Ambassadors gave their assent, and it was agreed to take all the property over and sell it by auction. The Russian Ambassador observed that private property must be excluded, to which the other Ambassadors agreed.

As the conversation had reverted again to private property, the American Ambassador spoke confidentially, saying that when the Czech Minister took over the effects he declared that he wanted to make an observation to the Mexican Foreign Office to the effect that he did not see linens, pictures, books, crystals and other objects that were in the Czech Legation when the Germans took it over, and that before he signed a document indicating the return of the Czech property he wished to put his observations in an official note. The American Ambassador said that as he was there as a witness and before he signed as a witness, he wished to say that in his opinion the Czech Minister was justified in making the Foreign Office officially cognizant of the disappearance of certain articles. The American Ambassador said he noticed the packing cases which were marked "personal property", some of which packing cases he thought might contain property formerly belonging to the Czech Legation.

Coming to the point of the discussion again, the American Ambassador observed that apparently the unanimous agreement of the Ambassadors is as follows:

1. Property is to be sold and the proceeds are to be put in a joint bank account;
2. Private property is to be kept.

At this point the American Ambassador desired to make the following statement:

If private property is not identifiable it is to be sold.

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FUNDS

The American Ambassador said that they would now take up the question of the Japanese funds, and inquired what bank the other Ambassadors would suggest. The British Ambassador suggested the Bank of Mexico if it takes accounts. The American Ambassador said that that would be the best bank, and inquired what is a second choice, observing that it would be advisable to keep the funds in a Mexican bank. No one suggested a second choice.

With regard to payments, the American Ambassador asked if these had gone beyond caretakers, gardeners, etc. The British Ambassador said that payments had been made also to the Japanese Committee apparently for needy Japanese nationals and that of course payments had been made for the rent of the premises, telephone, electric light and other incidentals, which of course would all stop when the property was disposed of and the lease terminated. The Chinese Ambassador said that he would like to inquire with regard to the payments made to the Japanese Committee, to which the American Ambassador replied that we should know how these funds are used. He thought that if by discontinuing payments to destitute Japanese they would become a burden on the Mexican Government, that would have to be taken into consideration; but that in order to go into these matters it would be necessary for each one of the Ambassadors to designate a person to handle the details, as the Chiefs of Mission would be unable to go into these matters, and suggested that the Counselors of the several Embassies go into the question as to how the money is spent. In that way a quick decision in the premises could be reached.

ARCHIVES

The American Ambassador observed that he understood that according to instructions received by the Soviet Ambassador his Government desired that he examine the archives, which could be examined at the American Embassy or they could be moved to some other place, the archives not being voluminous. The American Ambassador said the archives could be stored in a room in the American Embassy where they would be available for examination. The Chinese Ambassador said he had a secretary who could read Japanese, that is Mr. Chang. The Russian Ambassador said that his Mr. Grigori Kasparov could read Japanese. The American Ambassador suggested that after the archives have been examined we could best determine what to do with them, all the Ambassadors proceeding in this way on a common basis. The British Ambassador thought that to get these matters handled quickly it would be best to name the persons who would constitute a sub-committee to look

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after all the details. The Ambassadors then named their representatives as follows:

Mr. Raymond H. Geist, Counselor, for the
American Embassy;
Mr. Edward O. Coote, First Secretary, for
the British Embassy;
Mr. Tien-Yuen Chang, First Secretary, for
the Chinese Embassy;
Mr. Vasili P. Yakubovsky, Counselor, for
the Russian Embassy.

It was agreed that these officers should first look into the amounts paid to the Japanese Committee, and then arrange for the sale within a month of the effects, and then give notice of the lease, etc.

The American Ambassador then observed that it would be necessary to execute a document which the four Ambassadors could sign, and that it could be arranged to take over the property within the next few days. The Ambassador explained in general the form of the document and how it should be drawn up.

At this juncture the British Ambassador called attention to the fact that certain checks listed in the inventory were dated 1941 and 1942 and that obviously those checks would be out of date. The American Ambassador said that the Swedish Minister, of course, would turn over the checks as he has them in his possession, and that naturally we could not expect him to turn over funds instead of checks; but that these matters could be gone into by the four gentlemen appointed to look into all these questions. The American Ambassador then inquired as to whether it would be advisable to have a meeting with the Swedish Minister, and the British Ambassador thought it would. The American Ambassador suggested that it might be advisable beforehand to prepare a formal document of what the Swedish Minister is turning over to the four Ambassadors. The American Ambassador then called a stenographer and dictated the following suggested form:

"The Minister of Sweden in Mexico, Mr. Herbert de Ribbing, acting on behalf of the Japanese Government and in possession of the archives, property, and funds of the former Japanese Legation in Mexico since the receipt thereof from the Portuguese Legation on July 9, 1945, is delivering, under instructions of the Japanese Government received through his Government, these archives, property, and funds to the principal diplomatic representatives of China, Great Britain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and of the United States of America. The list of property, funds, and archives being delivered is appended hereto.

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"The principal diplomatic representatives in Mexico of China, Great Britain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and United States of America in accord with instructions of their respective Governments hereby acknowledge the receipt from the Minister of Sweden, Mr. Herbert de Ribbing, of the above.

"C. T. Feng
Ambassador of China

"Charles H. Bateman
Ambassador of Great Britain

"Alexander N. Kapustin
Ambassador of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics

"George S. Messersmith
Ambassador of the United
States of America"

After this was completed the American Ambassador observed that the first meeting with the Swedish Minister should be with the four Ambassadors; and then inquired where we should deposit the archives. He suggested they be examined in the British Embassy. The Chinese and the British Ambassadors suggested that the archives should be brought to the American Embassy where they could all examine them. The American Ambassador said this was satisfactory; as there is room in the American Embassy where these archives can be stored. The Russian Ambassador observed that the examination of the archives would not take long; and then the British Ambassador read a list of the files as they are contained in the inventory, and concluded his remarks by saying, "The sooner the property is sold the better".

The American Ambassador stated that he assumed the files contained really nothing of interest - probably only formal correspondence and records of Japanese citizens, and that all other matters had been meticulously destroyed. There was no real concern as to where the files are actually kept; but they should be in one of the four missions. It might be more appropriate under the circumstances for them to be kept here in the American Embassy. There is a room available on the second floor where the documents would be easily accessible to the representatives of the other Embassies. Both the Chinese and the British Ambassador again repeated that they thought it would be advisable to store the archives in the American Embassy, whereupon the Russian Ambassador said that he would like

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to have them in his Embassy. The American Ambassador said there was no objection in principle; as, as a matter of general procedure, the American Embassy is an appropriate place to have them. It may be that some of the documents are in Spanish as well as in other languages.

The question then arose as to how long it would take to examine the documents; and the British Ambassador thought that Mr. Chang and Mr. Kasparov could do it immediately - probably within a week - and then it could be determined if they were of any value. The American Ambassador said again that this could best be done here in the American Embassy, and that he would have no objection to giving Mr. Kasparov and Mr. Chang the keys to the room in which the archives are stored; as, in fact, all that we wish to know is what is in them.

The discussion then reverted to the question of the document, which in the meantime had been typed by the stenographer and had been brought in and distributed to the several Ambassadors. After reading the document the American Ambassador observed that the final form of this would have to be discussed with Mr. de Ribbing, and that the Counselor, Mr. Geist, could call on him tomorrow and get an agreement. The Russian Ambassador then again brought up the question of the archives and suggested that they be examined in the Swedish Legation by Mr. Kasparov and Mr. Chang. The American Ambassador resumed the conversation with regard to the visit Mr. Geist was to make to the Swedish Minister. He was to tell him about the meeting and ask if the form were satisfactory; and then the Swedish Minister could prepare five copies of the document with five copies of the inventory. The American Ambassador suggested this might be done Friday or Saturday. At the same time it could be determined if the Bank of Mexico could take the account and be agreeable to having withdrawals made on the signature of the four Chiefs of Mission. When that is arranged the Swedish Minister will transfer the account. After that the sub-committee appointed could make arrangements to sell the effects; and immediately after the transfer is made the sub-committee could arrange to have the documents examined by Mr. Kasparov and Mr. Chang.

Then the American Ambassador mentioned code books, and said that if any existed his Government would like to have copies without delay, of which photostats could be made. The other Ambassadors assented to this.

The American Ambassador suggested that on Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m., March 5, 1946, the Ambassadors could meet with the Swedish Minister at the Swedish Legation and formally take over the Japanese property, effect the document, etc.

At this point the American Ambassador telephoned to

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Mr. de Ribbing, the Swedish Minister. After the conversation the American Ambassador said that the Swedish Minister agreed to having the transfer effected on Tuesday, March 5, at 4 p.m. In the telephone conversation the Swedish Minister, in reply to the inquiries of the American Ambassador, had stated that the archives were in the premises of the former Japanese Legation, except one case of files which could be transferred back to the Japanese Legation.

The British Ambassador inquired if the others thought it expedient that a Japanese citizen continue to be the guard at the former Japanese Legation premises after the transfer had been made. To this the American Ambassador suggested that we should employ somebody else to be in charge. The British Ambassador reminded that the property in the former Japanese Legation may be of value and that somebody must be in charge there that would prevent theft; but the American Ambassador pointed out that it might not be expedient to get rid of the personnel from one day to the other, and that undoubtedly a policeman could be obtained from the Mexican Government. The Chinese Ambassador suggested two policemen.

In summing up, the American Ambassador observed that we should proceed as rapidly as possible with the sale of the property and the examination of the archives, and that the committee appointed should get together at once to go into the question of (1) payment of funds; (2) personnel employed; (3) termination of the lease, telephone, etc.; and (4) sale of the property.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mexico, D. F., March 2, 1946

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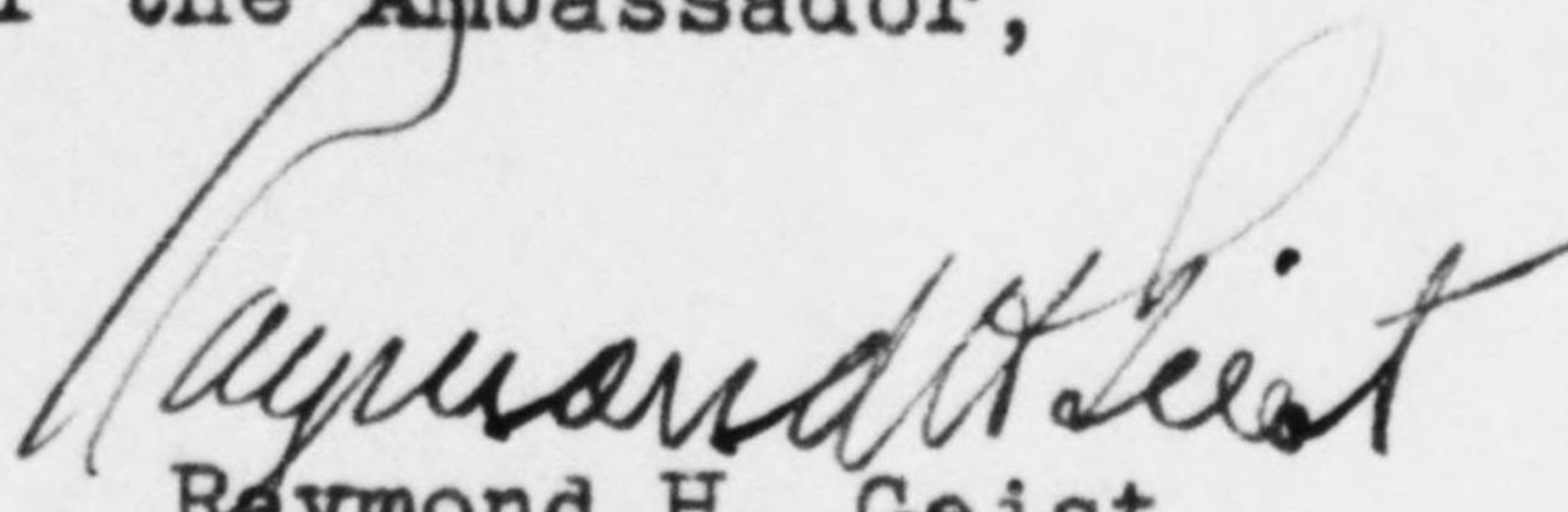
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The Russian Ambassador interposed by saying that the Russian Embassy desires to inspect the archives here.

The American Ambassador said that we have nobody in the American Embassy knowing Japanese, but pointed out that in his instructions it was suggested that a group of experts could come from the several Embassies to examine the archives.

The discussion was resumed with regard to funds; and the American Ambassador repeated that the funds should be deposited and withdrawn only by an agreement in each case by the four Ambassadors. The British Ambassador said that the only question which arises is what funds are to be paid out. At this point in the discussion the American Ambassador thought it would be advisable to get some decision with regard to the disposition of property. The Russian Ambassador said he

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was in agreement that all official property should be sold and the money divided. The British Ambassador inquired of the Russian Ambassador if he meant by this that a distinction should be made between the funds taken over which should be deposited and the proceeds of the sale which he understood the Russian Ambassador suggested be divided.

The American Ambassador said the proceeds of the sale should, of course, be put in the same fund, with which the Russian Ambassador agreed saying "that was all right". The American Ambassador wanted to know if all agreed that the property should be sold, to which the other three Ambassadors gave their assent, and it was agreed to take all the property over and sell it by auction. The Russian Ambassador observed that private property must be excluded, to which the other Ambassadors agreed.

As the conversation had reverted again to private property, the American Ambassador spoke confidentially, saying that when the Czech Minister took over the effects he declared that he wanted to make an observation to the Mexican Foreign Office to the effect that he did not see linens, pictures, books, crystals and other objects that were in the Czech Legation when the Germans took it over, and that before he signed a document indicating the return of the Czech property he wished to put his observations in an official note. The American Ambassador said that as he was there as a witness and before he signed as a witness, he wished to say that in his opinion the Czech Minister was justified in making the Foreign Office officially cognizant of the disappearance of certain articles. The American Ambassador said he noticed the packing cases which were marked "personal property", some of which packing cases he thought might contain property formerly belonging to the Czech Legation.

Coming to the point of the discussion again, the American Ambassador observed that apparently the unanimous agreement of the Ambassadors is as follows:

1. Property is to be sold and the proceeds are to be put in a joint bank account;
2. Private property is to be kept.

At this point the American Ambassador desired to make the following statement:

If private property is not identifiable it is to be sold.

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The American Ambassador said that they would now take up the question of the Japanese funds, and inquired what bank the other Ambassadors would suggest. The British Ambassador suggested the Bank of Mexico if it takes accounts. The American Ambassador said that that would be the best bank, and inquired what is a second choice, observing that it would be advisable to keep the funds in a Mexican bank. No one suggested a second choice.

With regard to payments, the American Ambassador asked if these had gone beyond caretakers, gardeners, etc. The British Ambassador said that payments had been made also to the Japanese Committee apparently for needy Japanese nationals and that of course payments had been made for the rent of the premises, telephone, electric light and other incidentals, which of course would all stop when the property was disposed of and the lease terminated. The Chinese Ambassador said that he would like to inquire with regard to the payments made to the Japanese Committee, to which the American Ambassador replied that we should know how these funds are used. He thought that if by discontinuing payments to destitute Japanese they would become a burden on the Mexican Government, that would have to be taken into consideration; but that in order to go into these matters it would be necessary for each one of the Ambassadors to designate a person to handle the details, as the Chiefs of Mission would be unable to go into these matters, and suggested that the Counselors of the several Embassies go into the question as to how the money is spent. In that way a quick decision in the premises could be reached.

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The American Ambassador observed that he understood that according to instructions received by the Soviet Ambassador his Government desired that he examine the archives, which could be examined at the American Embassy or they could be moved to some other place, the archives not being voluminous. The American Ambassador said the archives could be stored in a room in the American Embassy where they would be available for examination. The Chinese Ambassador said he had a secretary who could read Japanese, that is Mr. Chang. The Russian Ambassador said that his Mr. Grigori Kasparov could read Japanese. The American Ambassador suggested that after the archives have been examined we could best determine what to do with them, all the Ambassadors proceeding in this way on a common basis. The British Ambassador thought that to get these matters handled quickly it would be best to name the persons who would constitute a sub-committee to look

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after all the details. The Ambassadors then named their representatives as follows:

Mr. Raymond H. Geist, Counselor, for the
American Embassy;
Mr. Edward O. Coote, First Secretary, for
the British Embassy;
Mr. Tien-Yuen Chang, First Secretary, for
the Chinese Embassy;
Mr. Vasili P. Yakubovsky, Counselor, for
the Russian Embassy.

It was agreed that these officers should first look into the amounts paid to the Japanese Committee, and then arrange for the sale within a month of the effects, and then give notice of the lease, etc.

The American Ambassador then observed that it would be necessary to execute a document which the four Ambassadors could sign, and that it could be arranged to take over the property within the next few days. The Ambassador explained in general the form of the document and how it should be drawn up.

At this juncture the British Ambassador called attention to the fact that certain checks listed in the inventory were dated 1941 and 1942 and that obviously those checks would be out of date. The American Ambassador said that the Swedish Minister, of course, would turn over the checks as he has them in his possession, and that naturally we could not expect him to turn over funds instead of checks; but that these matters could be gone into by the four gentlemen appointed to look into all these questions. The American Ambassador then inquired as to whether it would be advisable to have a meeting with the Swedish Minister, and the British Ambassador thought it would. The American Ambassador suggested that it might be advisable beforehand to prepare a formal document of what the Swedish Minister is turning over to the four Ambassadors. The American Ambassador then called a stenographer and dictated the following suggested form:

"The Minister of Sweden in Mexico, Mr. Herbert de Ribbing, acting on behalf of the Japanese Government and in possession of the archives, property, and funds of the former Japanese Legation in Mexico since the receipt thereof from the Portuguese Legation on July 9, 1945, is delivering, under instructions of the Japanese Government received through his Government, these archives, property, and funds to the principal diplomatic representatives of China, Great Britain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and of the United States of America. The list of property, funds, and archives being delivered is appended hereto.

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"The principal diplomatic representatives in Mexico of China, Great Britain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and United States of America in accord with instructions of their respective Governments hereby acknowledge the receipt from the Minister of Sweden, Mr. Herbert de Ribbing, of the above.

"C. T. Feng
Ambassador of China

"Charles H. Bateman
Ambassador of Great Britain

"Alexander N. Kapustin
Ambassador of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics

"George S. Messersmith
Ambassador of the United
States of America"

After this was completed the American Ambassador observed that the first meeting with the Swedish Minister should be with the four Ambassadors; and then inquired where we should deposit the archives. He suggested they be examined in the British Embassy. The Chinese and the British Ambassadors suggested that the archives should be brought to the American Embassy where they could all examine them. The American Ambassador said this was satisfactory; as there is room in the American Embassy where these archives can be stored. The Russian Ambassador observed that the examination of the archives would not take long; and then the British Ambassador read a list of the files as they are contained in the inventory, and concluded his remarks by saying, "The sooner the property is sold the better".

The American Ambassador stated that he assumed the files contained really nothing of interest - probably only formal correspondence and records of Japanese citizens, and that all other matters had been meticulously destroyed. There was no real concern as to where the files are actually kept; but they should be in one of the four missions. It might be more appropriate under the circumstances for them to be kept here in the American Embassy. There is a room available on the second floor where the documents would be easily accessible to the representatives of the other Embassies. Both the Chinese and the British Ambassador again repeated that they thought it would be advisable to store the archives in the American Embassy, whereupon the Russian Ambassador said that he would like

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to have them in his Embassy. The American Ambassador said there was no objection in principle; as, as a matter of general procedure, the American Embassy is an appropriate place to have them. It may be that some of the documents are in Spanish as well as in other languages.

The question then arose as to how long it would take to examine the documents; and the British Ambassador thought that Mr. Chang and Mr. Kasparov could do it immediately - probably within a week - and then it could be determined if they were of any value. The American Ambassador said again that this could best be done here in the American Embassy, and that he would have no objection to giving Mr. Kasparov and Mr. Chang the keys to the room in which the archives are stored; as, in fact, all that we wish to know is what is in them.

The discussion then reverted to the question of the document, which in the meantime had been typed by the stenographer and had been brought in and distributed to the several Ambassadors. After reading the document the American Ambassador observed that the final form of this would have to be discussed with Mr. de Ribbing, and that the Counselor, Mr. Geist, could call on him tomorrow and get an agreement. The Russian Ambassador then again brought up the question of the archives and suggested that they be examined in the Swedish Legation by Mr. Kasparov and Mr. Chang. The American Ambassador resumed the conversation with regard to the visit Mr. Geist was to make to the Swedish Minister. He was to tell him about the meeting and ask if the form were satisfactory; and then the Swedish Minister could prepare five copies of the document with five copies of the inventory. The American Ambassador suggested this might be done Friday or Saturday. At the same time it could be determined if the Bank of Mexico could take the account and be agreeable to having withdrawals made on the signature of the four Chiefs of Mission. When that is arranged the Swedish Minister will transfer the account. After that the sub-committee appointed could make arrangements to sell the effects; and immediately after the transfer is made the sub-committee could arrange to have the documents examined by Mr. Kasparov and Mr. Chang.

Then the American Ambassador mentioned code books, and said that if any existed his Government would like to have copies without delay, of which photostats could be made. The other Ambassadors assented to this.

The American Ambassador suggested that on Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m., March 5, 1946, the Ambassadors could meet with the Swedish Minister at the Swedish Legation and formally take over the Japanese property, effect the document, etc.

At this point the American Ambassador telephoned to

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Mr. de Ribbing, the Swedish Minister. After the conversation the American Ambassador said that the Swedish Minister agreed to having the transfer effected on Tuesday, March 5, at 4 p.m. In the telephone conversation the Swedish Minister, in reply to the inquiries of the American Ambassador, had stated that the archives were in the premises of the former Japanese Legation, except one case of files which could be transferred back to the Japanese Legation.

The British Ambassador inquired if the others thought it expedient that a Japanese citizen continue to be the guard at the former Japanese Legation premises after the transfer had been made. To this the American Ambassador suggested that we should employ somebody else to be in charge. The British Ambassador reminded that the property in the former Japanese Legation may be of value and that somebody must be in charge there that would prevent theft; but the American Ambassador pointed out that it might not be expedient to get rid of the personnel from one day to the other, and that undoubtedly a policeman could be obtained from the Mexican Government. The Chinese Ambassador suggested two policemen.

In summing up, the American Ambassador observed that we should proceed as rapidly as possible with the sale of the property and the examination of the archives, and that the committee appointed should get together at once to go into the question of (1) payment of funds; (2) personnel employed; (3) termination of the lease, telephone, etc.; and (4) sale of the property.

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Meeting held this Embassy March 4 with representatives of British Chinese and Soviet Embassys at which desire of Russian Mission to purchase Japanese Embassy property building and furniture (REEMBS despatch 974 December 8) was again stated. Chinese representatives did not object but had no precise instructions. British representative indicated his government desired Jap Embassy property should be sold or leased depending on local conditions. Likewise all Japanese furniture and all movable property should in British view be sold including archives, stamps, seals, papers, Axis flags and other insignia, pictures books and pamphlets of Japanese and pro-Axis nature. British suggest proceeds of sale of Japanese property both movable and unmovable would be paid into joint account to be administered pending its disposal in Brussels by Embassys of Four Powers. Further suggest all expenses in connection custody of archives and sale of property should be borne equally by representatives of Four Powers with view to recovery such expenses from proceeds of sale.

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Telegraphic expression of Dept's view re sale or lease Japanese Embassy property and furniture to Soviet Embassy would be appreciated together with indication as to disposal in case of such sale or lease of boxes stated to contain private property of former members of Japanese Embassy.

Report Japanese archives (RECMR airgram January 31) will be rendered by separate communication.

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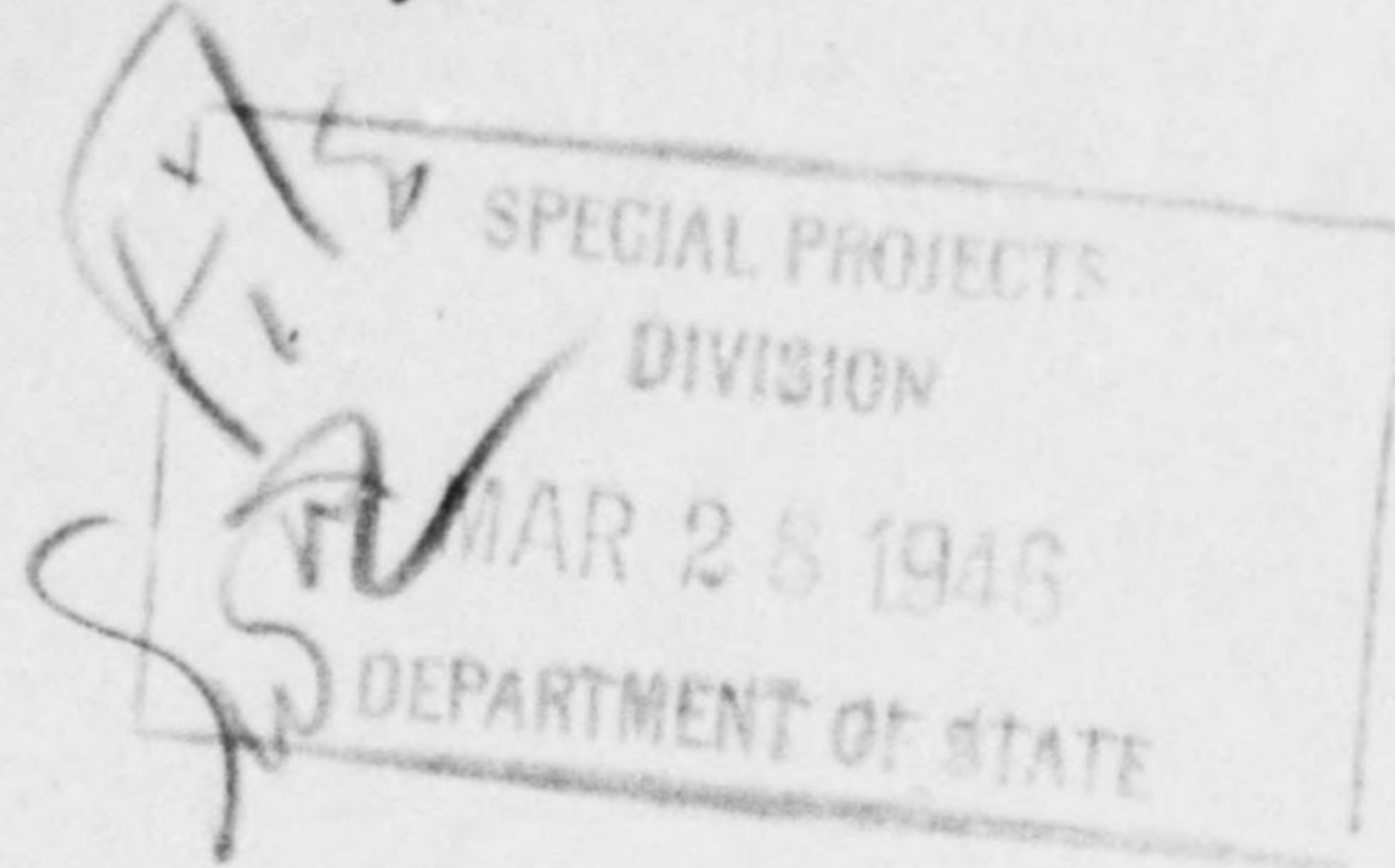
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Reference Department's A-17 of February 15, 1946.

Report on opening of safe in former Japanese Legation at Baghdad contained in Legation's despatch no. 1043 of January 18, 1946.

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197, March 8, 1 p.m.

Jap liquid assets will approximate slightly more than 100,000 pesos. Soviet Minister on instructions from his Govt, proposes we split these funds four ways (to include China). Jap archives in storage British Embassy. Soviet Minister suggests these archives be photostated with copies for each of us. My impression is that archives contain little of interest and that easiest solution would be to turn them over to Col. FONOFF as permanent custodian. Please instruct.

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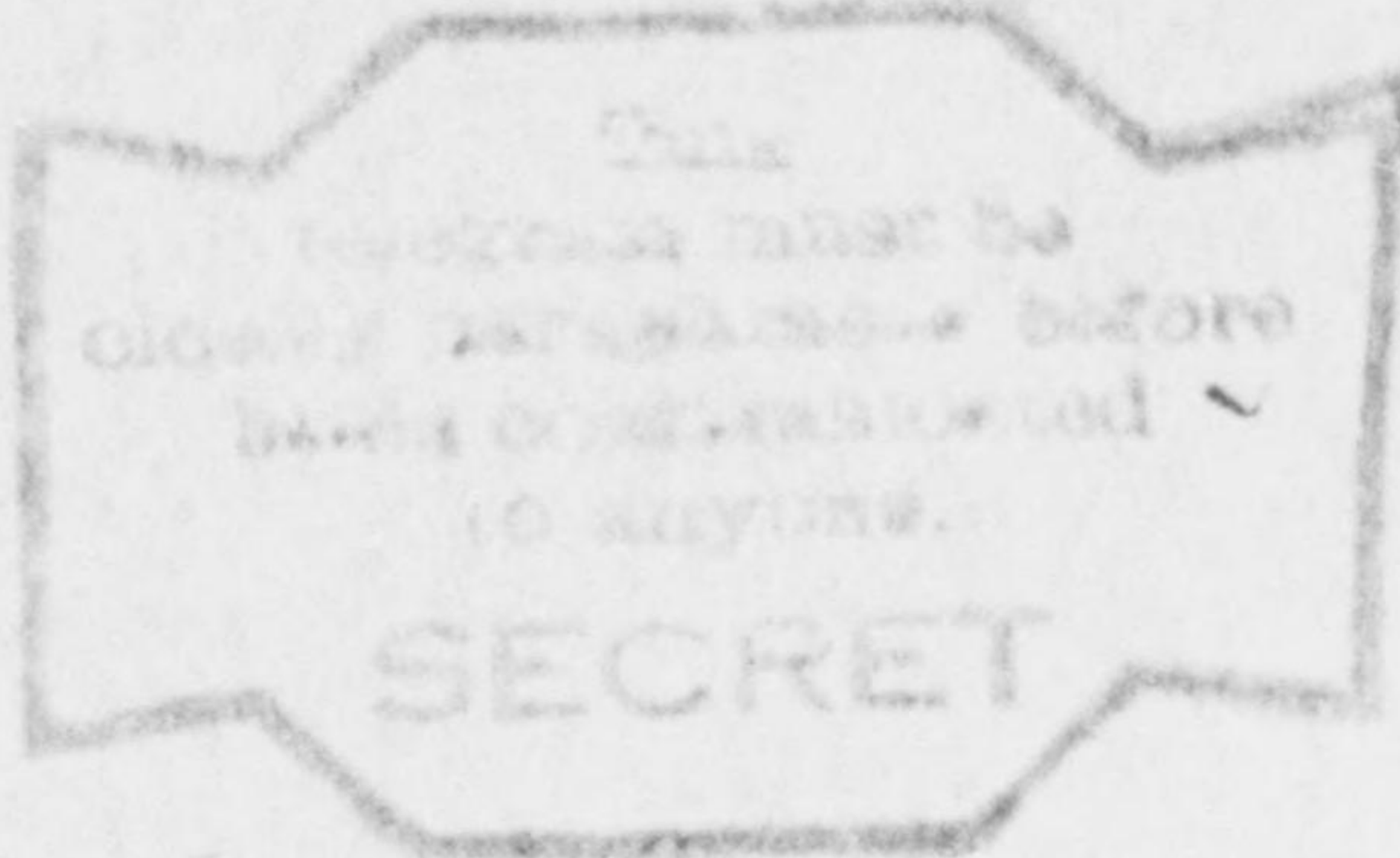
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JAP archives or such portions thereof in your judgement will prove interest should be microfilmed or photographed for examination DEPT. Request compared with earlier report reflects change of opinion as to value archives (URTEL 197 Mar 8). DEPT would appreciate basis for change. Meanwhile access to archives should be retained (DEPCIRTEL Jan 31).

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TEXT OF FOREIGN OFFICE CIRCULAR TO CERTAIN
BRITISH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, DATED FEBRUARY
23rd, 1946.

Addressed to His Majesty's Representatives at the Holy See, Angora, Beirut, Brussels, Sofia, Baghdad, Copenhagen, Rome, Macao, Oslo, Tehran, Lisbon, Resident Minister's Office, Central Mediterranean, Caserta, Bucharest, Madrid, Stockholm, and Berne.

Subject to the concurrence of your United States, Soviet and Chinese colleagues, where applicable, the following are my views concerning the disposal of Japanese diplomatic and consular archives and property in the country to which you are accredited. They are not intended to apply in cases where it has been agreed by the Four Powers, or may subsequently be agreed by them, that the Government in whose territory Japanese archives and property are located may itself take sole custody. In such cases my view is that assumption of custody imposes upon the Government in question the responsibility for the disposal of property (and ultimately of the archives also) subject only to the right of the Four Powers to obtain access, within a period to be agreed between the Government of that country and the representatives of the Four Powers, to the archives if they wish to do so.

Archives.

2. For your information I consider it unlikely that the archives in the country to which you are accredited will contain any material of value, and unless specifically advised by you of the presence of documents which, as far as you are able to judge, may contain such material, I do not propose to make special arrangements for the examination of archives. Unless you see reason for desiring an examination, I would therefore suggest that you propose to your colleagues that after a suitable lapse of time to enable those who so desire to examine them, the archives should be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by agreement among your colleagues and yourself. Should any of your colleagues desire, after the interval mentioned above, to arrange for the transport of the archives to his country for further examination I would see no objection.

3. Some posts to which this telegram is addressed have already reported that the archives have been examined and found to contain nothing of interest. In such cases, only action required is to arrange for disposal.

Immovable official property

4. Where diplomatic or consular buildings or offices are rented, the lease should be terminated as soon as practicable. Where buildings are the property of the Japanese Government they should be sold or put up for lease depending on local conditions. The proceeds should be paid into an account to be administered pending its disposal by yourself and your three colleagues where applicable.

Other official property.

5. All official furniture and other movable official property should be sold, except the following: archives, stamps, seals, Japanese or Axis flags or other insignia, pictures, books or pamphlets of pro-Japanese or pro-Axis propagandist nature. The proceeds should be paid to the account referred to in paragraph 4 above.

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6. Stamps and seals, if any, should be held in joint custody pending agreement among the Four Powers as to their disposal. I would see no objection to their destruction under supervision of a representative of each of the Four Powers where present but you should not agree to the representative of a single Power assuming sole custody of them.

7. I am in principle opposed to the sale of flags, insignia, propagandist books or pamphlets or any other article of sentimental or ideological interest to possible pro-Japanese or pro-Axis sympathisers. Such articles should in my view be destroyed. I would however see no objection to the sale of books not falling under this category.

8. All expenses incurred in connexion with the custody of archives and the sale of property should be borne equally by your three colleagues, where applicable, and yourself, and should eventually be recovered from the proceeds of the sale of official property or from other Japanese funds held by you. Your share in these transactions should appear in your quarterly account as a separate item.

Private Property.

9. No decision has yet been taken regarding the disposal of private belongings of former members of Japanese diplomatic and consular missions abroad. As in most cases the Japanese in question have now returned to Japan, where they are under the jurisdiction of SCAP, it must necessarily be the ultimate responsibility of the United States authorities to make arrangements for its disposal. In practice, I do not consider that it will be possible to transport articles of heavy furniture, etc., to Japan from the country to which you are accredited, and His Majesty's Government could certainly not undertake to provide shipping space or other facilities. In view of transport and other difficulties it may be considered best to sell private belongings but the Instrument of Surrender signed by Japan does not in my view entitle the Four Powers to proceed to any final disposal of the private belongings of Japanese individuals. Should the question be raised you may speak in the above sense. If any of your colleagues should propose the sale of private effects, you should say that you could agree only provided your United States colleague is satisfied that this is in accordance with the wishes of the owners. If he is unable to give this assurance you should withhold your consent pending reference of the matter to me.

10. The foregoing paragraph applies only to bona fide private effects such as furniture, works of art, motorcars, etc. It does not include liquid assets, bonds, shares or any form of currency deposited in banks or elsewhere in the name of any private Japanese individual. These will be subject of a separate agreement among the Powers concerned.

11. The instructions contained in paragraphs 1 to 10 above refer to Japanese archives and property only. As none of the Four Powers has ever recognised "Manchoukuo" as an independent State the attitude of the Chinese Government towards Manchoukuo diplomatic and consular missions abroad may be that their liquidation is a Chinese internal matter. Should this view be put forward by your Chinese colleague I would see no reason to dissent. In cases where no Chinese representative is present you should take no further action regarding "Manchoukuo" official property or archives without prior reference to me.

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Other official property.

5. All official furniture and other movable official property should be sold, except the following: archives, stamps, seals, Japanese or Axis flags or other insignia, pictures, books or pamphlets of pro-Japanese or pro-Axis propagandist nature. The proceeds should be paid to the account referred to in paragraph 4 above.

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6. Stamps and seals, if any, should be held in joint custody pending agreement among the Four Powers as to their disposal. I would see no objection to their destruction under supervision of a representative of each of the Four Powers where present but you should not agree to the representative of a single Power assuming sole custody of them.

7. I am in principle opposed to the sale of flags, insignia, propagandist books or pamphlets or any other article of sentimental or ideological interest to possible pro-Japanese or pro-Axis sympathisers. Such articles should in my view be destroyed. I would however see no objection to the sale of books not falling under this category.

8. All expenses incurred in connexion with the custody of archives and the sale of property should be borne equally by your three colleagues, where applicable, and yourself, and should eventually be recovered from the proceeds of the sale of official property or from other Japanese funds held by you. Your share in these transactions should appear in your quarterly account as a separate item.

Private Property.

9. No decision has yet been taken regarding the disposal of private belongings of former members of Japanese diplomatic and consular missions abroad. As in most cases the Japanese in question have now returned to Japan, where they are under the jurisdiction of SCAP, it must necessarily be the ultimate responsibility of the United States authorities to make arrangements for its disposal. In practice, I do not consider that it will be possible to transport articles of heavy furniture, etc., to Japan from the country to which you are accredited, and His Majesty's Government could certainly not undertake to provide shipping space or other facilities. In view of transport and other difficulties it may be considered best to sell private belongings but the Instrument of Surrender signed by Japan does not in my view entitle the Four Powers to proceed to any final disposal of the private belongings of Japanese individuals. Should the question be raised you may speak in the above sense. If any of your colleagues should propose the sale of private effects, you should say that you could agree only provided your United States colleague is satisfied that this is in accordance with the wishes of the owners. If he is unable to give this assurance you should withhold your consent pending reference of the matter to me.

10. The foregoing paragraph applies only to bona fide private effects such as furniture, works of art, motorcars, etc. It does not include liquid assets, bonds, shares or any form of currency deposited in banks or elsewhere in the name of any private Japanese individual. These will be subject of a separate agreement among the Powers concerned.

11. The instructions contained in paragraphs 1 to 10 above refer to Japanese archives and property only. As none of the Four Powers has ever recognised "Manchoukuo" as an independent State the attitude of the Chinese Government towards Manchoukuo diplomatic and consular missions abroad may be that their liquidation is a Chinese internal matter. Should this view be put forward by your Chinese colleague I would see no reason to dissent. In cases where no Chinese representative is present you should take no further action regarding "Manchoukuo" official property or archives without prior reference to me.

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TEXT OF FOREIGN OFFICE CIRCULAR TO CERTAIN
BRITISH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, DATED FEBRUARY
23rd, 1946.

Addressed to His Majesty's Representatives at the Holy See, Angora, Beirut, Brussels, Sofia, Baghdad, Copenhagen, Rome, Macao, Oslo, Tehran, Lisbon, Resident Minister's Office, Central Mediterranean, Caserta, Bucharest, Madrid, Stockholm, and Berne.

Subject to the concurrence of your United States, Soviet and Chinese colleagues, where applicable, the following are my views concerning the disposal of Japanese diplomatic and consular archives and property in the country to which you are accredited. They are not intended to apply in cases where it has been agreed by the Four Powers, or may subsequently be agreed by them, that the Government in whose territory Japanese archives and property are located may itself take sole custody. In such cases my view is that assumption of custody imposes upon the Government in question the responsibility for the disposal of property (and ultimately of the archives also) subject only to the right of the Four Powers to obtain access, within a period to be agreed between the Government of that country and the representatives of the Four Powers, to the archives if they wish to do so.

Archives.

2. For your information I consider it unlikely that the archives in the country to which you are accredited will contain any material of value, and unless specifically advised by you of the presence of documents which, as far as you are able to judge, may contain such material, I do not propose to make special arrangements for the examination of archives. Unless you see reason for desiring an examination, I would therefore suggest that you propose to your colleagues that after a suitable lapse of time to enable those who so desire to examine them, the archives should be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by agreement among your colleagues and yourself. Should any of your colleagues desire, after the interval mentioned above, to arrange for the transport of the archives to his country for further examination I would see no objection.

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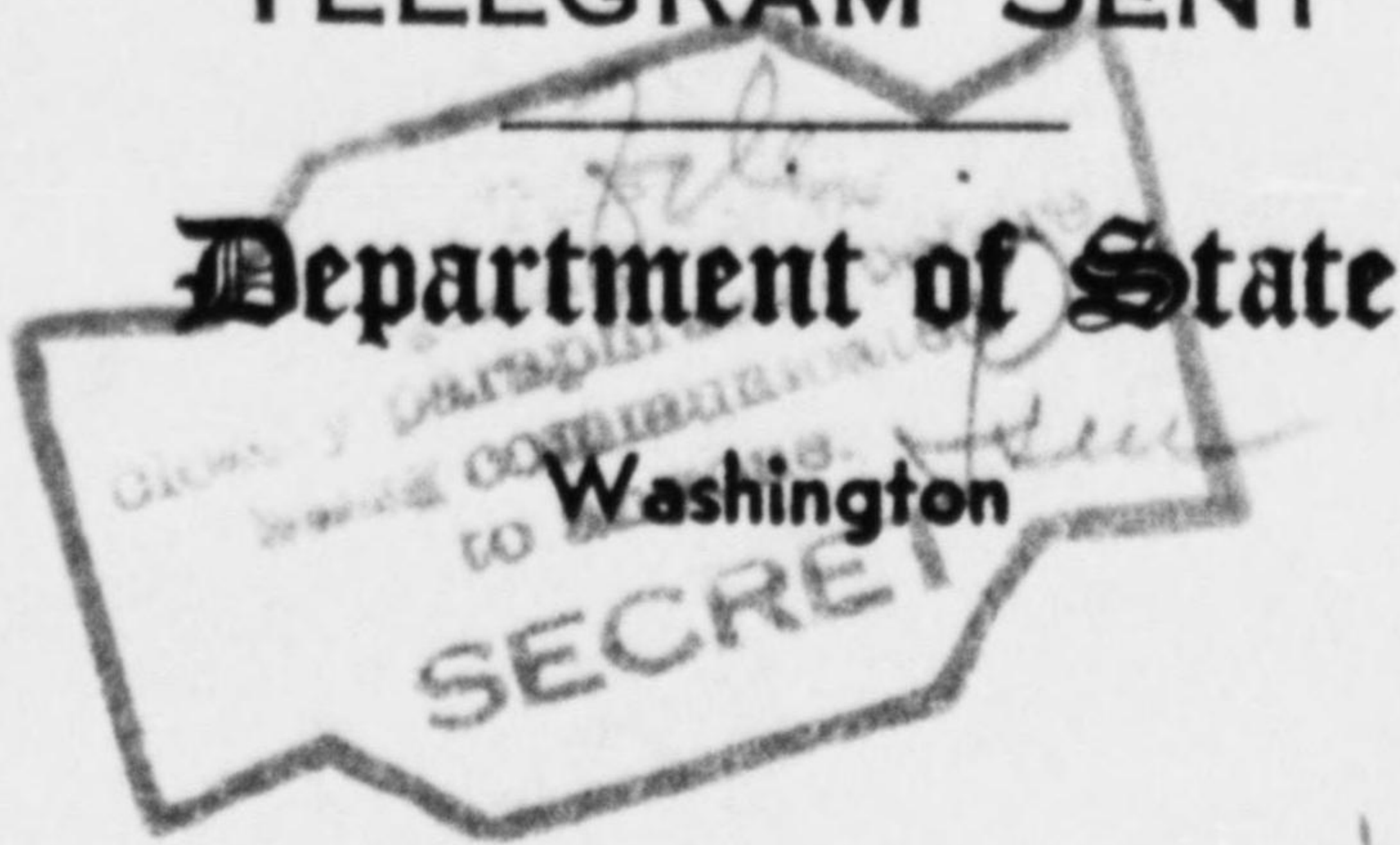
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No objection to proposed action outlined paragraphs 1 and 2 URTEL 187 Mar 14. Re para 3 however Dept considers division of property incompatible with custodial responsibility borne by four Powers under MacArthur directive (Depcirtel Oct 23) although this need not preclude Allied Missions availing themselves of items they wish provided adequate compensation covering rental or purchase is paid into joint trust account.

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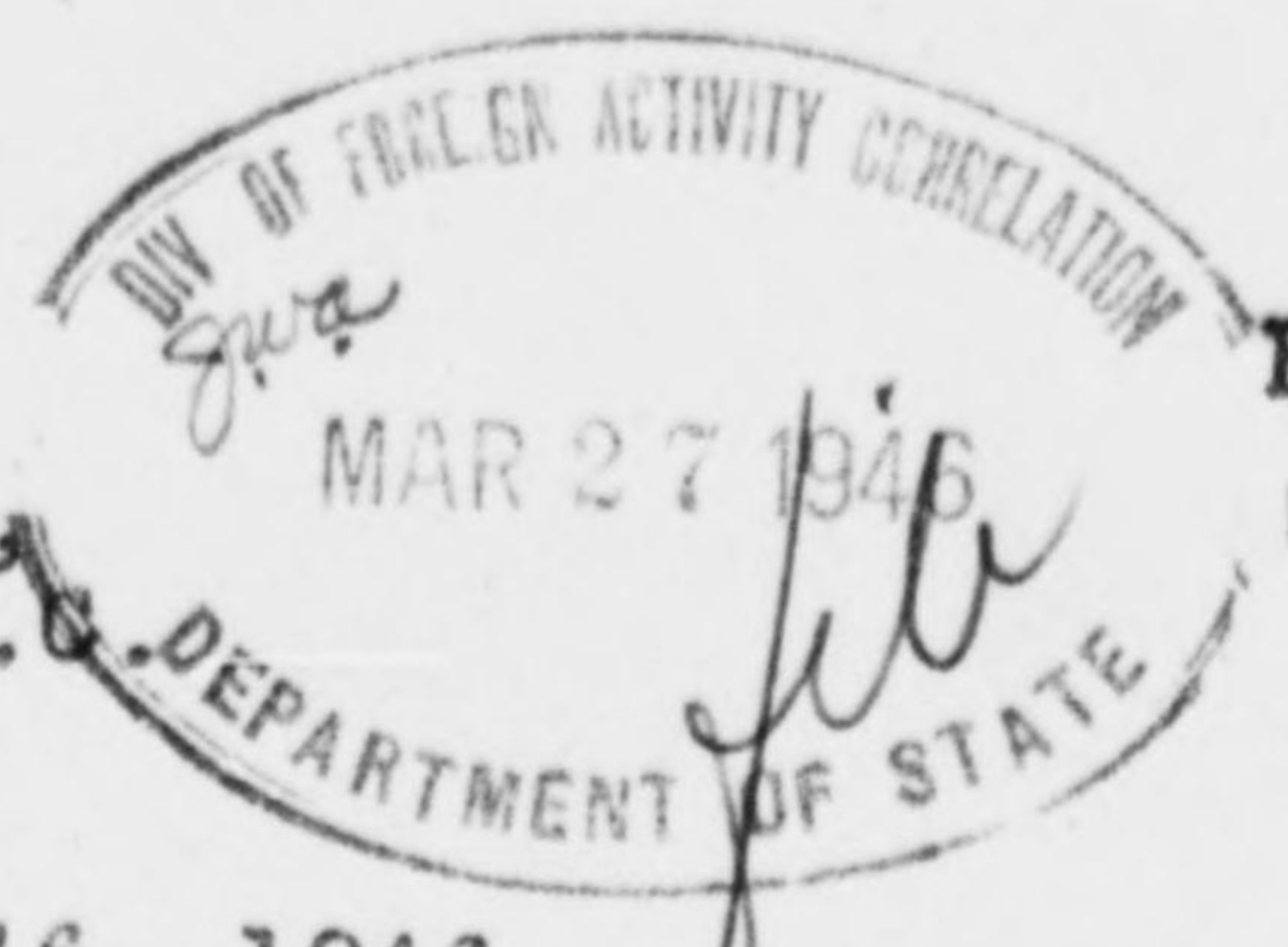
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Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

A-272, March 16, 1946.

Reference Department's circular airgram January 31,
2:30 p.m., and Embassy's secret telegram 883, February 19,
4 p.m.

It is believed that very few, if any, Japanese archives exist in the Japanese Embassy in Rome. While the safes and filing cabinets have not all been examined, several have been found to be empty and the approximately 30 wooden cases mentioned in Embassy's telegram 883 are believed, from one or two which are open, to contain only Japanese printed publications. More indicative, however, of the existence of any Japanese archives of interest, is the statement of the Italian custodian who has been permitted by the Allied military guards to continue living with his wife and children on the premises, that after the Japanese Embassy personnel fled north with the Fascist Republican Government at the time of the Italian surrender (September 1943), one or two Japanese officials returned to Rome the following month and worked regularly until the following June (when Rome was liberated by the Allies) putting official and personal effects in order and destroying quantities of papers. It is reported that a Japanese "cultural" office in Via di Villa Patrizi, near by, was given up and pamphlets, furniture, etc., moved to the Japanese Embassy and stored there during this period. It is obvious to us that with approximately eight months of undisturbed labor during the winter of 1943-1944 the Japanese destroyed all archives of interest to the Allies and that we may expect to find little of interest when the four Governments are in a position to examine in detail the contents of the former Japanese Embassy.

The American Consulates at Florence, Milan and Palermo have reported that they are informed by local authorities that no official Japanese property, including archives, exists in their respective cities. The American Consul General at Genoa, according to information furnished him by the Honorary Japanese Consul General there, has reported that the archives of the Japanese Consulate General in that city were seized by a "SCI/Z unit" and sent to Rome, where they were "subject of a thorough examination" and returned to the Consulate at Genoa, and that no official Japanese property exists in Genoa.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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No. 1294

Habana, March 18, 1946

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The Honorable The Secretary of State, Washington

Sir: 894.414/1-1846

I have the honor to refer to my despatch No. 925 of January 18, 1946, transmitting a memorandum reporting on the Japanese Legation archives in Habana, and to enclose herewith a supplementary memorandum, with which is attached a set of photographs of registration cards relating to cases of Japanese individuals whose activities and whereabouts may be of special interest to the American Government.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Robert F. Woodward Counselor of Embassy

Enclosures:

- 1. Supplementary memorandum reporting on Japanese Legation archives in Habana.
2. Set of photographs of registration cards Nos. 722, 729, 657, 727, 728, 791, 735, 46, 72, 512, 222, and 76.

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch
No. 1294 dated March 18, 1946
from the Embassy at Habana

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Habana, March 18, 1946

M E M O R A N D U M

Transmitting photographs of registration cards from Japanese Legation Archives

Reference is made to a memorandum, enclosed with the Embassy's despatch No. 925 of January 18, 1946, reporting on the Japanese Legation archives and property in Habana.

On page 2 of the memorandum in question, certain registration cards of some possible interest were referred to by number, and the names of the persons to whom they apply were given. In three cases brief comment, on the basis of the work of the Cuban Japanese-language readers, were made, and nine other names were listed as being those of people who had apparently been deliberately recalled to Japan by the Japanese Government. The cards bore the following numbers: 722, 729, 657, 727, 728, 791, 735, 46, 72, 512, 222, and 76.

In view of the possibility that the work of the Japanese-language readers employed by the Cuban Ministry of State has not been as accurate or as complete as the possible importance of these cards may have called for, photographs of the cards in question have been taken and a set of these photographs, bearing Arabic numbers and names in Roman script, is enclosed herewith. Sets of these photographs have also been made available directly to the Military, Naval and Legal Attachés assigned to this Embassy for transmission to their respective departments.

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登録番號	第 722 號	年月日	
姓名	和文 岩崎 直二	西文	Naoki Iwazaki
生年月日	明治40年5月23日		
本籍族籍	鹿児島縣姶良郡蓮田村千松22番		
現住所	Central Braganca Comagumy		
現職業	教師		
家族關係	父(姓名) 岩崎 直一 夫妻(姓名) 岩崎 直一 岩崎 直二	母(姓名) 岩崎 直子 子(姓名) 岩崎 直三	
上陸地	ハノイ市		
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旅券番號	第五八一六二九号	旅券下附年月日	大正十四年十月廿二日
備考	後備陸軍歩兵曹長 帰国		

登録番號	第 729 號	年月日	12 JUN 1937
姓名	和文 市原 惠美子	西文	Emiko Ichihara
生年月日	昭和四年九月九日		
本籍族籍	高知県高岡郡波合村大字波合2844番		
現住所	無職		
現職業			
家族關係	父(姓名) 市原 清 夫妻(姓名)	母(姓名) 市原 政雄 子(姓名)	
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登録番號	第 657 號	年月日	
姓名	和文 内山 清	西文	Kiyashi Uchiyama
生年月日	明治廿年八月十九日		
本籍族籍	神奈川県鎌倉郡戸永町四丁目3924番		
現住所	ハノイ市 陸軍飯店		
現職業	外務省 官吏		
家族關係	父(姓名) 内山 善藏 夫妻(姓名)	母(姓名) 内山 清 子(姓名) 内山 善枝、内山 善枝、内山 善枝	
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登録番號	第 727 號	年 月 日	12 JUN 1937
姓 名	和文 市原 清	西文	Minamoto Ichihara
生年月日	明治廿七年十一月十一日		
本籍族籍	高知縣高岡郡波佐村大字波佐		2844番
現住所			
現職業	無職		
家 族 關 係	父(姓名) 市原 作島 夫妻(姓名)	母(姓名) 市原 春 子(姓名) 長男 莊行 長女 惠美子	
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登録番號	第 728 號	年 月 日	12 JUN 1937
姓 名	和文 市原 政雄	西文	Masao Ichihara
生年月日	明治廿年八月廿三日		
本籍族籍	高知縣高岡郡波佐村大字波佐		2844番
現住所	Apartado #90 La Esmeralda Prov. Camaguey		
現職業	無職		
家 族 關 係	父(姓名) 中平 邦太郎 夫妻(姓名)	母(姓名) 中平 伴 子(姓名) 長男 莊行 長女 惠美子	
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姓 名	和文 稲 倉 新	西文	Kenji Inakura
生年月日	明治 30. 12. 22		
本籍族籍	鳥取縣 西伯郡 新倉村 字 内 948		
現住所	Avellaneda 63. Camaguey Cuba		
現職業	理髮業		
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登録番號	第 735 號	年月日	
姓名	和文 稻倉 禮	西文	Teumoru Inakura
生年月日	明治三十七年拾月二十七日		12 JUN 1937
本籍族籍	馬取縣西伯郡籠子村大字竹内九四八		
現住所	Calle Jarafe #26 Moron Camaguey Cuba		
現職業	理髮業		
家族關係	父(姓名)	母(姓名)	
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姓名	和文 井 松 5 MAY 1937	西文	Tamoten Imura
生年月日	明治 31 . 6 . 19		25 MAY 1937
本籍族籍	熊本縣鹿井郡山内村番町 20		
現住所	Arrellaneda 63 Camaguey		
現職業	理髮業 子 21 歳		
家族關係	父(姓名)	母(姓名)	
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姓名	和文 石崎 吾一	西文	Goichi Ishizaki
生年月日	明治 35 . 11 . 30		
本籍族籍	山口縣玖珂郡川下村 127		
現住所	Calle Gomez #4 Florida Camaguey		
現職業	理髮業		
家族關係	父(姓名)	母(姓名)	
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姓名	和文 石崎 幸三	西文	Kinuyo Ichizaki
生年月日	明治 42. 9. 25		12 JUN 1937
本籍族籍	山口縣玖珂郡川下村 127		
現住所	Bulle Gomez no 4 Florida Camaguey		
現職業			
家族關係	父(姓名) 夫妻(姓名) 幸一	母(姓名) 子(姓名) 長男 幸雄	
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登録番號	第 222 號	年月日	昭和 5. 6. 1
姓名	和文 石川 文四	西文	Bunsuke Ishikawa
生年月日	明治 34. 10. 9		
本籍族籍	中野縣中野郡美里村石川 402 番地 JUN 1937 庄浦良長男		
現住所	Aguello P. Cienfuegos S.C		
現職業	パイプライン行員		
家族關係	父(姓名) 夫妻(姓名)	母(姓名) 子(姓名)	
上陸地	Habana		
上陸年月日	昭和 13. 12. 19		
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登録番號	第 76 號	年月日	27 MAY 1937
姓名	和文 石川 進一	西文	Shuichi Ishikawa
生年月日	明治 26. 12. 2		
本籍族籍	山形縣安土郡安村大字石取 810 番地 庄		
現住所	Sta. Barbara Isla de Pinar Habana		
現職業	農業検査		
家族關係	父(姓名) 夫妻(姓名)	母(姓名) 子(姓名)	
上陸地	Habana		
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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Stockholm, March 18, 1946.

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Subject: Examination of Archives of Former Japanese Legation in Stockholm. For the Attention of Mr. Frederick B. Lyon, Director, Office of Controls, also War Department, Navy Department, and Commander Rufus L. Taylor.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

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DIVISION OF FOREIGN
REPORTING SERVICES

Sir:

With reference to the Department's confidential circular airgram No. 3610, January 31, 1946 I have the honor to report that the archives of the former Japanese Legation in Stockholm are kept in locked safes in the premises of that former Legation, which now are occupied by the American Legation, and that they are available during business hours to representatives of the Inter-Allied Committee for Control of Japanese Government Property in Sweden.

An examination of these archives was conducted during January 7 to January 11, 1946 by Commander Rufus L. Taylor, U. S. N. A copy is enclosed of Commander Taylor's memorandum dated January 14, 1946 concerning the examination of the archives (enclosure No. 1). Selected passages of this memorandum were submitted to the British, Chinese and Russian members of the Inter-Allied Committee. It appears from the memorandum that Commander Taylor found no documents of real and important intelligence value in the Japanese archives here.

The documents of possible interest listed in enclosure No. 1 are transmitted under separate cover as enclosure No. 2 to this despatch. As indicated by Commander Taylor, these documents are duplicate copies. They have been selected by Commander Taylor and removed from the archives with the consent of the Inter-Allied Committee.

According to information obtained from a member of the former Japanese Legation, who has been repatriated, the code machine of the former Japanese Legation was broken up prior to the formal surrender to the Inter-Allied Committee of Japanese Government Property in Sweden, and the parts were thrown into a canal, whence they were recovered by the Swedish police. Swedish authorities have been notified of this report, but no confirmation thereof has been

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received to date (Reference Legation's despatch No. 6739, March 5, 1946 transmitting copy of a letter dated March 2, 1946 to Consul General Ytterberg of the Swedish Foreign Office).

Respectfully yours,

For the Minister:

C. M. Ravndal
C. M. Ravndal
Counselor of Legation

Enclosures: *add per (1948)*

1. Copy of memorandum dated January 14, 1946 from Commander Rufus L. Taylor, U. S. N., to Naval Attaché, American Legation, Stockholm.
2. (Under separate cover). Documents of possible interest listed in enclosure No. 1.

Original and hectograph to the Department.
2 copies to American Embassy, London.
File No. 851.
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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 6784, dated March 18, 1946 from the American Legation, Stockholm, entitled: "Examination of Archives of Former Japanese Legation in Stockholm. For the Attention of Mr. Frederick B. Lyon, Director, Office of Controls also War Department, Navy Department, and Commander Rufus L. Taylor."

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14 January 1946

MEMO TO: Naval Attaché, American Legation, Stockholm.

Subject: Archives of former Japanese Legation in Stockholm, Examination of.

Encl.: (A) Log of Activities.
(B) List of material of possible intelligence value.
(C) Copy of Memo, dated 8 January 1946.

1. I have completed examination of archives of the former Japanese Legation in Stockholm and have found nothing of value except as noted in Enclosure (B).

2. The Japanese had adequate time to do a thorough job of disposing of material of possible intelligence value and apparently did so.

3. In the course of this examination several points of interest were noted:

(a) Personnel of the former Japanese Legation and personnel of the former Japanese Naval Mission in Berlin are in Sweden under technical arrest in the case of the former and under internment in the case of the latter.

(b) Included amongst these personnel are Major General ONODERA, the former Military Attaché in Stockholm and probable chief of a broad intelligence organization in Northern Europe, and Vice Admiral ABE, who was head of the Japanese Naval Mission in Germany. Included with ABE are some 20 of his assistants.

(c) Strategic Service has a rather comprehensive file on all Japanese operating in Scandinavia including dossiers on the above personnel. This file is already of interest from a counter-intelligence point of view and would be of value in aiding the extraction of direct intelligence through interrogation.

(d) Our Legation has obtained considerable economic intelligence of interest through interrogation of Japanese press personnel and personnel of the former Jap Legation, and through their own examination of subject archives. Some of this information bears on the economic situation of Sweden.

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(e) There would be no objection on the part of Sweden to the interrogation of such personnel as might be considered appropriate.

4. It is recommended:

(a) That no further exploitation of subject archives be undertaken by the Navy;

(b) That steps be taken to extract by interrogation information from Japanese personnel now in Sweden but that such interrogation be carefully prepared both here and in Washington as suggested in Enclosure (C);

(c) That if and when such interrogation takes place steps be taken to minimize the likelihood of our line of interrogation or any valuable information extracted therefrom becoming known to the other interested powers;

(d) That in case of imminent departure from Sweden of the above Japanese nationals no action should be taken to detain them unless an affirmative answer has been received to the Legation's telegram sent in accordance with your recommendations based on the suggestions contained in Enclosure (C).

(e) That no interrogations be conducted here without direct instructions from Washington covering the scope and security of such action even if such a course means that these Japanese cannot then be interrogated until they reach Japan.

5. Inasmuch as we are committed to joint exploitation of subject archives and information related to Japanese connected therewith, and some of the statements in this memo as well as certain remarks in Enclosure (A) might operate to our disadvantage if known to the other interested powers, it is considered that this report and documents related directly thereto should be classified as confidential matter.

Respectfully,

Rufus L. Taylor
Commander, USN.

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LOG OF ACTIVITIES

- 3 Jan 1946 - Commenced photographing documents, completed reports and made arrangements to proceed to Stockholm.
- 4 Jan 1946 - 1030. Took off for Stockholm in Naval Attaché's plane, stopped at Bremen for gas and proceeded on to Copenhagen, arriving at 1515. Unable to proceed further today due to bad weather and darkness.
- 5 Jan 1946 - Weathered in at Copenhagen.
- 6 Jan 1946 - Same.
- 7 Jan 1946 - Took off for Stockholm at 1030 and arrived at 1215. Met and treated with great courtesy. Held conference re Jap archives with Mr. Knox and Mr. Lium of our Legation and went to Jap Legation for preliminary inspection. Everything most efficiently arranged for examination. Files, safes and personal baggage open, everything numbered, a man in attendance throughout the day. The arrangement for exploitation is that four-power committee has custody and each member has free entry with the understanding that nothing is to be removed and substance of any information gleaned is to be reported to the committee. Mr. Knox is chairman. No decision has yet been made re final disposition of archives.
- 8 Jan 1946 - Reported personally to Naval Attaché, Capt. Wright. Was called in conference with Messrs. Knox, Lium and Ravndal, our Chargé d'Affaires, and decided that our most likely source of information is the Japs who are still here. These include Admiral Abe and General Onodera. Such action, we agreed, should be carefully planned and not hurried. Wrote memo re this to Attaché. Then proceeded to Chancery of Jap Legation at 57 Strandvägen. Examined files and personal luggage in four rooms including that of Military Attaché and the code room. Nothing of real value observed, except possibly a small file of traffic in 5-letter cipher. Do not believe archives will be productive as thorough cleaning out job has been done. Again, as in Paris, shredding machines and fireplaces effectively used. No worthwhile shreds or ashes remaining. Will recommend I finish examination of files, make personal report to Washington and return (or send someone else) to exploit interrogation as a joint Army-Navy-State effort in conjunction with similar effort on the part of our Legation here. Believe Legation, Military and Naval Attachés will concur. Conferred again with Captain Wright and then with General Kessler, the Military Attaché. All agree to above recommendation. Accordingly, Mr. Knox drafted a telegram in the name of the Legation recommending carefully planned and briefed interrogation.

9 Jan 1946 - Spent

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9 Jan 1946 - Spent morning examining remaining rooms but found nothing further except a set of confidential Jap Foreign Office instruction and regulation books. Will arrange to get these. Observed a current control box bearing a name plate indicating it for use with type-91 model 3 cipher machine (same as in Paris). Stayed at Jap Legation until 1600 when called in conference with Messrs. Carlson and Higdon of OSS and Mr. Lium of the Legation. Learned (a) that certain features of draft of telegram not quite satisfactory; (b) that Strategic Services here have considerable worthwhile information gathered over a long period on Japanese activities in Scandinavia, including counter-intelligence that would be of considerable value in exploiting interrogations for direct intelligence.

10 Jan 1946 - Conferred with Capt. Wright and Commander Klaveness. Called on Lium and polished draft of despatch to be sent by State. All concerned agreed and the telegram will be sent. Spent remainder of morning reading Legation and Strategic Service's file on Jap activities. Find it very interesting and very likely to be quite helpful in attempting to obtain high grade information by means of interrogation. Proceeded to Legation and finished examination of documents and files.

11 Jan 1946 - Commenced drawing up final report and arranging for photographing. Spent afternoon browsing through previously examined files just to recheck.

12 Jan 1946 - Received word that Jap nationals in Sweden may be able to leave via PLUS ULTRA from Naples on 29 January, in which case it will be impossible to conduct interrogation here. Conferred with Captain Wright and interested parties in the Legation and it was agreed to inform Washington by urgent cable of the situation and take no action unless Washington approves suggested program, in which case Japs will be detained. In either case it will not affect my mission.

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The below-listed items found in the Archives of the former Japanese Legation in Stockholm are considered of possible interest though of low intelligence value at best. In the case of the items 1 through 5 inclusive duplicate copies of each are available and if the Inter-Allied Control Committee can arrange for us to have the originals they might be of use. However, I do not consider them worth the expense of photographing.

Photographs of the other items listed will be taken and turned over to you by Mr. Lium of the Legation.

Mr. Lium will arrange disposition of items 1 through 5 inclusive.

List of Documents of Possible Interest

1. Manual covering entrance, residence and exit of foreigners (in 1 volume classified as confidential and promulgated by the American Bureau of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in June 1937).
2. Manual covering travel and migration (in 2 volumes promulgated by same authority and on same date as above).
3. Manual for guidance of official missions abroad (in 3 volumes classified as secret and promulgated by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in January 1938).
4. Same as 2 above except promulgated by Commercial Bureau of Foreign Ministry in 1 volume on 1 January 1927.
5. Internal Regulations for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (in 1 volume classified as confidential and compiled in March 1923 but corrected to January 1938).
6. File of notes on economic conditions in Sweden covering period 1939 to 1941.
7. File of 4 despatches in 5-letter cipher from Dublin to "Minister Stockholm" via commercial communications and dated 31 October 1945.

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8 January 1946

MEMO TO: Naval Attaché, American Legation, Stockholm.

Subj.: Archives of former Japanese Legation, exploitation of.

1. As a result of preliminary investigation and conference with Mr. Knox and Mr. Lium concerning the archives of the former Japanese Legation in Stockholm the following facts have been brought out:

(a) We are committed to joint exploitation of subject archives.

(b) A joint committee composed of a Russian, Chinese, British and American representative has been formed with Mr. Knox as chairman and custody of the archives has been turned over to this Committee each member of which has free and separate access to the archives but is bound by agreement to remove nothing. However, each one may photograph what he pleases and is obliged to inform the other members of the nature of such documents or objects as the case may be.

(c) The personnel of the Jap Legation are still in Sweden under technical arrest and in little likelihood of leaving for several months.

(d) It is possible and perhaps probable that at least some government property of the Legation is in the private possession of the personnel of the Legation and might be made available.

(e) Many Japanese formerly in Germany, one of whom is Admiral Abe, are in Sweden in the same status as the former Jap Swedish Legation personnel.

(f) One of the Japanese of the Legation still in Sweden is Major General Onadera, former Jap Military Attaché.

(g) The archives themselves can be properly examined in three or four days and at first glance (considering circumstances) do not seem likely to be very productive of valuable military, naval or technical intelligence.

2. Inasmuch as Admiral Abe and General Onadera were perhaps the two most important Japanese military officers in Europe and as a thorough search of personal possessions of Japanese diplomats here might be productive, though a long and tedious process, it is recommended that Washington be advised that:

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(a) A broad range program for interrogation of important Japanese be prepared in Washington jointly by State, War and Navy as soon as possible.

(b) That meanwhile a similar program be prepared by the American Legation in Stockholm.

(c) That I examine archives presently available here and after completing similar examinations in Madrid return to Washington as quickly as possible to report in person with the idea of either returning to Stockholm prior to 1 March or if not me, qualified personnel as deemed appropriate.

(d) That if I be returned to Stockholm it be with the idea of remaining on in permanent status in such capacity as may be deemed appropriate.

3. It is considered that hasty action in conducting these investigations might result in the loss of valuable information whereas careful and thorough exploitation of the opportunities presented here in Sweden might result in obtaining valuable intelligence of a far reaching nature. Mr. Knox and Mr. Lium concur in this view and conversation with the Chargé d'Affairs, Mr. Ravndal, leads me to believe that the American Legation here would concur in making the above recommendations in so far as exploitation of these opportunities is concerned.

Respectfully,

Rufus L. Taylor
Commander, USN.

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PARA two DEPCIRGAM Nov 16 1945 (URTEL 71 Mar 27) states
QUOTE insofar as practicable procedure set forth DEPT's
instructions re German archives property should be followed
in examination and submission reports UNQUOTE.

For practical purposes, suggest reporting results of
preliminary examination archives and utilizing DEPCIRGAM
3610 Jan 31, 1946 concerning Jap archives as basis for
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DEPT not yet able to send group of JAP experts for the purpose of examining JAP archives in Brussels. The report on archives and library submitted as enclosure No. 2 URDES 1337 Mar 27 suggests the desirability of transcribing Item eleven (Index of pro-JAP and anti-JAP persons) if the suggestion is mutually acceptable to your colleagues. Item twelve (Personnel List) also desirable and if practicable DEPT would appreciate a more thorough examination and report on Item seven (Films, cinema). Until arrangements can be made for assigning DEPT personnel to examine the archives fully DEPT suggests that such examination be conducted locally meanwhile the archives should be preserved for access thereto should the occasion for further examination be required.

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Referring to your airgram no. A-46 of February 11, 1946 and your airgram no. A-37 of February 4, 1946 please inform the Department whether the Japanese Government account is in the custody of the representatives of the Four Allied Powers or of the Venezuelan Government.

If the Swiss Chargé has transferred the custody of Japanese properties to the representatives of the Four Allied Powers, please point out to the Foreign Minister that such was done pursuant to the instructions of the Japanese Government to the protecting powers, as directed by General MacArthur (circular telegram of October 23, 1945), and that the representatives of the Four Allied Powers are holding such property in trusteeship pending such ultimate disposition as may be determined. In reaching decision as to disposition cognizance will be made of any Venezuelan claims against Japan and of Resolutions 18 and 19 of the Mexico City conference.

The matter of funds owed by firms located in Venezuela to Japanese firms vested by the United States Alien Property Custodian is now under discussion. The Embassy will be advised as soon as a decision is reached.

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March 27, 1946

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Subject: Japanese Official Funds in the American Republics

Recommendation 1 paragraph "a" of the Resolutions of the Inter-American Conference on Systems of Economic and Financial Controls provided, in effect, that all funds or property belonging to the Axis nations in the American Republics should be effectively blocked by those Republics.

The Department took the position that this provision included all cash and other funds in the hands of diplomatic missions for representational and other expenses of Axis nations, and that such cash and funds should be deposited in appropriate banks and their release be made subject to license by the local governments, on a reciprocity basis only. This position was taken to force the Axis to provide fresh funds for expenditures for representational purposes and for living expenses of Axis citizens in the American Republics on the basis of effective reciprocity. It was felt that effective reciprocity would be achieved by the release of officially blocked funds of the Axis governments for the use of the representing governments only to the extent that officially blocked funds of the American republics in enemy territory were available for similar use. Such procedure would have required the Axis powers to use their foreign exchange resources for representational and other expenditures thereby depleting the amount of such resources for inimical purposes.

In line with that stand the Department sent out instructions to the Missions in the other American republics advising the Missions to request the governments to block Axis official funds. Circular instruction of November 11, 1942 discussed the relations between Axis representational expenditures and Resolution no. 1 (a) of the Inter-American Conference on Systems of Economic and Financial Controls.

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Circular airgram of February 2, 1943 requested the Missions to bring to the attention of the local government problems involved in the question of Axis official funds.

Generally the other American Governments were reluctant to block Axis official funds held by the protecting powers. In some cases, upon our insistence, the local governments blocked official funds in the respective national banks.

The Japanese Government, pursuant to a directive from General MacArthur (Circular airgram of October 15, 1945) has instructed the protecting powers to turn over the Japanese properties and other assets to the representatives of the Four Allied Powers. The question has therefore been raised whether, in cases where local governments have blocked official Axis funds, they should be permitted to hold custody or required to transfer them to the Four Allied Powers. Resolutions 18 and 19 of the Mexico City conference provide that blocked Axis assets shall be held in status quo until the American governments unilaterally or by agreement reach a decision as to their disposal.

It has been suggested that in as much as Japanese official funds represent small amounts, of no great consequence as far as reparations are concerned, and in view of our past position in requesting control by local Governments, we will not ask the local governments to transfer custody to the representatives of the Four Allied Powers. It is contemplated that the whole subject of ultimate disposition of Axis assets will be raised at the Inter-American Social and Economic Council pursuant to Resolutions 18 and 19 of the Mexico City Conference.

Attached are two airgrams and two instructions, which were drafted in line with the foregoing, for clearance.

Enclosures:

1. Airgram to Quito.
2. Airgram to Caracas.
3. Instruction to Bogotá.
4. Instruction to San Salvador.

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Reference is made to the Department's Circular Airgram no. 3610, January 31, 12:30 p.m., and to the Legation's despatch no. 1126 of February 18, concerning Japanese archives in Beirut.

The British Legation has received instructions from His Majesty's Government to dispose of Japanese property in collaboration with the American and Soviet Legations in the following manner:

- a) Archives, documents, flags and emblems, and propaganda material are to be destroyed.
- b) Immovable official property is to be sold together with furniture, pictures, and other effects and the proceeds of the sale are to be deposited in a special fund managed jointly.
- c) All other property is to be disposed of by common agreement.

The Legation awaits similar instructions from the Department.

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Meanwhile the Legation wishes to point out that with the property of the former Japanese consulate in Beirut there were three suitcases containing silver, pictures, mementoes, and other personal effects which were undoubtedly the personal property of the consul-general and the consul.

The British Legation has received no instruction as to the disposition of the private property of the Japanese consular staff, and the Legation would appreciate a directive on this matter.

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Disposal Jap sundry property and assets within Vatican being currently discussed with Montini pursuant Dept's 8, February 8. Will report developments.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ankara, March 29, 1946

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Subject: Japanese Records and Archives in Turkey.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

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I have the honor to refer to my despatch No. 643 of March 4, 1946 and to the Department's circular airgram of January 31, 1946, and to transmit herewith a list of the papers and archives which were included in the Japanese property taken over on February 15, 1946 by the Embassies in Ankara of the United States of America, Great Britain, China, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

It is evident that the staff of the Japanese Embassy destroyed everything which they regarded as of any possible utility or interest to others.

Officers of the Chinese Embassy, who are able to read the Japanese ideographs, have gone through such of the remaining papers as are in Japanese, and have assured us that there is nothing in them of any possible value. The correspondence in languages other than Japanese is of the most trivial and routine nature.

All of the papers taken over have been placed under seal of the four Missions and deposited in the American Embassy for safe keeping.

In the circumstances the Embassy does not believe that the dispatch of a team of examiners to Ankara to examine the Japanese papers would be warranted. It is understood that a similar recommendation is being made by the British Embassy in Ankara to the Foreign Office at London.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador.

Herbert S. Bursley
Counselor of Embassy

Enclosure:
List of papers

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Enclosure to Despatch No. 699, dated March 29, 1946
from the American Embassy, Ankara, on the subject
Japanese Records and Archives in Turkey.

LIST OF JAPANESE PAPERS TAKEN OVER BY THE EMBASSIES
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GREAT BRITAIN,
CHINA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
IN ANKARA ON FEBRUARY 15, 1946

- 1 Dossier containing correspondence addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Tokio (Section of Civil Status) for the years 1941 to 1945 inclusive.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence received by the Japanese Embassy from the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 1941.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence received by the Japanese Embassy from the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the years 1942 and 1943.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence received by the Japanese Embassy from the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 1944.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence addressed to the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Japanese Embassy for the year 1941.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence addressed to the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Japanese Embassy for the years 1942 and 1943.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence addressed to the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Japanese Embassy for the year 1944.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence received from Embassies and Legations in Turkey for the years 1941, 1942, and 1943.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence received from Embassies and Legations in Turkey for the year 1944.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence addressed to Embassies and Legations in Turkey for the years 1941, 1942, and 1943.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence addressed to Embassies and Legations in Turkey for the year 1944.
- 1 Dossier of correspondence addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokio (Accounts Section) for the year 1945.
- 12 Dossiers of Accounts.
- 2 Dossiers containing various papers.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER

Tokyo, Japan, April 3, 1946.

No. 344

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SUBJECT: Instructions to Japanese Government Implementing SCAP's Directive of October 25, 1945, on Transfer of Japanese Diplomatic and Consular Archives and Property.

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The Officer in Charge has the honor to refer to the Department's undated telegram no. 169 and this Office's telegram in reply, no. 128, March 5, and to forward a single copy, furnished this Office by General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, of the Supreme Commander's letter to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, March 30, 1946, listing and transmitting copies of all communications between the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former Japanese diplomatic and consular representatives abroad concerning implementation of the Supreme Commander's directive of October 25, 1945, requiring the transfer of Japanese diplomatic and consular records and archives.

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AG 091.112 (30 Mar 46)GS

SUBJECT: Transfer of Custody of Diplomatic and Consular Property and Archives.

TO : Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Inclosed for your information is a complete set of copies of translations of communications between the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former Japanese diplomatic and consular representatives abroad on the above subject, as follows:

- Incl 1. Telegram No. 840, dtd 26 Oct 45 to Japanese Ministers to Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal and Afghanistan and Consul General at Dublin.
- Incl 2. Telegram No. 851, dtd 31 Oct 45 to Japanese Ministers to Sweden and Switzerland.
- Incl 3. Telegram No. 852, dtd 31 Oct 45 to Japanese Ministers to Portugal and Afghanistan and Consul General at Dublin.
- Incl 4. Telegram dtd 1 Nov 45 from Japanese Minister to Sweden.
- Incl 5. Telegram No. 1047 dtd 1 Nov 45 from Japanese Minister to Switzerland.
- Incl 6. Telegram Tokyo No. 2 dtd 10 Nov 45 from Japanese Minister to Afghanistan.
- Incl 7. Telegram received 14 Nov 45 from Japanese Consul General at Dublin.
- Incl 8. Telegram No. 459 dtd 18 Nov 45 to Japanese Minister to Switzerland.
- Incl 9. Telegram No. 876 dtd 18 Nov 45 to Japanese Ministers to Portugal and Afghanistan and Consul General at Dublin.
- Incl 10. Telegram No. 269 dtd 20 Nov 45 to Japanese Minister to Sweden.
- Incl 11. Telegram (Special) No. 3 dtd 21 Nov 45 from Japanese Minister to Afghanistan.
- > Incl 12. Telegram No. 46 dtd 28 Nov 45 to Japanese Consul General at Dublin.

BASIC: Ltr, GHO, SCAP, APO 500, file AG 091.112 (30 Mar 46)GS dtd 30 March 1946, subject: "Transfer of Custody of Diplomatic and Consular Property and Archives."

- Incl 13. Telegram No. 1053 dtd 4 Dec 45 from Japanese Minister to Switzerland.
- Incl 14. Telegram dtd 6 Dec 45 from Japanese Minister to Portugal.
- > Incl 15. Telegram Toku No. 7 received 10 Dec 45 from Japanese Consul General at Dublin.
- > Incl 16. Telegram No. 906 dtd 10 Dec 45 to Japanese Ministers to Switzerland, Portugal and Afghanistan and Consul General at Dublin.
- Incl 17. Telegram No. 276 dtd 12 Dec 45 to Japanese Minister to Sweden.
- Incl 18. Telegram dtd 14 Dec 45 from Japanese Minister to Sweden.
- Incl 19. Telegram No. 50 dtd 15 Dec 45 to Japanese Consul General at Dublin.
- > Incl 20. Telegram No. 51 dtd 15 Dec 45 to Japanese Consul General at Dublin.
- > Incl 21. Telegram No. 52 dtd 17 Dec 45 to Japanese Consul General at Dublin.
- Incl 22. Telegram No. 1054 received 16 Dec 45 from Japanese Minister to Switzerland.
- Incl 23. Telegram No. 46 dtd 17 Dec 45 to Japanese Envoy to the Vatican.
- Incl 24. Telegram dtd 18 Dec 45 from Japanese Minister to Portugal.
- Incl 25. Telegram dtd 19 Dec 45 from Japanese Consul General at Zurich.
- Incl 26. Telegram (A) received 22 Dec 45 from Japanese Minister to Switzerland.
- Incl 27. Telegram (B) received 22 Dec 45 from Japanese Minister to Switzerland.
- Incl 28. Telegram No. 90 dtd 27 Dec 45 from Japanese Envoy to the Vatican.
- Incl 29. Telegram No. 91 dtd 1 Jan 46 from Japanese Envoy to the Vatican.

BASIC: Ltr, GHQ, SCAP, APO 500, file AG 091.112 (30 Mar 46)GS dtd 30 March 1946, subject: "Transfer of Custody of Diplomatic and Consular Property and Archives."

2. Inclosures 1-3 were quoted in Radio CAX 54337 of 5 November 1945, and copies of inclosures 6-17, 19-21 and 23-27 were forwarded in letter to the Joint Chiefs of Staff AG 091.112 (7 Jan 46)GS of 7 January 1946, subject as above.

3. Two complete sets of the above listed inclosures have been given to the Office of the Political Advisor in Tokyo for the information of the Department of State.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

29 Incls: As indicated in para 1.

Telegram No. 840
(dispatched on Oct. 26)

October 25, the Allied General Headquarters
by direction of the Allied Powers has instructed the Government:

1. To request Sweden and Switzerland to turn
over to the Allied Powers the Japanese Government property and
archives in the countries in which the two countries are acting
as Japan's protecting Power.

2. To instruct Japanese Government establishments
to turn over their property and archives to the Allied Powers.

3. To order the recall of Japan's diplomatic and
consular representatives in neutral countries.

In view of the fact that the Allied demands above
do not come under any of the terms of the Potsdam Declaration
accepted by Japan the Government is intending to ask for
explanation as to the grounds on which such demands have been
made.

Sent to:

Ministers to Sweden,
Switzerland, Portugal
and Afghanistan
Consul-General in Dublin.

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Telegram No. 851
(dispatched on Oct. 31)

Regarding telegraph Instruction No. 840 the Government has decided to take the necessary measures in accordance with the Allied directive as telegraphed. Accordingly you are instructed:

1. To request the Government of the country to which you are accredited to turn over intact and without delay Japanese diplomatic and consular property and archives under its custody, in the case of British Empire, (the Soviet Union) (The phrase in Parenthesis is for Sweden only) the United States, France and their colonies and dependencies, to the governments of these respective countries; and in the case of other countries to the Allied representatives instructed to receive them.

2. To turn over intact and without delay all diplomatic and consular property and archives of Japan in the country to which you are accredited to the designated Allied representatives and to suspend official dealings with the Government.

3. When you have carried out the present instructions, telegraph a report immediately, as it must be reported to the Allied Headquarters.

4. The Allied Powers do not object to the continuing by the Protecting Powers to exercise normal functions relating to the protection of Japanese nationals in the countries specified under Paragraph 1, and to the transfer of the same affairs to Sweden or Switzerland in the case of the neutral countries with which Japan's diplomatic relations will be terminated by virtue of the present step. Accordingly, you are instructed to thank the Government of the country to which you are accredited for its kindness in representing Japanese interests in the past, and ask it to be good enough to assume afresh the protection of Japanese interests under the above-mentioned circumstances.

5. In accordance with the present Allied directive, you and the members of your staff (and all the consular staff members and personnel) (The phrase in Parenthesis is for Switzerland only) are recalled. You will inform this Office of the date of your departure as soon as it is fixed.

Sent to:

Ministers to Sweden and Switzerland.

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