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Dated September 3, 1945

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Foreign Office note August 30 states according
communication Japanese Foreign Office to Swiss
Legation Tokyo re POWS and Combined Intelligence
Staff 7 interned Nagasaki names following slightly
wounded flying glass building where internees lodged
slightly damaged.

No (repeat no) POW Hiroshima wounded or killed.

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At your discretion it is suggested that you approach the appropriate Am mil auth emphasizing to them that the Swiss Govt has been protecting Power for Ams in Jap and that Gorge has rendered great service. Mil auth may wish to consult with Gorge as well as Junod in connection with evacuation of POWS. Mil auth might discreetly be informed that dealing with either Intercross or Swiss reps to exclusion of other may cause ill feeling. Dept has learned by experience that both Swiss and Intercross reps tend to be sensitive regarding credit given for humanitarian activities.

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AMERICAN LEGATION

Bern, September 5, 1945.

Subject: American Interests - Far East
Welfare and whereabouts Second
Lieutenant Ronald F. Heemann,
Army Serial No. 02070031.

Mr. Heemann
SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
DIVISION 9/28/45
SEP 14 1945
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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The American Minister at Bern has the honor to refer to the Legation's airmail despatch No. 12277 of August 9, with its enclosures concerning Second Lieutenant Ronald F. HEEMANN, who, it appears, has been officially carried as missing since April 24, 1945, by the War Department.

9/26/45
PWR reports
St. Heemann
listed as POW
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The Legation regrets that inquiry instituted by the International Red Cross Committee upon the request of the special representative of the American Red Cross at Geneva has elicited the information that the Committee has no record of Lieutenant Heemann in its files.

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SEP 14 1945
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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-1032 of September 5

American Interests - Japan

Legation's A-982 of August 18

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Foreign Office note September 3, states according
telegram Swiss Legation Tokyo latter has received
from Japanese POW Information Bureau receipts for sums
sent Fukuoka, Nakodate, Osaka and Tokyo.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-1036 of September 5.

American Interests - Far East
Legation's A-1013 August 30

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
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Foreign Office note September 4, states representative Swiss Legation Tokyo recently visited with Junod interned American aviators principal camp Tokyo at Shinagawa.

Most aviators assembled this camp since August 15, while previously in either military gendarmerie prison or detention camp.

As result visit Swiss representative had most trying impressions because aviators in very bad health and exhausted suffering particularly undernourishment and fatigue. Swiss representative able speak majority pows. Endeavored encourage them. Croixrouge packages will be immediately distributed.

Colonel Sakabe, commander group Tokyo camps appeared very alarmed by situation declaring had no knowledge this prior August 15.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: September 17, 1945

SUBJECT: Whereabouts of Lieutenant Ronald F. Heemann.

OCT 1 1945

PARTICIPANTS: Captain George, War Department (Branch 78357), and Miss Dreppard, SWP.

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Miss Dreppard inquired of the POWIB if they had any information regarding Lieutenant Ronald F. Heemann, O-2070031, who was reported as missing in action on April 24, 1945. Miss Dreppard was informed that Lieutenant Heemann had been reported as a prisoner of war on US Cable 3246, received August 29, 1945.

Miss Dreppard then inquired of Captain George in the Casualty Branch as to the date on which notification with regard to Lieutenant Heemann was communicated to the next of kin and to whom it was sent. Captain George, after consulting their records, stated that on September 13 Mrs. Heemann was informed by the War Department that her son had been returned to military control and was being evacuated to the United States.

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In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114A/9-545

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SWP 711.94114A/9-545

My dear Mr. Heemann:

I refer to Mr. Bailey's letter of August 28, 1945, to you concerning the efforts made by the American Legation at Bern to ascertain the whereabouts and welfare of your son, Lieutenant Ronald F. Heemann, who was reported as missing in action in the Pacific Ocean area on April 24, 1945.

A despatch dated September 5, 1945, from the American Legation at Bern informed the Department that inquiry instituted by the International Red Cross Committee upon the request of the special representative of the American Red Cross at Geneva elicited the information that the Committee had no record of Lieutenant Heemann in its files.

Inquiry made of the War Department at Washington has revealed, however, that on September 13 that Department notified Mrs. Heemann of the return of Lieutenant Heemann to military control and informed her that he was being evacuated to the United States.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

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Parmely W. Herrick
Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Mr. Frederick H. N. Heemann,
6304 Mossway,
Baltimore 12, Maryland.

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September 17, 1945

The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and transmits herewith for the attention of and appropriate action by the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Airgram A-1041 from Bern, dated September 5, 1945.

This airgram contains messages to private individuals in this country from officer prisoners of war in a hospital at Kobe (No. 30). It will be noted that the names of the senders are not given. The Department has not forwarded the messages to the addressees.

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Enclosure:

Airgram A-1041,
September 5, 1945.

September 19, 1945

Dorothea M. Laurion
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FROM

Bern

Dated September 5, 1945.

Rec'd Sept 12, 1945.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-1041 of September 5.

American Interests - Japan

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
9/17/45 DIVISION
note to W/W
SEP 14 1945
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Foreign Office note September 4, transmits following message from officers pws in hospital Kobe (No. 30) telegraphed by Swiss Minister Tokyo:

"Am well hope to see you soon".

- 1.- to Samuel Bookman 21 East 87th St. New York City;
- 2.- to Earl Glusman 167 Ridge St. New York City;
- 3.- to S.W. Smith RFD Sandwich Illinois;
- 4.- to G.J. Berley 4153 West Congress St. Chicago;
- 5.- to E.L. Myerh 2023 Canton Ave. Brooklyn, New York City;
- 6.- to S.C. McNulty 2738 Region St. Berkely, Calif;
- 7.- to Isabel Brown 429 South 10th St. Boise Idaho, from Jack;
- 8.- to P.S. Roland 52 Riverside Drive New York City;
- 9.- to Arthur Waf 200 Orchard St. New Haven Conn.;
- 10.- to Allen Beauchamp 1756 N Prospect Ave. Milwaukee, Wisc;
- 11.- to Everett Williams 3215 Gold St. Omaha Nebraska;
- 12.- to R.L. Balster 49 Mount Ave. Worcester Mass;
- 13.- to B.V. Hildebrand Salix Iowa;
- 14.- to B.T. Stradley 45 Townsend Ave. New Haven Conn.;
- 15.- to D.R. Flood 1793 Brown St. Akron Ohio;
- 16.- to Thomas Syall 707 F Street Petaluma Calif.

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Secretary of State,
by *SWP*

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Date SEP 13 1945 Foreign Office note Sept 4 states according

Swiss Legation vessel transporting American POWS from
Philippines bombed December 14 and January 9 after
departure from Philippines.

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Mrs. Margaret Dukes,
Augusta, Georgia.

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SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
DIVISION
SEP 23 1945
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



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WASHINGTON

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September 17, 1945

My dear Mrs. Dukes:

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The receipt is acknowledged of the telegram of September 5, 1945, signed by yourself and five others who are next of kin of prisoners of war, concerning the delay in transmitting information to next of kin of liberated prisoners.

The Department of State understands that the American military authorities are forwarding information about liberated American prisoners of war by telegram to the next of kin as soon as it is received in Washington. As you have undoubtedly noticed in the press, several days elapsed between the landing of American troops in Japan and the liberation of any sizeable numbers of American prisoners of war. This delay in the liberation of prisoners of war was undoubtedly due to the fact that the American military authorities wished to make their landings in Japan secure before proceeding to inland points.

Thank you for your telegram. I hope that you and the other next of kin who signed the telegram will soon hear that the prisoners in whom you are interested have returned to American military control.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

Parmely W. Herrick
Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Mrs. Margarite Dukes,
Augusta, Georgia.

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DIVISION OF CENTRAL SERVICES TELEGRAPH SECTION

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Augusta, Ga Sept 5-45

Secretary of State

James F. Byrnes, Washington

9/13/45
Letter to Mrs. Dukes
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Is the distribution of food to Yokosuka Japs and feeding general Yamashita on Beer and Steak your way of repaying the Japs for the cruel barbaric treatment of our loved ones interned in Japan Prison camps have not been reported as being liberated to date we object to the delay in transmitting information to next of kin of those being liberated.

- Mrs Margarite Dukes
- Mrs George Griffin
- Mrs Alex Kelly
- Mrs B. S. Scoogins
- Mrs Annie Rachels
- Mrs Florence Jackson
- Next of kin of prisoners of War Augusta, Ga.

828am Sept 6-45

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Ann. *Dorothea M. Laurion*
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For the Acting Secretary of State:

Dorothea M. Laurion **Parmely W. Herrick**
Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

WPS
Mrs. Margarite Dukes,

Augusta, Georgia.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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7 September 1945

Special War Problems Division
Department of State
501 Seventeenth Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
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10/1/45
Letter to Mr. Matthey
SEP 13 1945
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SEP 11 1945
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Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your communication SWP 711.94114 ~~Doctors~~/8-945 dated 23 August 1945 transmitting a copy of a letter dated 9 August 1945 addressed to Mr. Edwin A. Plitt, Chief, Special War Problems Division, by Mr. F. Matthey, Delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Mr. Matthey requests a decision of the American authorities upon the proposal that certificates be granted to Japanese prisoners of war who work as physicians or as specialists in the medical field while held as prisoners.

(You will recall that) the same question came up regarding German and Italian protected personnel, and that it was decided that certificates of the kind requested could not be granted. The War Department is of the opinion that no reason exists for according to Japanese protected personnel any privilege which was denied to similar German and Italian personnel.

Sincerely yours,

A. M. Tollefson
A. M. TOLLEFSON
Colonel, CMP, Director
Prisoner of War Operations Division
Provost Marshal General's Office

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In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114A/9-745

My dear Mr. Matthey:

I refer to your letter of August 9, 1945, to Mr. Plitt (Reference P) and to the Department's acknowledgment of August 23, concerning a proposal that certificates be granted to Japanese prisoners of war who serve as physicians or as specialists during the period of their captivity.

It is the opinion of the War Department that certificates of the kind requested cannot be granted.

Sincerely yours,

Plitt

Parmely W. Herrick
Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Mr. F. Matthey,
Delegate, International Committee of the
Red Cross,
1645 Connecticut Avenue, NW.,
Washington, 9, D.C.

Joseph M. Laurion
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September 7, 1945

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In connection with the underlying draft note to the Legation of Switzerland thanking the Swiss Government for its activities on behalf of American prisoners of war in the Far East, it appears from a file given to me by Mr. Chapman that the matter of thanking the Swiss Government is being handled by the Representation Section. That Section has thanked the Swiss for their activities on our behalf in a number of the European countries but apparently not as yet for their activities in Germany. I note that in the thank-you communications thus far addressed to the Swiss we have delayed sending them until such time as the names of all Swiss who have been active in this work have been received. Waiting for the receipt of such names, it seems to me, causes an unduly long period of time to pass before we express our thanks. It is suggested therefore that we might thank them promptly in general terms and later if it is decided to present the Swiss representatives with some token of our appreciation for their efforts we can do so on an individual basis. In this connection I recall seeing a story in the press several months ago indicating that the British Government had thanked the Swiss for their activities on behalf of British interests in Germany. Colonel Yudelson remarked to me the other day by telephone that he hoped that when it comes to thanking the Swiss for their efforts on our behalf in Japan we could beat the British for once.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON~~Sir:~~

"With the signing of the terms of surrender by the Japanese Government I wish on behalf of the United States Government to thank the Swiss Government and its representatives for the services which they have rendered in the Far East in behalf of American prisoners of war and civilian internees. The United States Government realizes that Swiss representatives in the Far East have carried on under conditions which would discourage most men and yet have been able in spite of difficulties to do a great deal to alleviate the suffering of American prisoners of war and civilian internees in Japan and areas formerly occupied by the Japanese.

I wish particularly to express to the officials of ~~the~~ your Government at Bern as well as to the Swiss Minister at Tokyo

The Honorable

~~Max Grässli, Counselor,
Legation of Switzerland.~~

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at Tokyo and his staff, the Swiss representatives in
China, Indo-China, and ^{Siam}~~Thailand~~, this Government's ap-
preciation for their activities in behalf of Americans
in the Far East. "

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high con-
sideration.

address c/o:

Golden State Hotel
114 Powell Street
San Francisco, California
September 8, 1945.

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United States Government
Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
9/14/45 DIVISION
Letter to Mrs. Goldsborough
SEP 13 1945
Note to War Com/Sec
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SEP 16 1945

Subject: Goldsborough, Edward Gerald
Japanese Prisoner of War

Dear Sirs:

This is an urgent request for any information you may be able to supply regarding the whereabouts of my husband, Captain Edward Gerald Goldsborough of the guerilla Army in the Philippines.

The attached letter from Father Hurley will give some information regarding my husband and myself. However, communication which I received from my husband smuggled from Bilibid Prison, Luzon, leads me to believe that he was not executed, but perhaps transferred to a prison camp in Japan.

I have given this information to the Veteran's Administration in Washington, D. C., and in their letter to me (File BAH-B 801) of August 11, 1945, they advised me that the matter was receiving their attention.

Since coming to the States I have no means of knowing my husband's location nor could I communicate with him; also he would have no idea of where I could be reached. I have appealed to the Red Cross and other Agencies, but they seem unable to do anything.

On the basis of both my husband's and my own record in the resistance in the Philippines, I appeal to you for any information you can secure.

Some of the men associated with my husband were - Major Walter Cushing, Captain Barker, Colonel Thorpe and Lieutenant Thompson.

I will sincerely appreciate any information you can give me as soon as you can. I have tried every other means I knew to find Captain Goldsborough and I am confident you can give me some word of him.

Respectfully,

Dominga Goldsborough
Dominga Goldsborough
(Mrs. Ed. G. Goldsborough)

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SEP 20 1945

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CATHOLIC WELFARE ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILLIPINES

3 April 1945

To Whom It May Concern:
Especially to any U. S. Government Authorities.

The bearer, Mrs. Dominga ("Sunday") Goldsborough, is the widow of Guerilla Leader Goldsborough who with a number of other American officers and one of our own Jesuit Fathers (Rev. Augustin Consunji) was executed by the Jap KEMPI (the equivalent of the GESTAPO) during the occupation of the Philippines by the Jap Army.

The undersigned testifies that Captain Goldsborough (known usually as "Goldie") did more than his patriotic duty in resisting the invaders. He escaped from the Santa Tomas Internment Camps (three of his companions were caught and horribly executed after being forced to dig their own graves), and made his way to the mountains outside Manila where he organized Filipino guerrilleros and continued to harass the enemy forces.

His wife, the bearer of this letter, also did magnificently heroic work in supplying them with ammunition and food and weapons. You will find it hard to believe that time and time again she threaded her way through the Jap lines with this contraband and with important papers. She kept this up until time for her to deliver her baby.

"Goldie" was for a long time confined at Fort Santiago in the same dungeon with several of our fathers and some of our alumni who refused to "cooperate" and "collaborate" with the enemy.

Many brave spirits like that of Captain "Goldie" did magnificent work in keeping up the spirit of resistance and the pity is that many - perhaps the majority - will go without recognition of their sacrifices for their country, while others, who did nothing (or even profited or rather "profiteered") are now reaping the benefits of their noble-self-sacrifice. That, however, is the usual way; and anyway, these brave men were acting on principle and a noble devotion to what they considered their duty to their fatherland.

May God bless them and may those near and dear ones left behind be spared from too much suffering and hardships. To the tender mercy and compassion of Almighty God and to any who may be able to help them, we commend them.

Signed: JOHN F. HURLEY, S.J.
Secretary General
Catholic Welfare Organization of
the Philippines.

AFFIDAVIT

We, the undersigned, swear that we have personal knowledge of the case of Mrs. Goldsborough, and testify that it is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Harry V. Williams, ex-prisoner of war
G. Sellheim, ex-prisoner of war

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of April 1945 at Santo Tomas Internment Camp, Manila, Philippines

H. I. WASSERMAN
2nd Lt. AGD., ASST. ADJ. GEN.

In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114A/9-845

SEP 18 1945

The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and transmits for the attention of the Provost Marshal General a copy of a letter dated September 8, 1945, from Mrs. Ed. G. Goldsborough concerning the whereabouts of her husband, Captain Edward Gerald Goldsborough who she believes may have been transferred to a prisoner of war camp in Japan. Mrs. Goldsborough has been informed by the Department of State that if information is received by the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, she will be promptly informed.

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Enclosure:

From Mrs. Goldsborough,
September 8, 1945.

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SEP 18 1945

My dear Mrs. Goldsborough:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 8, 1945, concerning the whereabouts of your husband, Captain Edward Gerald Goldsborough, who you believe may have been transferred from the Philippine Islands to a prison camp in Japan.

All information which is received concerning recovered American personnel is given to the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, War Department, Washington, D.C. The Information Bureau notifies by telegram the next of kin of record when information is received about personnel who have been recovered. A copy of your letter has been sent to the Information Bureau so that it will be in a position to notify you if information is received about Captain Goldsborough.

The Department of State has no information about him and would not be likely to receive that information since it appears from your letter that your husband was associated with the armed forces.

I sincerely hope that you will hear that he has been liberated.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

Platt
Pamely W. Herrick
Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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Mrs. Ed. G. Goldsborough,
Golden State Hotel,
114 Powell Street,
San Francisco 8, California.

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Date: SEP 25 1945

A-1053, September 10, 1945.

American Interests - Far East
Legation's telegram 3983 August 23

Swiss note dated September 7 transmits following information:

According to a telegram dispatched by the Swiss Minister at Tokyo, his representative at Singapore, Mr. Wild, visited the Changi POW camp at Singapore, accompanied by Mr. Schweizer, ICRC delegate. Mr. Wild ascertained during visit that camp greatly overcrowded and inadequately equipped. Many articles of basic necessity lacking. Swiss representative nevertheless observed with satisfaction that, despite privations and undernourishment from which they suffered, POWs retained excellent morale. Approximately one-fifth of the detainees should be hospitalized chiefly for dysentery, beriberi and malaria.

Swiss Minister Tokyo adds that he has transmitted directly to Allied Commander various information and requests from Mr. Wild concerning POWs held in the Malay Archipelago.

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Swiss note September 7 states representatives Swiss Legation Tokyo recently got in touch with American officers. These latter have appreciated the assistance accorded by the Swiss Legation in connection with the evacuation of American POWs interned Japan.

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Legation's 3983, August 23

Swiss FONOFF states pursuant Gorge's instructions to Dairen for evacuation POWS that Gorge reports communications with Dairen and Manchuria now suspended.

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International Committee of the Red Cross
in Geneva, Switzerland
Delegation to the United States

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Mr. Edwin A. Plitt, Chief,
Special War Problems Division,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Plitt,

This is to acknowledge your letter of August 31,
1945, in regard to information received by the Federal
Communications Commission from Japan of prisoners of war
in that country.

I have just discussed this matter with the Prisoner
of War Information Bureau of the Office of the Provost
Marshal General.

In view of this conversation, in which we came to
the conclusion that since all information received from
any source should be collected, I will get in touch with
Mr. Russell M. Shephard, Acting Director of the Foreign
Broadcast Intelligence Service, in order to obtain any
information which his Service might receive from Japan.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred L. Cardinaux
Alfred L. Cardinaux,
Delegate.

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A-1049, September 10, 1945.

American Interests - Japan
Department's airmail instruction 3099 August 3

Swiss Foreign Office official has stated orally that according to message from Minister Gorgé the Department's instruction under reference would appear to be without object in view of current developments.

Please instruct in event Department does not share Minister Gorgé's view.

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*Telephoned
Moj Lincoln
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Department had all
the information it
needed on individuals
in question
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The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and transmits herewith for the attention of and appropriate action by the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, a copy of airgram 1051 of September 10, 1945, from the American Legation at Bern.

This airgram contains personal messages to individuals in the United States from American prisoners of war in the Tokyo area.

Enclosure:

Airgram A-1051,
September 10, 1945.

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A-1051, September 10, 1945.

American Interests - Japan
Legation's airgram A-1041 September 5

Swiss note September 6 transmits following messages for relatives from American POWs in camps Tokyo area which were accepted by representatives of Swiss Legation:

a) From RW Day to EL Day PO Box 251 Collidge Arizona:

"Unhurt and well contact with Swiss Legation today hope to see you all soon love to all."

b) From Milon to GL/Elmore Glenwood Oregon:

"Be home soon love."

c) From WM Winfrey to W Winfrey 2930 Long Beach Blvd Long Beach California:

"Safe and well be home soon."

d) From John to Susie Pimperl 620 Surf St. Chicago Illinois:

"Darling, see you soon love."

e) From BD Wood to CA Mattson 813 2nd Street Bismark North Dakota:

"Am well hope you and family are the same."

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A-1054, September 10, 1945.

American Interests - Philippines

Department's telegram 1110 March 17

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Date SEP 25 1945

Foreign Office note September 6 states according communication Japanese Foreign Office to Swiss Legation Tokyo prisoner of war lists in question are following:

- AM/63 transmitted with Legation's despatch No. 12070 July 7
- AM/64 despatch 12072 July 7
- AM 66/67 despatch 12088 July 11
- AM/69 despatch 12118 July 14
- correction to A /69 airgram A-893 July 18
- OM/59 despatch 12117 July 14
- FM 56/57 despatch 12096 July 12
- TM/19 despatch 11867 June 7
- TM/22 not transmitted to Swiss FONOFF in view Department's airgram A-486 August 3.

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Sept 24, 1945

AMLEGATION,

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AMERICAN INTERESTS - FAR EAST.

Legation's A-1068, September 11, 1945.

Department desires to know date on which information contained in your airgram under reference was communicated to Swiss Legation, Tokyo, by Japanese Foreign Office.

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Secretary of State,
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A-1068 of September 11.

American Interests - Far East

Legation's 2639 May 5 - 5 p.m.

Foreign Office note September 6, states Swiss Legation Tokyo forwarded following information:

According to Japanese Foreign Office American pows and civilian internees able send telegrams, as United States (as well as Great Britain and Netherlands) accepted Japanese proposals contained Legation's 8303 December 23, and 296 January 15.

These telegrams refer to agreement between Japanese and American Governments, through Intercross, according to which American pows and civilian internees in Japanese hands allowed receive and send telegrams from/to their families. Japanese Foreign Office points out that "family" messages of less than ten words are paid by recipients and can be sent once a year per person. These restrictions imposed by above-mentioned Governments.

Telegrams of pows and internees under military control are transmitted by Japanese POW Information Bureau for pows while telegrams of other civilian internees transmitted by Japanese Red Cross.

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A-1064 of September 11.

American Interests - Far East

Department's 1111 March 17, Legation's 3347 and 3348
June 28 and 3541 July 12.

Foreign Office note September 8, gives substance
communication from Minister Togo telegraphed September 4
by Swiss Minister Tokyo. Following translation:

1.- Bodies of pows deceased while in
captivity will henceforth be buried
except under certain special cir-
cumstances. This particularly in camps
at Tokyo and Osaka where Japanese regula-
tions forbid burials in vicinity of these
camps. In Borneo cremation was ordered
to prevent danger of epidemics.

2.- Delays in notification pow names not
intentional on part of Japanese author-
ities but principally due to circumstances
surrounding handling of matters. As soon
as lists prepared, competent Japanese
authorities will communicate them to Swiss
Legation.

3.- Japanese authorities will only deliver
copies of death certificates on special

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request from interested Governments as it is unable send copies of all documents. All death certificates have been kept and will be submitted to American and British Governments after the war.

Although these statements superseded by recent events, Swiss Foreign Office nevertheless communicates them for Legation's information.

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A-1058, September 11, 1945.

American Interests - Japan
Legation's airmail despatch 12048 July 5

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Intercross letter September 7 transmits following additional information from its Tokyo delegation regarding Tokyo POW Branch Camp No. 2:

by SW:

- 1) There are 14 beds in the isolation ward.
- 2) Health inspections are enforced at regular intervals.
- 3) The monthly eye inspections are carried out by ambulant oculists.

Bryan Bruce
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Date SEP 25 1945 *H.L.M.*

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September, 11, 1945

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Mr. Edwin A. Plitt
Chief, Special War Problems Division
Department of State
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SEP 14 1945
Mr. F. Matthey
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Dear Mr. Plitt,

With further reference to our letter of July 13th and August 27 1945 regarding the reciprocity of camp visits in the Far East, we wish to transmit to you herewith an excerpt of note no. 1921, dated August 10 1945, which we received from our Geneva Headquarters:

"We reopen the question of Mr. Bessmer's status (our Delegate in the Philippines) in that, although recognized as a Delegate, he is unable to visit certain categories of camps, consequently restricting his activities very considerably. As you are aware, it is only after prolonged and difficult negotiations, that we were able to send a mission out to the Far East, to supervise and strengthen our Delegation (Dr. Junod and Miss Straehler to Tokyo). This mission, as you are aware, has reached the Far East and, it is therefore of the utmost importance that everything possible be done to smooth the path of these Delegates, who, as you will realize, will by no means have an easy time. Any restriction imposed on other Delegates by the adverse party might, we fear, lead to similar restrictions in the Far East."

In the above note our Geneva Headquarters make an allusion to a letter they wrote on August 8th to Mr. George Tait, of the American Legation in Bern, on the same subject.

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We shall be very much obliged to you for a reply in this matter, although we fully realize that it has now but a theoretical value.

We are, dear Mr. Plitt,

sincerely yours,

F. Matthey
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In reply refer to
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My dear Mr. Matthey:

I refer to your letter of September 11, 1945, addressed to Mr. Plitt, concerning camp visits in the Far East.

On September 10, 1945, a reply was sent to your letter of August 27, 1945, on the same subject. Your letter of September 11, 1945, appears to have crossed the Department's letter of September 10, 1945. The Department has nothing further to add on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

Bel
Albert E. Clattenburg, Jr.
Acting Chief
Special War Problems Division

Mr. F. Matthey,
Delegate, International Committee
of the Red Cross,
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Mr. Parmeley W. Herrick,
Acting Assistant Chief,
Special War Problems Division,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Attn: ~~SWP~~ SWP

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS DIVISION
SEP 13 1945
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Dear Mr. Herrick:-

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Just a note to express my sincere appreciation to you for your letter of Sept. 7, with Press Release No. 653 enclosed.

Miss Wagner has always been one of our best friends and well-wishers, and I certainly appreciate her efforts on our behalf. Incidentally, I would be grateful if you could continue sending us releases or announcements of the nature of this one.

Again my appreciation.

Cordially yours,

Henry Cavendish
Henry Cavendish,
NEWS EDITOR.

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September 12, 1945

*9/26/45
Letter to Sen. Connally
BAM*

Respectfully referred to

Special Division
State Department
Washington, D. C.

with thanks for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted warrants, and for a report thereon, to accompany return of inclosure.

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By direction of

Jim Connally
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DEAN ACHER

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Miss June Wojtysiak
3073 Bagley St.
Flint, Michigan

SEP 24 1945

Dear Sir:

My brother, Edward Wojtysiak, was taken prisoner of war on Wake Island in 1941 during the Japanese invasion. Since the liberation of prisoners in Japan we have not received any information concerning him. Edward's last known address was---Dispatch Camp #5, Kawasaki, Japan.

I would appreciate it very much if you would give me some sort of information concerning my brother as my mother's health has been terribly affected by this tense waiting.

Thank you,

/s/ June Wojtysiak

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In reply refer to
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My dear Senator Connally:

I refer to your letter of September 12, 1945, enclosing a letter from Miss June Wojtysiak, requesting information concerning her brother Mr. Edward Wojtysiak, who was taken by the Japanese on Wake Island in 1941.

The Department has learned from the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, that Mr. Edward Wojtysiak was contacted in Peking and that the Prisoner of War Information Bureau sent a telegram to that effect to the family on August 23, 1945. No other information is available concerning him. Miss Wojtysiak will be reassured to know that the care and repatriation of released prisoners of war and civilian internees is under the jurisdiction of the War Department. The Army Postal Service is accepting letters for the Far East. Such letters should be addressed to the addressee, Liberated Personnel Section, APO 501, Care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

A copy of Miss Wojtysiak's letter has been retained for the files of this Department.

Sincerely yours,

DEAN ACHESON

Enclosure:
From Miss Wojtysiak,
undated.

Acting Secretary

SEP 21 1945

The Honorable

Tom Connally,

United States Senate.

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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

September 12, 1945

Re: SWP 711.94114A/8-1745

Mr. J. Holbrook Chapman
Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Chapman:

We wish to thank you for your letter of September 7th in which you gave us information regarding the present status of the repatriation of the sixteen crew members of our S. S. CONNECTICUT who have been held as prisoners of War by Japan, and we shall look forward to hearing from you further when additional information is available in this connection.

Yours very truly

J. E. Buchanan

T. E. BUCHANAN
Gen. Mgr, Marine Dept.

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SEP 19 1945

Dec. 3, 1944 - 6:00 a.m.

Divided Prison, Manila, P.I.

Dear my Annie,

It has been so long that I have been
able to write you a line except those four post cards,
and this note will I know or undoubtedly so
tell you everything and express my feelings and
constant love and longing for you and family.
John & Grace kindly promised to deliver this for me
as soon as he reaches the States. I only pray
that I shall arrive in your arms before the
letter reaches you. In a couple of hours we
leave here for Japan as far as we are able to
ascertain. It seems so terrible now especially
with the American troops so near Manila in
Luzon. We have been here in Bibit since Dec. 2nd
and trust we will not be taken out after
all this time. I wonder and think you must.
All I want to tell you is that I am well and
love you more than ~~and~~ I know one could love.
My only thoughts during this long imprisonment

have been to return to you and live the life
we had so beautifully begun. It will be so much
greater this time - I take care of myself and
Eun., and pray as I do, that very soon
we shall be reunited. All my love and prayers
are to all the family -

Yours soon,
Bob

MRS. ROBERT A. BARKER
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Freed Heroes Tell Of Ordeal After Leaving Manila

INCHON, Korea, Sept. 8. —(UP)—Only about 300 of the 1,919 American prisoners of war who sailed from Manila last Dec. 13 for prison camps in Japan survived the ordeals to which they were subjected, liberated men of the Inchon Camp said today.

Frankly admitting that Inchon was one of the few Japanese camps where U.S. personnel received decent treatment, the group of 138 Americans were unable to do anything but speak bitterly of the haunting voyage from Manila which cost the lives of most of the prisoners.

All Heroes of Luzon.

All the men at Inchon were captured on Bataan or Corregidor.

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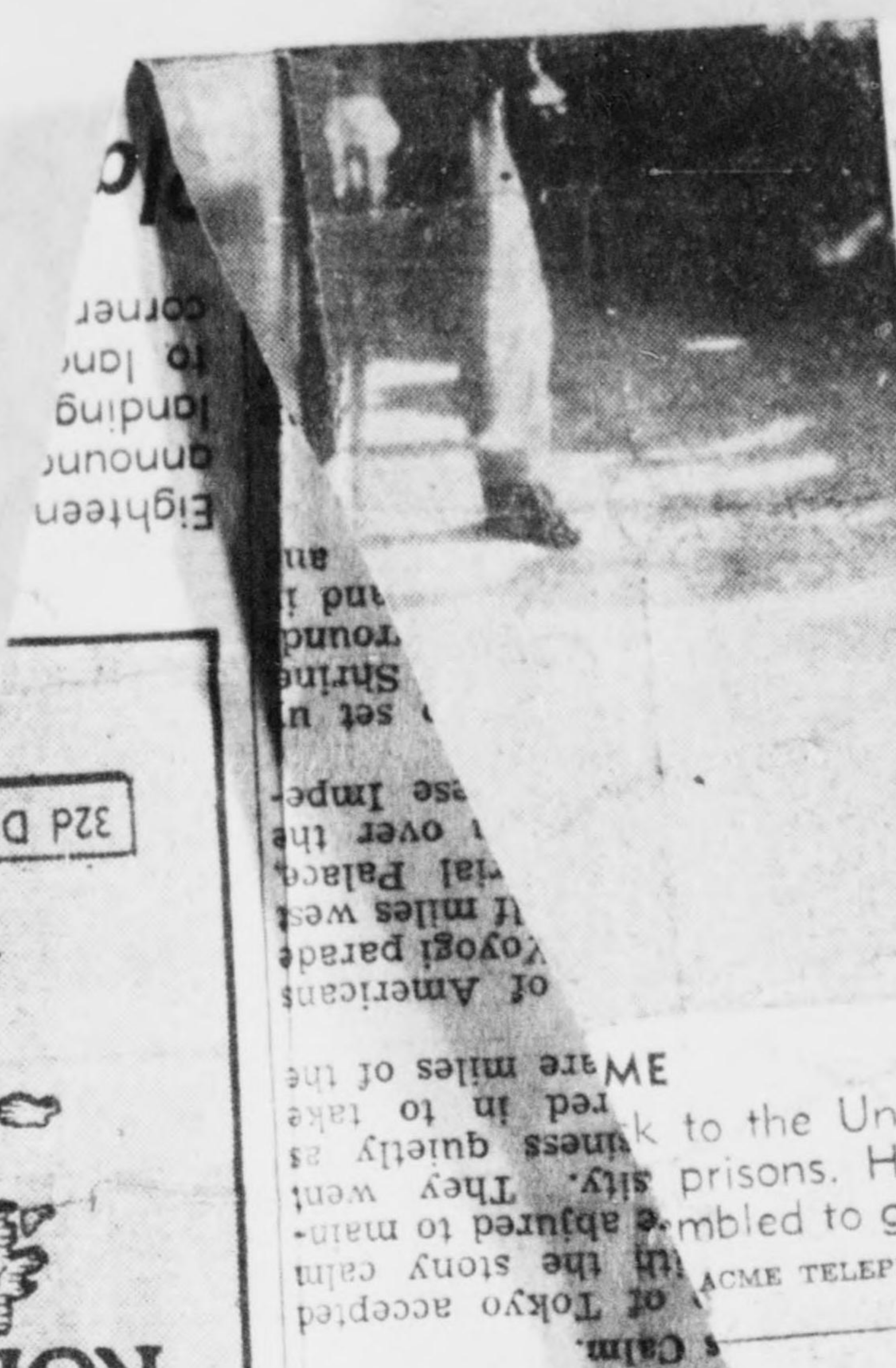
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—(UP)—Only about 300 of the 1,919 American prisoners of war who sailed from Manila last Dec. 13 for prison camps in Japan survived the ordeals to which they were subjected, liberated men of the Inchon Camp said today.

Frankly admitting that Inchon was one of the few Japanese camps where U.S. personnel received decent treatment, the group of 138 Americans were unable to do anything but speak bitterly of the haunting voyage from Manila which cost the lives of most of the prisoners.

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"We sailed to Tata, on Formosa—and lost about 30 men a day through starvation or dysentery. "The Japs never came below decks and we carried our own dead topside." Then the prisoners were transferred to a camp on Kyushu, southernmost of the home islands. "We passed through several blizzards and with hatches open it was freezing."

Huddled to Keep Warm.

"Many of us had no clothing except undergarments. We huddled together—you had to huddle any way—there wasn't room for anything else." When they arrived in Korea last April, the small group of survivors found themselves in a camp where they could marvel at surprisingly good treatment. "We've no complaints against the Japanese here," one prisoner told me.

Horror of Jap Hell

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My dear Mr. Barker:

The receipt is acknowledged by reference from the White House of your letter of September 13, 1945, addressed to the President in which you urge that Japanese individuals responsible for the transfer of American prisoners of war from the Philippines be fully prosecuted. You enclosed with your letter a photostat copy of a letter and a clipping from the Chicago Sun dated September 9, 1945, concerning the prison ship which sailed from Manila for Japan on December 13, 1944, and was subsequently sunk, taking a heavy toll of American lives.

I assure you that the prosecution of Japanese individuals responsible for and participating in the mistreatment of American nationals during their detention in Japanese custody is a matter of primary concern to this Government and one to which the appropriate officials of this Government are giving their fullest attention. You may be further assured that this Government will be unrelenting in its efforts to apprehend and prosecute every Japanese national whose guilt in cases of mistreatment is established.

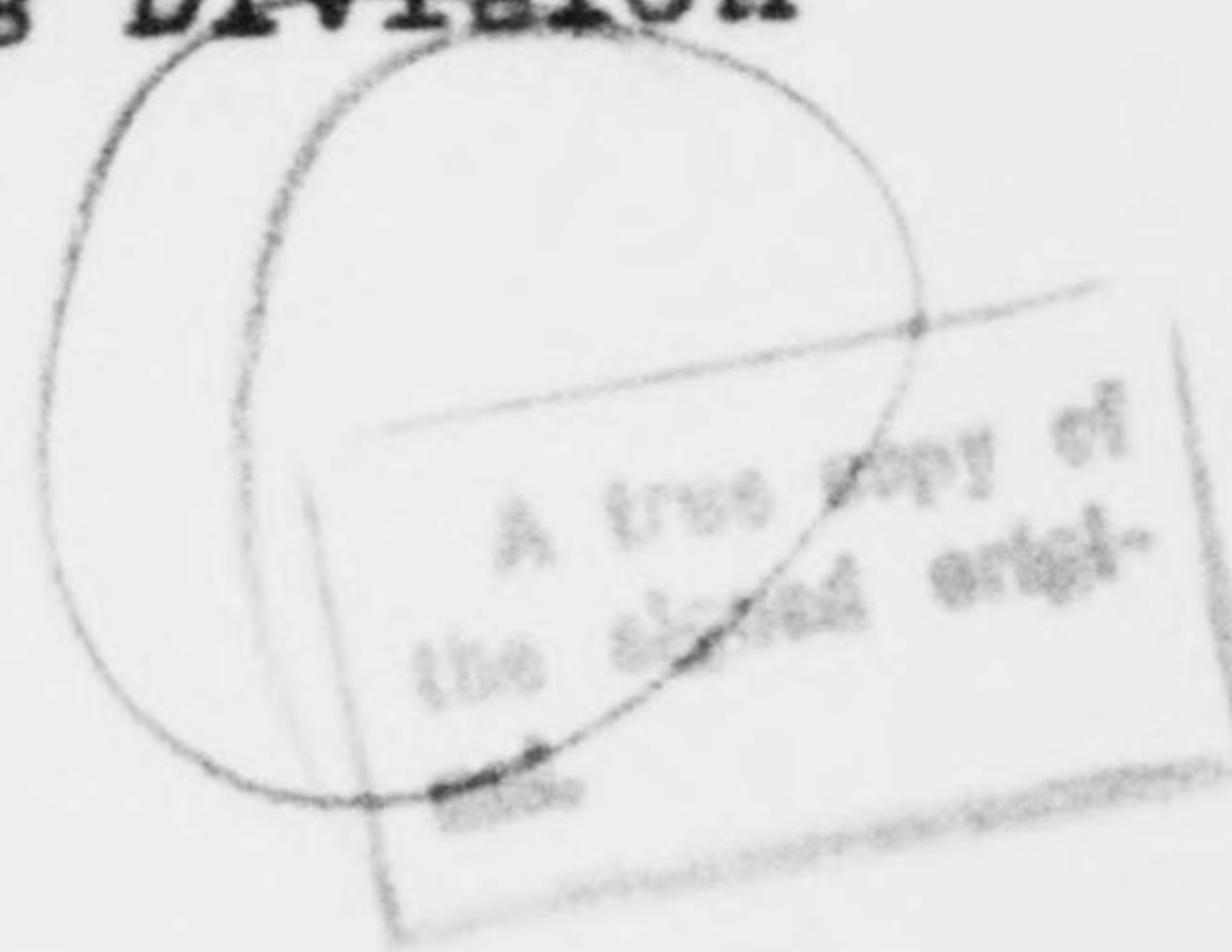
Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

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Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Mr. Morton D. Barker,
Stonegate Farm,
Chatham Road,
Springfield, Illinois.

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FROM

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS DIVISION
SEP 21 1945
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Dated September 13, 1945.

Rec'd September 18, 6 p.m.

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Foreign Office note September 7, states representa-
tive Swiss Legation Tokyo recently visited several camps
at Tokyo, particularly that of Pryuna where aviators
were detained in deplorable conditions.

In transmitting this information Swiss Legation
added that camps of Tokyo region are being rapidly
evacuated.

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Bern

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Swiss Foreign Office note September 11, transmits following messages for relatives from American pows in Mitsushima, Tokyo, which were accepted by representatives of Swiss Legation:

- 1.- From TP Tison to TP Tison 821 South Main Street Moultrie Georgia:

"Dear mother and daddy am happiest man in world. Safe and well hope to be home soon hope all are well at home love to all to Nelle and all Bonker nine."

- 2.- From L Kent to WH Adams 4935 Phillip St Dallas Texas:

"Dear sister am well good health waiting transportation for Philippines then the States. Phone Mrs ME McCarthy that Pete well store sit tight be home soon love."

- 3.- From M Felton to Harley Felton Lewiston Idaho Route No. 2:

"Dearest mother feeling fine be home soon am in best of spirits. Kill fatted calf for home coming. Boatswain Downey of Pocatelly and Bob Canes is ok have American contact all my love."

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4.- From RE Delahutt to RE Dela Hut 1173 North
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"Darling happy Wan Hover be home soon
will contact you every opportunity
overanxious see you and Patty. Navy
Warrant officers Downey Perry Hammete
Dobler McCotter with me. All my love."

5.- To Frank Lamovec *read* Greenwood Wisconsin:

"Dearest father am in good health hope
to be home soon regards to all. Notify
Anton Wirth 758 West Northave Carl ok.
With love."

6.- A Weinstein *read* to Florence Weinstein *read* 199 Chesnut
St Chelsea Mass:

"Dearest mother am happy to say am well and
strong will leave Japan in a few days and
go to Manila shall write if possible. Love
to all my family and friends in Boston
and Atlanta love."

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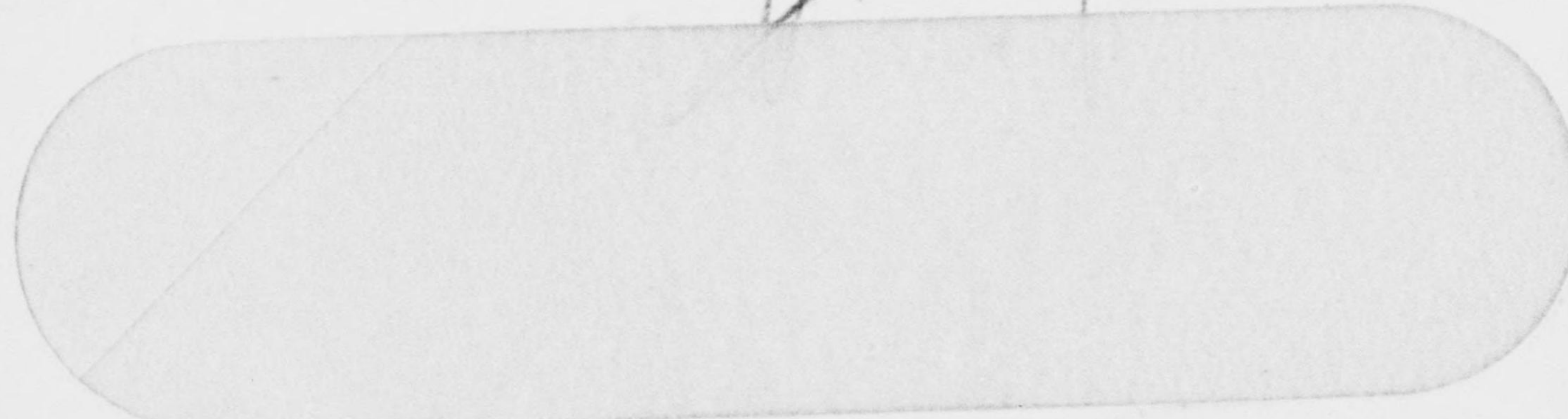
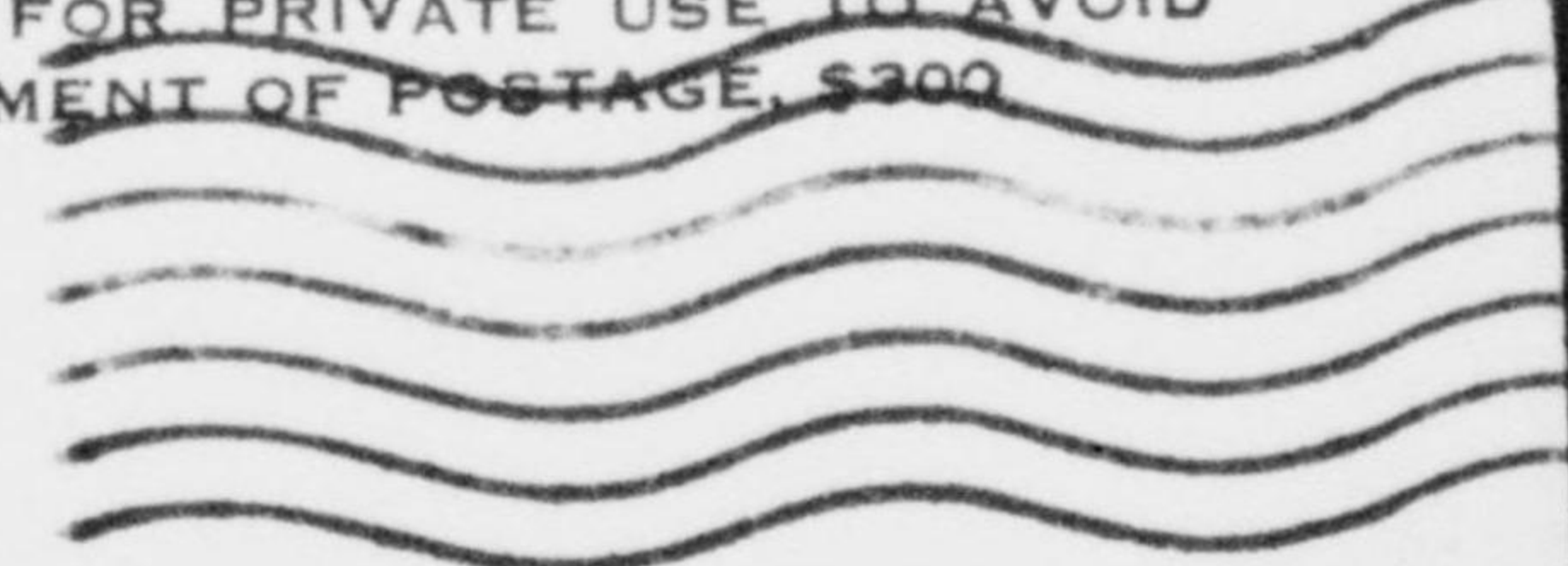
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SPEEDLETTER

This form of communication is used in the interest of speed and economy. If a reply is necessary, address the Department of State, attention of the Division mentioned below.

Date: September 17, 1945.

SPEEDLETTER

To: [Mrs. Ben Albanese,
713 101 Highway,
San Jose, California.]

GPO 16-44742-1

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of September 13, 1945, concerning your son, Pfc. Chauncey Albanese.

The Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, War Department, Washington, D.C., is charged with notifying by telegram next of kin when information concerning released prisoners of war is officially received.

This Department has learned from the Information Bureau that no report concerning your son has as yet come in. I assure you, however, that when information is available you will be notified at once.

E. Tomlin Bailey

E. Tomlin Bailey
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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Mrs Ben Albanese
SEP 14 1945
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Secretary of State

Washington

Information regarding my son Pfc Chauncey Albanese prisoner of war
Osaka Japan desired as soon as possible. Have they been liberated

Mrs Ben Albanese

713 101 Highway

945am Sept 14-45

Sept. 17, 45 POW ITB informed BPT That no word of his liberation has yet been received.

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SEP 25 1945

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The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and transmits herewith for the attention of and appropriate action by the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, a copy of airgram 1075 of September 13, 1945, from the American Legation at Bern.

This airgram contains personal messages to individuals in the United States from American prisoners of war at Tokyo, Japan.

Enclosure:

Airgram A-1075,
September 13, 1945.

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A true copy of the original is on file.

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Yanks Bled to Death to Supply Blood for Jap Transfusions

By VERN HAUGLAND.

Yokohama (AP)—A Navy physician, fighting to save the lives of enfeebled former prisoners of war, said today he had been told that Japanese doctors deliberately bled American prisoners to death to obtain blood for transfusions for Japanese.

"I was told this by one of my patients, a Medical Corps captain who was taken on Corregidor," said Capt. Stanton Allison, New York, medical director aboard the hospital ship Benevolence.

"The captain said that Japanese at Tokyo's Shinagawa hospital made a fairly common practice of bleeding Americans mercilessly for transfusions for wounded Japanese. In some cases they bled the men directly to death, and in others so weakened them that they died of other causes.

"The captain said he would personally like to shoot one particularly brutal Japanese doctor. The captain said he had treated a B-29 flier for a simple leg fracture. Then the Japanese doctor insisted in making a deep incision to wire the bone, al-

though that should be done only for a compound fracture when the flesh is mangled. The boy died of infection."

The Army captain accompanied Allison on a visit to Shinagawa. They found the hospital camp ringed with anti-aircraft guns in violation of the Geneva Convention.

"In one shack," Allison said, "30 tubercular patients were confined. In another, 50 suffering from amoebic dysentery were forced to fertilize their own vegetable garden with their diarrhea stools.

"I have never seen worse filth, nor anything more inhumane than that hospital camp, where patients were commonly beaten, and were kicked when they fell.

"The first night here this ship screened 1,500 patients, sending many on other ships to Manila. We didn't get to bed for 41 hours.

"We have many patients in advanced stages of tuberculosis, which is a contact disease with underfed peoples. We may save some of them by use of oxygen tents, but many we will not."

DIVISION OF PUBLIC LIAISON
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President Harry Truman

Washington

My dear President:

A man handed me a clipping from the Arkansas Democrat and requested me to send it to you. I think the evidence should be used in dealing with the Japs.

I wish you would request all nations of the earth to hold protracted prayer meetings and meet day and night until renewal. Lives are burning bright and souls have been swept into the kingdom. I pray that you may have the guidance of the Holy Ghost in the performance of your planing and working for permanent peace. I beg to remain

Yours very truly
Rev. William Eli Biggs M. D.

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My dear Dr. Biggs:

The receipt is acknowledged by reference from the White House of your letter of September 14, 1945, addressed to the President enclosing a newspaper clipping entitled "Yanks Bled to Death to Supply Blood for Jap Transfusions", which you believe should be considered in dealing with the Japanese who were guilty of gross mistreatment of American nationals in their custody during hostilities.

I assure you that this Government will be unrelenting in its efforts to bring to justice all Japanese individuals whose responsibility or participation in war crimes is established.

The interest which you have displayed in the prosecution of war criminals is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

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Parmely W. Herrick
Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

The Reverend

William Eli Biggs, M.D.,

Delight, Arkansas.

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OCT 4 1945

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September 17, 1945

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Edwin A. Plitt, Chief
Special War Problems Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

For your information I am herewith enclosing a cable
we have received from the International Committee of the Red
Cross in Geneva:

CABLE NO. M9759 - 1769

Information received from Dr.
Junod on evacuation of POW
camps in Far East.

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THE DELEGATE IN THE UNITED STATES
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Date sent: Sept. 13, 1945

Date received: Sept. 15, 1945

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Following for Mrs. N. D. Teters, WSA from husband
now at Tokyo POW camp:

August 29 - QUOTE Darling expect to be included
in first evacuation from Tokyo spare no effort
meet me my arrival US. UNQUOTE.

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Miss Catherine Lichtenberg,
2111 Twenty-eighth Avenue West,
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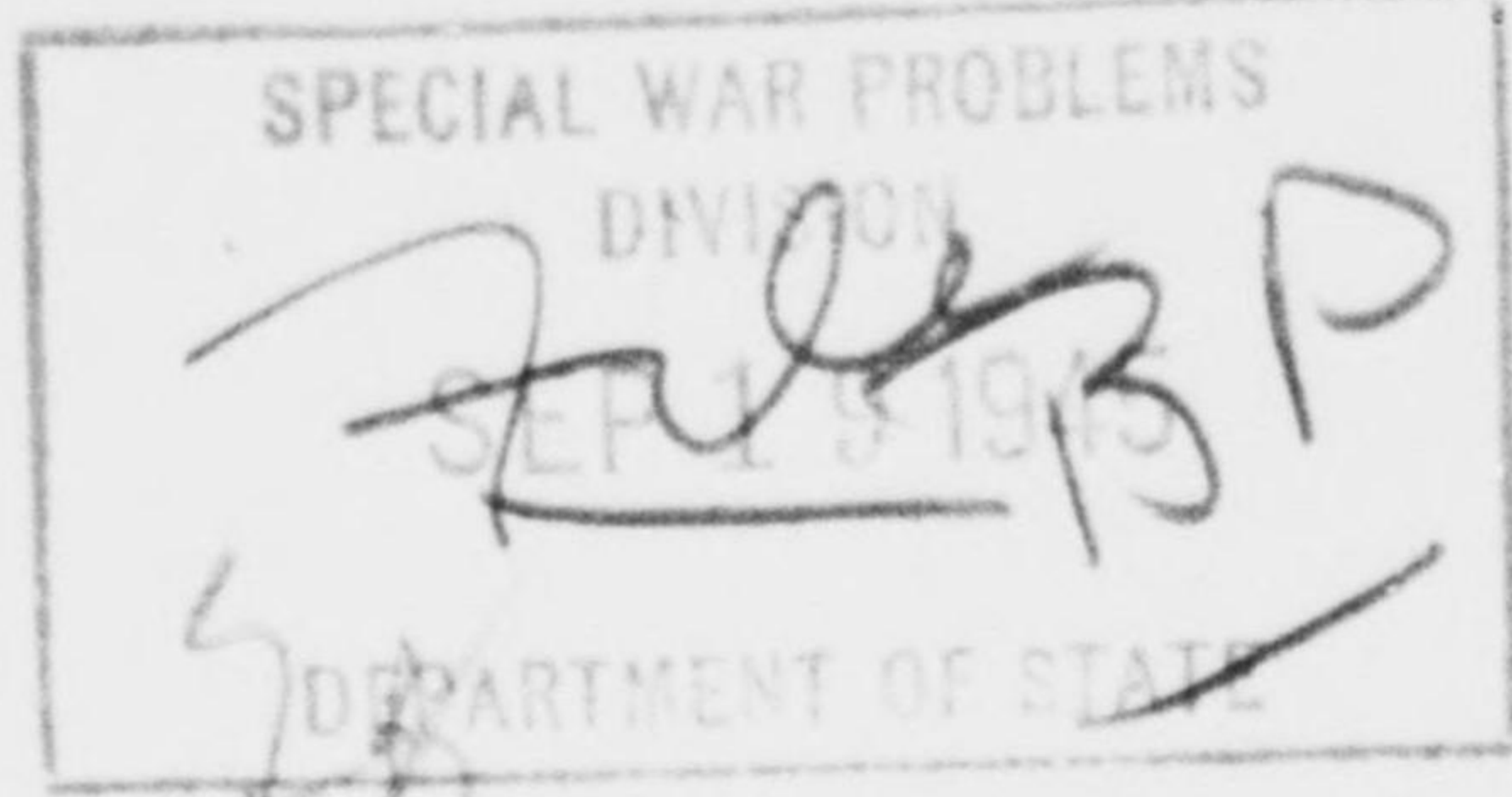
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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Edwin A. Plitt
Chief, Special War Problems Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

For your information I am herewith enclosing a copy of a cable
we have received from the International Committee of the Red
Cross in Geneva:

CABLE NUMBER M-9806

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF POWS AND CIS FROM NAGOYA AREA.

DCR - GP-G Unit
APPR. *for*
REV. *for*

THE DELEGATE IN THE UNITED STATES
of the
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

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INTERCROIXROUGE

Date sent: Sept. 14, 1945

Date received: Sept. 17, 1945

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TOKYO SEPTEMBER NINTH AFTER COMPLETION MISSION STOP NAGOYA AREA
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE:

TO :

: SWP: Miss Dripps 9/26/45

FROM :

: JA: Mr. Long

SUBJECT :

∇ A suggests that you might reply similar to the marked paragraph in the attached letter I've recently sent out.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
War Problems
SPECIAL DIVISION

September 23, 1945

JA

SWP would appreciate being informed of any comments which JA may wish to make with regard to the nature of the reply to be made to the underlying letter of September 19, 1945 from Leroy Johnson, Member of Congress.



SWP: HDreppard
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J. LEROY JOHNSON
30 DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary wishes
an acknowledgment sent
immediately to this
committee for it not be
answered in 30 days.

September 19, 1945

Honorable James Byrnes
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
9/27/45 DIVISION
Letter to Mr. Johnson (ack)
SEP 21 1945
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. G. C. Hewitt,
President, Cameron and Company, Napa, California.

The proposal impressed me as having considerable
merit. Since the treatment of our prisoners by the Japanese
violated all sense of decency it seems no more than just
that they should be made to make reparation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Leroy Johnson
Leroy Johnson
Member of Congress

DIVISION OF JAPANESE AFFAIRS
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Napa, California

September 13, 1945

Senator Leroy Johnson
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

Every once in awhile, somebody behind a desk gets an idea. Some are good; others are worthless. Until presented and carefully thought out, we are unable to know whether an idea is worthwhile or not.

I have what I think is a good idea, and I wish to present it to you with the hope that it has enough merit that it may be presented in the proper places and some action taken on it.

In simple form it is this: Would it not be possible to obtain a list of every man and woman that were held prisoner in any Japanese prison camp; also any widows and orphans whose position could be traced directly to Japanese action in connection with prison camps. Would it not be a splendid thing if they could receive a monthly payment--not a pittance but a substantial sum--that would give them the chance to live a reasonable life, these payments to be made from a fund controlled and disbursed by the U. S. Treasury Department and collected from the Japanese Government or Japanese people in the form of a tax or a contribution. This might be made part of their reparation or whatever disciplinary action is to be taken.

It would appear to be a definite reminder to the Japanese people of the cruelties that their race had inflicted on other humans, and also it would in some small measure help to alleviate some of the suffering that is bound to follow in many cases of some of our people.

I may not have expressed this in the best possible way, but it is the basic idea that I wish to put forward, and would be interested to hear of any action that you may think worthwhile to take.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ G. C. Hewitt, President

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NED R. HEALY
13TH DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

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COMMITTEES:
POST OFFICE AND POST ROADS
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

September 20, 1945

The Secretary wishes
an acknowledgment sent
immediately if this
communication cannot be
answered in three days.

Honorable James F. Brynes
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brynes:

My attention has been called to the fact that American prisoners of war in Japanese prison camps in some instances did not receive the pay to which they were entitled; also, that as a result of poor diet and lack of proper medical care some of our boys died. It would seem to me that in the terms of surrender to which the Japanese agreed it would be possible for us to require the Japanese government to pay the salaries due our American prisoners who worked under their direction, and further, that the Japanese government be required to pay a \$10,000 death benefit to the dependents of our boys who died as a result of mistreatment in their camps.

I would like to know if the suggestions I have made are possible of accomplishment through your department. Further, I would like to know what the policy of our government has been in regard to this situation and would appreciate any additional information which you care to give.

Sincerely yours,

Ned R Healy
NED R. HEALY, M.C.

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In reply refer to
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My dear Mr. Healy:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 20, 1945, concerning the failure of Japan to pay American prisoners of war while in Japan. You suggest that the Japanese Government be required to pay the salaries due American prisoners of war who worked under Japanese direction, and also be required to pay a \$10,000 death benefit to the dependents of American citizens who died as a result of mistreatment in the camps.

The matter is receiving attention and I shall communicate with you again at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

DEAN ACHESON

Acting Secretary

The Honorable

Ned R. Healy,

House of Representatives.

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My dear Mr. Healy:

Further reference is made to your letter of September 20, 1945 concerning the suggestion that the Japanese Government be required to pay salaries due American prisoners of war who worked under Japanese direction and also be required to pay a death benefit of \$10,000 to the dependents of individuals who died as the result of mistreatment in Japanese camps.

While the Department is not aware of any instance in which this Government preferred claims against an enemy government on account of the failure of such government to make payment to American prisoners of war, you will recall that in the Treaty of Versailles provision was made for the Allied and Associated Governments to claim from Germany compensation on account of "damages caused by any kind of maltreatment of prisoners of war" (paragraph 4 to Annex I to Article 232). Pursuant to the Agreement of August 10, 1922 between the United States and Germany (42 Stat. 2200) the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany, was established to pass upon claims of American nationals arising out of the war. It appears that claims predicated upon alleged maltreatment of American prisoners of war by German authorities were presented to that Commission, which awarded compensation in certain cases in which evidence was submitted establishing that the claimants had been maltreated. (Report of Robert W. Bonyng, Agent of the United States, 1934, pages 73-78.) The Department perceives no reason why a similar principle should not be applied with respect to claims on behalf of surviving dependents of prisoners who died as the consequence of such maltreatment.

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Consequently, it is the Department's view that in connection with whatever methods may be adopted, through peace negotiations or otherwise, to deal with claims of American nationals against Japan arising out of the war, consideration should be given to the matter of making provision for determining the merits of individual claims of the character to which you refer.

Sincerely yours,

DEAN ACHESON

Assistant Secretary

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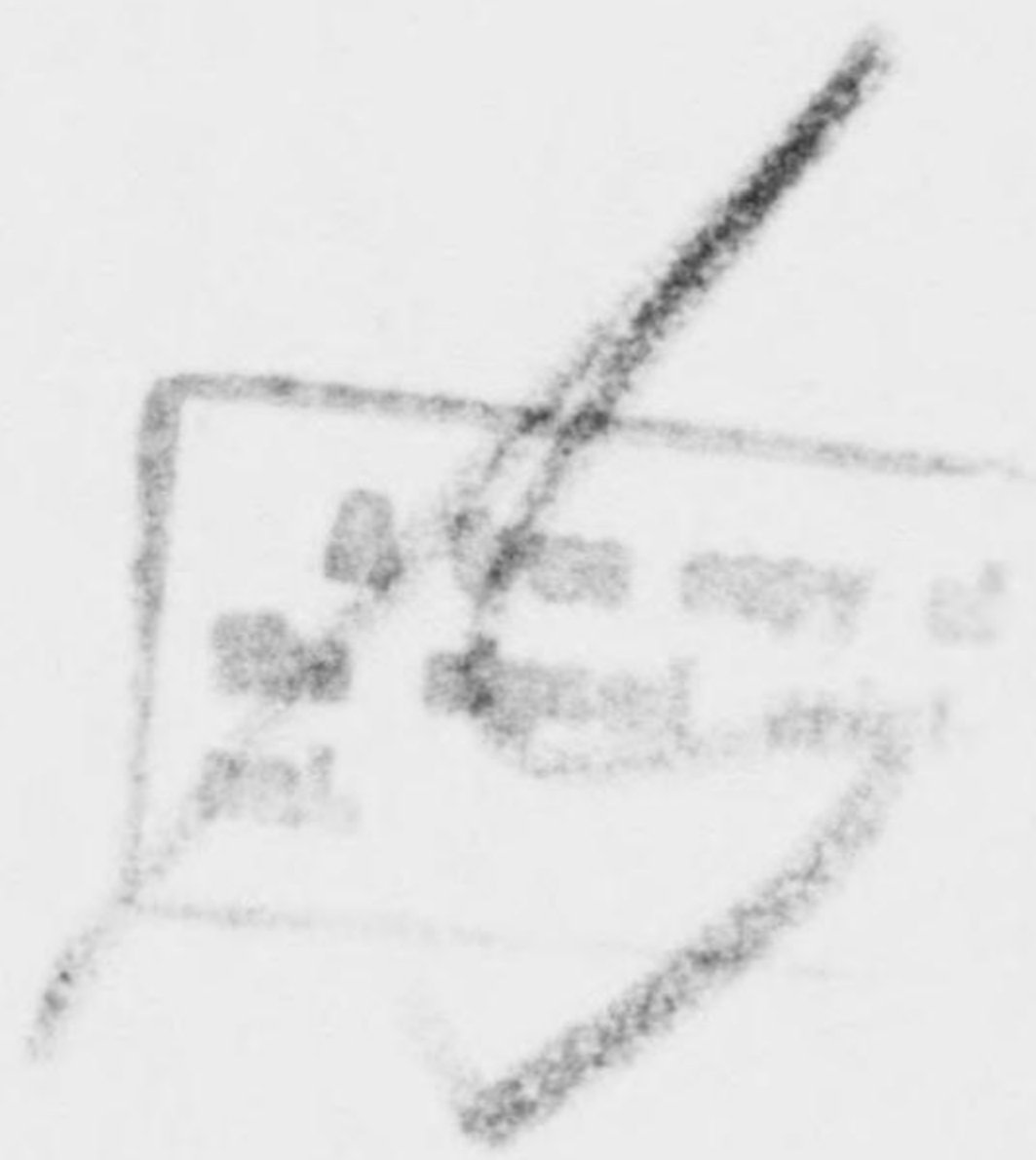
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My dear Mr. Healy:

Reference is made to your letter of September 20, 1945, and to the Department's acknowledgment of October 1, concerning the suggestion made by you that the Japanese Government be required to pay the salaries due American prisoners of war who worked under Japanese direction and also be required to pay a \$10,000 death benefit to the dependents of American citizens who died as a result of mistreatment in the Japanese camps.

The Department is not as yet in a position to state what procedure will eventually be adopted in dealing with claims against the enemy or what classes of claims may be entitled to share in such funds as may become available for the settlement of claims. The Department is suggesting, however, to American nationals who have been subjected to mistreatment while they were detained as prisoners of war or civilian internees that they file with the Department for possible future consideration claims against the enemy country concerned.

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable

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NOV 28 1945 House of Representatives.

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My dear Mr. Johnson:

I have received your letter of September 19, 1945, enclosing a letter dated September 13, 1945, from Mr. G. C. Hewitt of Napa, California, in which he presents a proposal whereby the Japanese people would be obliged to make monthly compensatory payments to American nationals who were held in Japanese custody and to widows and orphans whose position might be directly traced to prison camp conditions under Japanese administration.

Mr. Hewitt's proposal is being given careful study by appropriate officers of the Department along with other suggestions for giving compensation to those who have endured the hardships of the Japanese prisoner of war camps. You may be assured that when the time is reached to formulate precise reparation measures for Japan the merits of Mr. Hewitt's proposal will have been thoroughly explored.

The letter addressed to you by Mr. Hewitt is enclosed herewith, copies having been made for the Department's records.

Sincerely yours,

DEAN ACHESON

William M. Laurion

Acting Secretary

Enclosure:

From Mr. G. C. Hewitt,
September 13, 1945.

The Honorable
Leroy Johnson,
House of Representatives.

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Mr. Gilson G. Blake,
Assistant Chief,
Special War Problems Division,
Dept. of State,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Blake:-

With ref. to SWP 711. ⁹4114 A/7 - 1145.

Your letter of Aug. 11th. was forwarded to me

but I have been so busy getting settled that I had not time to
answer it sooner. I wish to thank you for your attention in giving
me the information I sought.

I have already corresponded with Mr. Mack Bowler
of American Falls, Idaho and have sent him his brother Sam's papers
which had been left in my care. I understand that Chief Sam Bowler
is alive, so I presume he will be returning to his home.

Today I am writing to Mr. Albin Zidar of West
Allis, Wisconsin to inquire if his brother is alive and where I can
return his ring.

Sincerely yours,

Dolores L. Sollee

Dolores L. Sollee (Mrs. O. B. Sollee)

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Memorandum of Conversation
TELEPHONE

DATE: September 20, 1945

SUBJECT: Mr. Edward Wojtysiak.

PARTICIPANTS: Prisoner of War Information Bureau;
Mrs. Petro, SWP.

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The PWIB informed Mrs. Petro that Mr. Edward Wojtysiak was contacted in Peking and that a telegram was sent to his family on August 23, to that effect.

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SUBJECT

Registration application of-, who was a prisoner of war in China until Japanese capitulation and is now being repatriated to U.S. by the US Army.

An emergency loan of twenty-five dollars was granted subject for subsistence expenses in travel.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Desp. #1662
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Sept. 25, 1945 From Calcutta
To From-

File No. 130- Hall, Daniel G.

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CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT

Registration application of-, who was a prisoner of war in China until Japanese capitulation and is now being repatriated to the United States.

An emergency loan of twenty-five dollars was granted applicant by Consulate for expenses in travel.

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See Desp. #1663
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Sept. 25, 1945 From Calcutta
To From-

File No. 180-Walters, Joseph

JE/DW

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NOTE

SUBJECT

Registration application of-, who was a prisoner of war in China until the Japanese capitulation and is now being repatriated to U.S. by the U.S. Army.

An emergency loan of twenty-five dollars was granted subject by Consulate for subsistence expenses in travel.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Desp. #1665
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Sept. 25, 1945 From Calcutta
To From-

File No. 130- Wheeler, Raymond Hadley

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NOTE

SUBJECT Registration application of-, who was a prisoner of war on Wake Island at the time of capture by Japanese. Subject is being repatriated to United States by US Army and an emergency loan of twenty five dollars was granted applicant for subsistence expenses in travel.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Desp. #1684
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Sept. 25, 1945
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To } From-

File No. 130 - Cook, Howard Elliott

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sept 27 - 1945

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
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Department of State
Mr J. Halbrook, Chapman
Acting Assistant Chief -

Special War Problems Division

Dear Sir I hope you will understand me & let me hear from you at once - I have a son Manfred L Paul. He was on SS Connecticut. With the Texas Co - which you no this ship were captured or something happened. that the crew were captured in April of 42 - my son reported missing in action - & later

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reported a Prisoner of Japan
I have in time Past received
Cards with his Signature on
but this is what I want to
no. Do you have any late news
that he is living - I have not
ben able to hear from him since
V.J. Day. I have waited in
vain. Will you be kind &
let me hear at once if my son
is a live -

The Texas Co sent me a copy
of what you wrote them Sept 7
but the War department have not
notified me yet. all tho the
Texas Co. wired me that my
son was hospitalized in Japan
they sent me this wire on Sept 18
& since then I have herd nothen
Will you Please let me hear from

you by return mail. and I
have worried so much about him
when Manford sailed my
home address was Crichton
Ala
but since I have moved my
address is

180 Stanton Road
Mobile 17 Ala
Will you please let me
at once about Manford & Paul
Hoping to hear from you
soon I am Manford & Paul
Mother

Mrs. Mae Paul
180 Stanton Rd
Mobile 17 Ala

OCT 11 1945

In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114A/9-2745

My dear Mrs. Paul:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
September 27, 1945, concerning your son, Mr. Manford L.
Paul, who you state was hospitalized in Japan.

I regret to inform you that no information re-
garding your son has been forwarded to the Depart-
ment. You may be sure, however, that if any infor-
mation is received you will be notified immediately.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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Gilson G. Blake
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Mrs. Mae Paul
180 Stanton Street,
Mobile 17, Alabama.

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Harry ... Rec'd 10:05 p.m.

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Secretary of State

Washington

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SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
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Foreign Office note Sept 25 states during evacuation American POWS interned Japan delegates Swiss Legation Tokyo found large number POWS no knowledge Swiss represented American, British interests Japan and that they should have had possibility correspond Swiss Legation.

Following these findings Gorge addressed letter Shigemitsu strongly protesting that despite assurances given him by Jap Foreign Office POWS had not had means correspond representative protecting power. Gorge added greatly regrettable his responsibility not recognized, particularly since this caused grave uneasiness families POWS.

Note refers foregoing relation information contained Legation's 7704, Nov 23 and 1662, March 19.

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In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114A/9-2745

OCT 4 1945

The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and transmits for his attention a copy of telegram No. 4229, September 27, 1945, from the American Legation at Bern. The enclosed telegram indicates that in spite of the assurances given to the Swiss Minister by the Japanese Foreign Office a large number of prisoners of war have no knowledge that Switzerland represented American and British interests in Japan and that they should have had the possibility of corresponding with the Swiss Legation.

In view of the fact that the enclosed telegram shows that the Japanese Government did not abide by the Geneva Convention in its treatment of prisoners of war it is suggested that the Secretary of War may desire to bring the enclosed communication to the attention of the appropriate military authorities in the Far East.

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Enclosure:

Telegram no. 4229,
September 27, 1945,
from Bern.

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A true copy of
the signed original.

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SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS DIVISION
 382 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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My dear Mr. Bailey,
 I decided after
 writing this letter to
 the P.O.W. Information Bureau
 to send it to you
 as perhaps you could
 answer my question
 equally well. You
 will know, anyway,
 when to send it.

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Sincerely yours
 W. J. P. [Signature]

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
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August 8, 1945

My dear Mrs. Putnam:

Mr. Grew has asked me to reply to your letter of August 1, 1945, concerning your son who was reported missing in action over Tokyo on May 25.

The Japanese Government agreed to apply the provisions of Article 77 of the Geneva Prisoners of War Convention of 1929 and in accordance with the provisions of that Article has been transmitting through the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva lists of American prisoners of war captured by the Japanese. Information regarding prisoners held by the Japanese is received by the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, War Department, Washington, D.C. The Japanese Government has been very slow in reporting the names of American airmen lost in action over Japan. You may be sure that if the Prisoner of War Information Bureau receives information about your son you will be promptly informed. The Swiss Government which protects American interests in Japan and Japanese occupied territory continues to press the Japanese Government to transmit promptly complete lists of American airmen held by the Japanese.

I want to assure you that this Government is deeply concerned about the situation of American nationals in the hands of the Japanese and that it is doing everything possible to improve their condition. There is enclosed a statement indicating the steps which have been taken by the State Department on behalf of American nationals held by the Japanese. There is also enclosed a press release of July 31 concerning camps which the Japanese authorities have placed in areas subject to bombardment. You will observe from the statement of July 31 that

American

Mrs. Eliot T. Putnam,

382 Commonwealth Avenue,

Boston, Massachusetts.



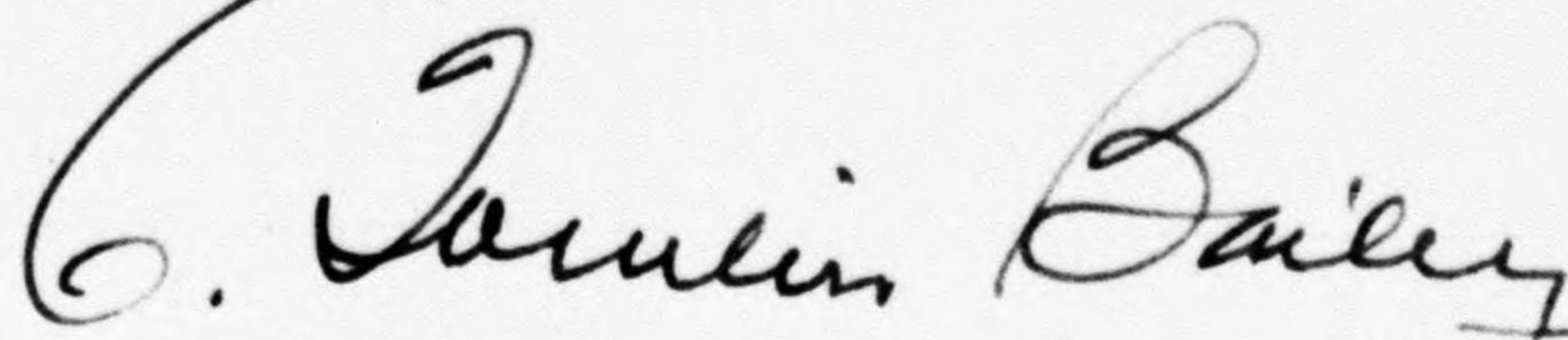
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American aviators are carefully briefed on the location of prisoner of war camps in order to minimize to the greatest possible extent the dangers to which American prisoners in Japanese custody are exposed.

I hope that you will receive word that your son is safe. If you receive no word regarding him from the Information Bureau, however, there will remain the possibility that he may be found when our armed forces liberate the prisoners held by the Japanese.

Sincerely yours,



E. Tomlin Bailey
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosures:

1. Statement.
2. Press release,
July 31, 1945.

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Dated September 29, 1945.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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A-1113, September 29, 1945.

American Interests - Far East

Foreign Office note September 28 states Gorgé received September 23 official visit Acheson recently arrived from Washington. Latter expressed thanks American Government to Gorgé assistance latter gave protection American interests Japan.

Gorgé took occasion express to Acheson his regret results obtained in protection American interests did not correspond with efforts expended particularly as concerns POWs. Actually, despite numerous representations made by Gorgé, Swiss Legation Tokyo only succeeded visiting 11,300 POWs of total of 36,000 POWs interned that time Japan.

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by SWP to

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